

2 JAN 2024 TRC Business Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 6:44 (after many issues with Zoom)

Members present: Ric Goldman, Dean Stanton, Cris Wendt, Ken Johnson, Kat King, Jeff Young; Eric Anderson, Frank Hayes

Agenda for current meeting:

Minutes from previous meetings: November minutes approved as amended.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- * President: (Dean) No report
- * Vice President: (Ric) No report
- * Secretary: (Kat) Will send December Draft minutes
- * Treasurer: (Dave) \$5,048.12 at B of A; \$5,123.12 total.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * Insurance (Cris Wendt):
 - We don't have our contract with details (rules).
 - Asked when our annual fee is due.
 - A/I: Dean wants to know the per-member fee so he can propose new accounting for per-rallye contribution of a new membership.
 - Sent in request for Feb rallye and asked for validation on fees on coverage. Have not heard back yet. Current coverage ends at the end of Feb.
 - Let them know about tentative rallyes in June, August, Oct.
- * Awards Chair (Eric Anderson):
 - Looking toward Feb rallye, Cris and Dave will send artwork for par plaques and awards.
- * Database Chair (Eric Anderson):
 - A/I: Check wiki says that RM needs to collect email addresses & how they heard about us.
 - Integrate Frank's attendee list from Dec rallye.
 - Membership half of database will staff desk at 42 rallye.
 - Eric has ideas to improve online registration and paying for IRL rallyes.
- * Publicity (Kat King):
 - Kat to post the rallye school from October as a sample (with a disclaimer).
 - Ric proposed linking Facebook and Instagram and Threads. Kat agrees, currently being worked on.
 - Posted early to Puzzle Hunt calendar, for 42.
 - Find a way to appeal to people that can't spend a day finding out if they like rallyes.
 - Look for other free web sites on which we could post. MeetUp, EventBrite. Look for community/group that would be able to post our rallye for MeetUp.

- How can a TikTok quick video attract rallyists? Need something fun and quick. Currently putting memes together w/ Jeff for 42.
- QR codes link to them?

* Webmaster — Ric Goldman

- A/I Ric and Eric: Merge mailing lists between the database and online rallyists.
- Wordpress migration is in progress! (Will include SEO).
- Ric sent a prototype form to Eric and is awaiting feedback.
- Ric A/I to nag Ken for soft copies of Jazz on the Rocks, Press Your Luck, Notes on a Car Rallye, and The Office, Fool Rallye. Ric to nag Dave for Amazing Rallye.
- A/I Webmaster: Propose conventions for archiving past rallyes as soft-copies.
 - * Want editable start packet, map(s), critique, CP instructions and handouts.
 - * Ideally, we will archive protests and their resolutions, as well.
 - * We will also take what we can get from hard copy-only rallyes.
 - * Define process that requires RMs to turn them in and who will nag RMs for these.
 - * Strongly prefer Word-compatible formats *and* also PDFs.
 - * Also want the scoring program for online rallyes.
- Ric A/I: Tell Eric how people can “whitelist our domain in your mail program.” Then Eric can make a sign for physical rallye starts instructing our rallyists.

PAST EVENT(S) REPORT

- * 2022-03-26: “Press Your Luck” Online rallye, A/B+Q/A, Ken
 - Ken A/I: Send soft copies (Word and PDF) of final materials to Ric for safekeeping.
- * 2022-10-08: Ken’s “Jazz on the Rocks” CM, near SJC.
 - Ken A/I: Send soft copies (Word and PDF) of final materials to Ric for safekeeping.
- * 2023-04-01 Ken’s online AB Q/A “Fool Rallye” (Dean, Ric, and Eric help)
 - Ken A/I: Official results have been posted, but haven’t been emailed to rallyists. Nor the rallye’s certificates.
 - Ken A/I: Send final materials to Ric for safekeeping.
- * 2023-08-05 Princess Bride - Dave and Cris (Sunnyvale)
 - 19 cars
 - Made \$270.90 (not counting increased annual insurance fee).
 - QR code for getting emails was popular.
 - **Dave to send PDFs and editable sources to Ric.**
- * 2023-12-02 – Santa and the Naughty Children — Frank
 - 18 registrant teams. 16 finished.
 - “Split” CP: email info first to rallyists and then “enter CP” via Zoom, using TRC’s new paid Zoom account.
 - Frank was happy having everything come to the same email. (One thing to check.)
 - One trap was faulty near the end.
 - One small spreadsheet scoring bug: Q15 could take a number or some text.
 - Frank working on automating score sheet response.
 - Sent email TO rather than BCC.

- The original author from 1991 was one of the competitors!
- Frank A/I: Send Eric all the names and emails of all competitors.
- Dean A/I: Send Frank spec for soft copy to Ric. [done after meeting]
- Frank A/I: send soft copy to Ric [done after meeting]
- Frank is rescoring the rallye.
- Frank considering an election themed rallye.
- Kat A/I to draft award certificate template. Get Frank's approval.

