

4 April 2023 TRC Business Meeting Final Minutes

Call to order: 6:43

Members present: Eric Anderson, Ric Goldman, Dave Graubart, Ken Johnson (late), Ed Slintak, Dean Stanton, Cris Wendt.

Agenda for current meeting: None.

Minutes from previous meetings: March DRAFT minutes approved.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- * President: (Ed) No report
- * Vice President: (Ric) No report
- * Secretary: (Dean) Sent March DRAFT minutes.
- * Treasurer: (Dave) \$4,750.22 at B of A; \$4,825.22 total.
 - Dean sold a \$12 clipboard in Santa Rosa.
 - Filed 990-N “postcard” with IRS.
 - Sent California Statement of Information

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * Insurance (Cris Wendt): Still waiting for Northwest Insurance to tell us when we're done.

No news on annual insurance fee. (When will ESCA know how much?) Eric reported in November: 24 current members plus 9 associates; 33 total.

- Detailed costs may change. Rules may even change.
- Cris A/I to contact K & K to find their terms and fees.

- * Awards (Eric Anderson) – No report.

- Dave sent a sample award certificate to Ken for Fool Rallye *during meeting!*

- * Database Chair (Eric Anderson) – No report.

- * Publicity (Kat King, the following is carried over from March):

- Hope to get some video at June in-person rallye.
- Appeal to people that can't spend a day finding out if they like rallyes.
- AllEvents.in allows free listings of rallyes.
- Considering TikTok or Instagram reels.
- Kat can take over TRC's Facebook group.
- Photos of scoreboard, rallyists, rallye school.
- True Crime Podcast wants to interview someone about Gimmick Car Rallyes.

- * Webmaster — Ric Goldman

- A/I: Merge mailing lists between the database and online rallyists.

- We should have a way for board members to help update TRC’s website. FrontPage doesn’t do much for us, but does keep others from getting access and making updates. Plan is to switch to WordPress or something during this year.
- Eric has ideas to improve online registration and paying for IRL rallyes.
 - Ric sent a prototype form to Eric and is awaiting feedback.
 - Ric A/I to send online registration form to business mailing list.
 - Dave A/I to get a Zelle account (to accept money at no cost). *DONE during meeting!*
- Ric A/I to nag for soft copies of Ken’s Jazz on the Rocks, Press Your Luck, Notes on a Car Rallye, and The Office. Ric to nag Dave for Amazing Rallye and Rallye Noir, Fool Rallye.
- Search engine optimization is in progress.
- 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.

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.
- * 2022-12-10 [second Saturday]: online “Rallyists in Toyland”
 - Dave A/I: Send final materials to Ric for safekeeping.
- * 2023-03-04 Membership “Rallye Noir” (Dave & Cris, A/B, Los Altos / Sunnyvale)
 - Ric A/I to post results on web site.

NEXT EVENT(S) REPORT

- * 2023-04-01 Ken’s online AB Q/A “Fool Rallye” (Dean, Ric, and Eric help)
 - 21 “cars”. 20 finished. People seemed happy with it.
 - Dave Shukan (in California) and Sean Lip got 990! Protest (filed by 2 *other* teams) granted the last 10 points!
 - Google Street View took brand new photos in which a sign disappeared.
 - Ken A/I: Send final materials to Ric for safekeeping.
 - Gil Milbauer, Linus Hamilton, Sean Lip want to be on trc-precheck mailing list.
- * 2023-06-03 Cris/Frank Hays’ “King Kong vs Godzilla” LA-style QA rallye (Cupertino / Campbell)

- Cris performed initial evaluation.
- Frank may come up (from the LA Area) and be a “co-RM” for the event.
- Bob Hirsh prechecked. Rallye may be too hard.
- Ken willing to precheck (online).

* 2023-12-02 – Ric’s online “Rallyists in Toyland II” (in Portland)

OPEN DATES

- * 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.
- * 2023-08-05 Ed?
 - Use out-of-town precheckers to help write it (if they’re willing) or check it.
- * 2023-10-07 Monster Mash - Dave with help from Jeff Young
- * 2024-04? – Matt Poppe online rallye (in Paris)?
 - Ken will talk to Matt about it.

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.” Ask again this Summer or Fall?
- * Ken talking to Matt Poppe, Brian Andersen, Gil Milbauer, Wei-Hwa Huang, Linus Hamilton (now Senior), and Nick Cravotta.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- * None

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS

All

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

Cris:

- Find the current rate and pay annual insurance fee soon.
- Curious how other clubs address safety.
- Announce next business meeting (Zoom event) to trc-business@therallyeclub.org

Dave:

- Merge your online rallye checklist into TRC's wiki or provide it to Dean to do so.
- Send final materials of Rallyists in Toyland to Ric for safekeeping.
- Start on October rallye with Jeff Young.

Dean:**Ed:**

- Start on rallye for August.

Eric:

- Send a box of old rallyes to Ric to scan and keep.
- Pick up a box of old rallyes from Steve Watt.
- Try to merge online mailing list with TRC's database.

Kat:**Ken:**

- Send soft copies of Press Your Luck and Jazz on the Rocks and The Office and Fool Rallye final materials (Word and PDF) to Ric for safekeeping.
- Talk to Matt Poppe about an online rallye maybe for April, 2024.

Ric:

- Create a **trc-precheck** mailing list with (at least) Gil Milbauer, Linus Hamilton, Sean Lip.
- Send online registration form to business mailing list for any comments.
- Keep working on "Rallyists in Toyland II" Portland rallye for December, 2023.
- Propose conventions for archiving past rallyes as soft-copies.
- Ric and Eric should merge mailing lists into TRC's database.
- Working on on-line membership signup/renewal.
- Search engine optimization is in progress.
- Pending: Ric offered to scan a box of old rallyes (when Eric provides one).
- Pending: Look into modernizing the look of our web site.
- Nag for soft copies of Ken's Jazz on the Rocks, Press Your Luck, Notes on a Car Rallye, The Office and Fool Rallye. Also nag Dave for Amazing Rallye for it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Adjourned: 7:55 PM

* Next business meeting: 6:30 PM, Tuesday, 2 MAY 2023, online only **using Zoom**. [Dave and Ken will miss May's meeting.]

* July: First Tuesday in July is the 4th. Moved TC's July meeting to the 11th.