2021-June-15 TRC Business Meeting Final Minutes

Call to order: 6:37 PM
Members present: Eric Anderson, Glen Dayton, Dave Graubart, Abby Grossman,
Ed Slintak, Dean Stanton, Cris Wendt; Ken Johnson
Agenda for current meeting: None
Minutes from previous meeting: May Minutes approved (even if not read)

OFFICERS' REPORTS

* President: (Ed)   None
* Vice President: (Abby)   None
* Secretary: (Dean)   Minutes and reminders sent
* Treasurer: (Dave) $4672.33 $4802.33 including $55 in stamps
  – One transactions since last month: $59.08 annual insurance fee paid to ESCA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* Insurance (Cris Wendt):
  – Action Item: Eric to tell Dave what our active membership is. [DONE in April Meeting]
  – Action Item: Cris to send Dave email and postal address for Claudia of ESCA and the per-member fee for this year.
  – Action Item: Dave to pay our annual insurance fee for the 28 members (23 regular and 5 associates) we had at end of 2020. DONE: $2.11 * 28 members
  – Per-rallye cost is now $200.

* Awards (Darin)
  – Asked Darin re "Office" awards looked nice.
  – Darin: want to make a new cartoon (e.g., for selling on Cafe Press)?

* Database Chair (Eric Anderson)
  – No progress on database. What shall we do with the online-only rallyist info?
  – Expand invitation to all our database members? Or trc-events?

* Publicity (TBD):
  – Need a new Publicity Chair.
    - AI without an owner: Modernize duties listed in Operating Procedures.

* Webmaster:
  – Migration in progress, off Steve Watt's server to IONOS.
    - Action Item: Ric to schedule a meeting about email lists (eventually).
    - Expect the website entirely rehosted by end of May.

PAST EVENT(S) REPORT

* 2021-06-05: "The Office" Rallye, noon to 8 PM. Ken w/help from Dave and Eric.
  - Results are posted
  - 23 entrants, 19 finished.
  - Certificates to be emailed.

NEXT EVENT(S) REPORT

* 2021-08-07: Talk Like a Pirate Rallye (Eric, A/B, in-person rallye)?
  - Eric to drive the route to assure it still works.
  - Ken volunteered to precheck it remotely.
  - Abby will precheck, but be gone on rallye day.
  - Eric may need Dean to help with checkpoint. Dean to consider it.
  - Eric to verify Jake's of Sunnyvale can be our finish & notify them we're coming, 3-5 PM.
  - Extending membership through 2021.
  - Glen and Dave to staff Registration. **Dean** to point to instructions.
  - **Cris** A/I: Get new release forms: adults and children.

OPEN DATES

* Goal: to schedule each even-numbered month.

* 2021-10-02: John Kleder Memorial Rallye, Dean and Eric with help from others
  - Eric to find a John Kleder rallye to rethrow (even if it's a CM rallye).
  - Starts near Mountain View (Castro Street) station. Passes through Elko neighborhood.
  - Dean to study & evaluate the draft
  - Dean and Eric to settle on a title, theme, etc.
  - Dean to inform Kleder family that it is coming.

* 2021-12-04: Does Darin want to write an online Toy rallye?
  - Darin needs to commit by September.
  - Dave will be "Plan B" for Toy Rallye.

* Frank Hays (from LA)'s LA-style Q/A rallye in 2022?
  - Frank sent it to the Sotiros, Ed, and Dean.
  - Ken and Eric to review it and tell him we're considering it for 2022.

POTENTIAL RALLYEMASTERS

– Offer rallyes to rethrow and mentors (Abby, Ed, Dave, Dean, Cris).
– Jeffrey Martin may write a rallye for 2022. A/I: Dave to contact him to get him started.
    – A/I: Ken to talk to several quasi-interested potential RMs found during Opening Day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

* New membership class? [Tabled for now]

* 501-C(7) status
  – Dave to fill out and submit IRS Form 990-N for IRS and 199-N for California.

* Eric gathering rallye archives
  – Bill Jonesi's rallye archive
  – Steve Watt to deliver another box of old rallyes?

* Trip to Bank for new signature card in 2021?

* Publicity for upcoming events
  – Announce rallyes on multiple platforms. We need to keep track so we can make updates and cancellations.
     • Southern California rallye Facebook group
     • Puzzle hunt calendar (puzzlehuntcalendar.com)
       To update this calendar, contact me: egnor@ofb.net (Dan Egnor)
     • Blue Matter Games (in Auburn).
      • Bluemattergames.com   will also publicize
      email to   editor@nicholascravotta.com
  Ken and Dave: email rallye announcement instructions to Dean.
– Then Dean will update wiki.