NEXT EVENT(S) REPORT

* 2024-02-03 Membership Rallye "42" - Dave and Cris in person 11 AM to 1 PM start. Finish by 4 PM.

- Originally a rethrow but has been revised to be a 25% rethrow.
- Will need precheckers.

* 2024-04-13 (pending) – Matt Poppe online rallye in Paris – An American Rallyist in Paris

- Ken A/I: Has not committed yet but has sent Ken a good start on a rallye that he's called "An American Rallyist in Paris." 10 RIs so far.
- Ken proposed pushing this date to 2nd Sat of April for availability.
- Needs help looking over rallye, helpdesk, check point, software. – eric, Ric, Dave, Cris and Jeff.
- Jeff could be back-up for April, maybe.

* 2024-10-05 Jeff "Talk Like a Poirot Day" ?

- Trying to pin down location, may be farther away than normal and not at Cuesta park.

* 2024-11-02 or mid-month ? Possible Frank Thanksgiving rallye, considering doing an election rallye instead, will need to rename specific parties.

* 2024-12-07 – Ric's online "Rallyists in Toyland II" (in Portland)

Use out-of-town precheckers to help write it (if they're willing) or check it.

OPEN DATES

* In-person rallyes should state: Neighborhood(s), Registrar(s), CP worker(s), whether CP signs or other tools are needed.

* Goal: to schedule each even-numbered month.

- Dave has CM rallyes that could be rethrown.
- In-person RM A/I: include questions about how rallyists heard about the rallye. Then inform the club what the score sheets said about value of postcards.

POTENTIAL RALLYEMASTERS

- * Offer rallyes to rethrow and mentors (Abby, Ed, Dave, Dean, Cris).
- * Robert French said “too busy” in January 2023, but “It would be fun to do some day.” Dean asked again in July, but got no response.
- * Ken talking to Matt Poppe, Brian Andersen, Gil Milbauer, Wei-Hwa Huang, Linus Hamilton / Daniel Palumbo (now Experts), and Nick Cravotta.
- * Linus and Daniel have started a Cambridge, MA rallye. Ken will hear back from them after the MIT puzzle hunt, MLK weekend (Feb)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- * Budget – Approved.
 - Assuming 4 in-person rallyes, new insurance cost, added Zoom cost.
 - Gain \$366 for the year.
 - Printing and mailing predictions are less than actual, but expect some RMs won’t seek reimbursement for printing and ideally we can amortize mailing cost over multiple rallyes.
 - No interest in changing our rallye entry fees and per-member registration or how we “account for” the greater per-member annual fees.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ACTION ITEMS

All

- Read December and January minutes. Send any changes to all of us. Can we approve them?

Cris:

- Contact K & K to find their terms and fees. To call back in March.
- Dean wants to know the per-member fee so he can propose new accounting for per-rallye contribution of a new membership.
- Curious how other clubs address safety. Has found that most don’t, unless racing is including.

Dave:

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Dean:

- Send final November minutes and draft December.
- Send agenda for February meeting.

Eric:

- Pick up a box of old rallyes from Steve Watt. Reminded Steve Watt, who said he hasn't found the box yet.
- Prepare a box of old rallyes for Ric to pick up while local to scan and keep. Not ready yet.
- Try to merge online mailing list with TRC's database.
- Pending determining how: Make a sign for physical rallye starts saying "whitelist our domain in your mail program." Waiting on Ric
- Check wiki says that RM needs to collect email addresses & how they heard about us.

Frank:

- Frank A/I: Send Eric all the names and emails of all competitors.

Jeff:

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Kat:

- Send final December minutes and draft January.
- Draft award certificate template. Get Frank's approval.
- Edit and post video from October rallye, perhaps with Cap Cut.

Ken:

- Email (or talk to) Matt about April in Paris rallye.
- Email final Fool Rallye results and certificates to rallyists.
- Send soft copies of Press Your Luck, Jazz on the Rocks, The Office, and Fool Rallye final materials (Word and PDF) to Ric for safekeeping.
- Work with Linus and Daniel on their Cambridge rallye.

Ric:

- Present ElectionRunner.com to Dave (for possible use in future).
- Tell Eric how people can "whitelist our domain in your mail program." Then Eric can make a sign for physical rallye starts instructing our rallyists.
- Keep working on "Rallyists in Toyland II" Portland rallye.
- Propose conventions for archiving past rallyes as soft-copies.
- Ric and Eric should merge mailing lists into TRC's database.
- Pending: Ric offered to scan a box of old rallyes (when Eric provides one).
- Nag for soft copies of Ken's Jazz on the Rocks, Press Your Luck, Notes on a Car Rallye, The Office, and Fool Rallye.
- Update TRC Board mailing list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Adjourned: 8:09 PM

* Next business meeting: 6:30 PM, first Tuesday, 6 Feb 2024, online only **using Zoom.**

Ric will send a new meeting invitation using TRC's paid Zoom account.