* Next postal mailing? Do we need to continue mailings?
  – Email in-person rallyists (from past few years) before restarting in-person rallye.
  – Announce that we'll add people to our events mailing list unless they opt out.

- **Darin AI**: Design postcards for next physical mailing (perhaps for August, 2021 TLaP).

* Extend TRC's computer scoring program for A/B rallyes
  – Glen agreed to look into the practicality of extending TRC's computer scoring program for A/B rallyes, likely rewriting it in Python or something more modern.
  – The online access is down / missing. Glen asked Nick where the sources are.
  – Dean may have a copy on the (old) TRC computers, if needed. ==Dean to check==.
  – Lots of talk about how to get rallyists to give us machine-readable information.

NEW BUSINESS

* TRC rallye history

 – TRC Wiki has [Past_TRC_Rallyes](#) through 1981-2011.
 – [TRC Results](#) page has results from 2003 through now.
 – Someone should build the union, even if some info is missing.
 – This would allow us to celebrate our 500th event, for example.
 – <mark>Dave to talk to Ric, and one of them will do it (eventually).</mark>

* Survey about online rallyes

 – Dean thinks it could wait for December's online rallye.
 – Ken is drumming up remote RMs.

* Considering moving business meetings. We wondered last month about early Third Wednesday evenings. Ric said that wouldn't work for him.

 – Tabled for now
 – <mark style="background:orange">Ed A/I to see when Ric could meet (if he would join our meetings).</mark>

ACTION ITEMS

Abby:

 – Look into a TheRallyeClub[OfSiliconValley] group on Discord.

Cris:

 – Prep flyer for June's "The Office" rallye with Ken. [DONE after meeting]
 – Send Dave email and postal address for Claudia of ESCA.
 – Discuss "Remote or Virtual" Members with ESCA and/or our new Insurance company.

Darin:

 – Pending: Design postcards for next physical mailing (scheduled for August, 2021).
 – <mark>Decide by September if you have bandwidth to write an online Toy rallye (perhaps in your new Knoxville area).</mark>

Dave:

 – <mark>See if Marilyn is willing to staff the Zoom waiting room.</mark>
 – <mark>Pay annual insurance fee for 28 members (after Cris gives the per-member amount).</mark>
 – Contact Jeffrey Martin to get him started writing a rallye for 2022.
 – Dave is "Plan B" if Darin is too busy to write an online Toy Rallye for 2021.
 – Dave, as Treasurer, to attempt to complete the applicable portions of Dave to fill out and submit IRS Form 990-N for IRS and 199-N for California, as time allows. Ric may be able to help.

Dean:
- Consider staffing the CP for August's TLaP rallye
- Pending: Deliver equipment (parts) to Ed.
- Deliver old rallyes from Darin to Eric.
- Pending: Try KRTY community calendar again when Talk Like a Pirate Rallye is rescheduled.
- Pending: Recreate or update Facebook announcement for Talk Like a Pirate Rallye when it is rescheduled.

Ed:
- Send agenda for Tuesday meeting by the day before (Monday).

Eric:
- Find a John Kleder rallye to rethrow (even if it's a CM rallye). [DONE before June meeting]
- Expect Steve Watt to deliver another box of old rallyes or pick them up from him.
- Contact Patrick Olsen (Bill Jonesi's roommate) regarding Bill's archive of old rallyes.
- Pending: Dump database for Dean to send postcards before next in-car rallye.
- Pending: Try putting flyers in coffee shops for Talk Like a Pirate Rallye when rescheduled.
- Pending: Contact the church down Cuesta from the start before TLaP?

Glen:
- Add yourself to trc-board (which is probably part of trc-business) at http://www.watt.com/mailman/listinfo/trc-board
- When you have the sources, look into the practicality of extending TRC's computer scoring program for A/B rallyes, likely rewriting it in Python or something more modern.

Ken:

Ric:
- Prototype movement of TRC's web site off of watt.com (Ric predicted by May).
- Ric to schedule a meeting about email lists (eventually)
- Background task: get TRC higher in Google's search results.
- Pending: Look into modernizing the look of our web site.
- Might unify our rallye history with results (and the database?).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Adjourned: 8:07

* Next business meeting: **6**:30 PM, Tuesday, 0JUL2021, in person at Mountain View Panera (near El Monte and El Camino Real).