

2 May 2023 TRC Business Meeting Final Minutes

Call to order: 6:45

Members present: Eric Anderson, Ed Slintak, Dean Stanton, Cris Wendt; Frank Hays, Kat King, Jeff Young.

Agenda for current meeting: None.

Minutes from previous meetings: Eric wanted to update the membership counts, but Dean wants the update in May's minutes instead, since it is post-April-meeting news.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- * President: (Ed) No report
- * Vice President: (Ric) No report
- * Secretary: (Dean) Sent April DRAFT minutes.
- * Treasurer: (Dave) \$4,762.22 at B of A; \$4,837.22 total.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * Insurance (Cris Wendt): Northwest Insurance did send a certificate for ESCA's rallye in Santa Rosa.

No news on annual insurance fee. (When will ESCA know how much?) Eric reported in May: 25 current members plus 11 associates; 36 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.

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

- * Publicity (Kat King):

- Posted to Facebook before and after April Fool online rallye.
- 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.
- Photos of scoreboard, rallyists, rallye school.
- Brandon Schrand of a True Crime Podcast wanted to interview someone about Gimmick Car Rallyes. He talked to Cris.

- * Webmaster (Ric Goldman wasn't present, so the below is from April) —
 - 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.
- 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. 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.
- * 2023-04-01 Ken’s online AB Q/A “Fool Rallye” (Dean, Ric, and Eric help)
 - Ken A/I: Still awaiting official results.
 - Ken A/I: Send final materials to Ric for safekeeping.

– NEXT EVENT(S) REPORT

- * 2023-06-03 Cris/Frank Hays’ “King Kong vs Godzilla” LA-style QA rallye (Cupertino / Campbell)
 - Cris performed initial evaluation. Cris will precheck again.
 - Then Ed will precheck (because he’s unavailable on rallye day).
 - Frank (from the LA Area) will be a “co-RM” for the event.
 - Bob Hirsh prechecked. Rallye may be too hard. One issue discovered & fixed.
 - Ken willing to precheck (online).
 - Finish at Jake’s of Saratoga.
 - Will need Checkpoint signs, scoreboard, markers, Start and Finish boxes.
 - A/I Dean: Point Frank and Cris to the RM Timeline, printing info. [DONE after meeting]
- * 2023-08-05 Ed

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

* 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.

* 2023-10-07 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 & May minutes. Send any changes to all of us. Can we approve them?

Cris:

– Find the current rate and pay annual insurance fee soon. Membership is above.

– Contact K & K to find their terms and fees.

– Curious how other clubs address safety.

– Announce next business meeting (Zoom event) to trc-business@therallyeclub.org

– Assure Frank's rallye is ready for June.

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:

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

Kat:

- Plan to get some video at June in-person rallye.
- Photos of scoreboard, rallyists, rallye school.

Ken:

- Email final Fool Rallye results to rallyists and webmaster.
- 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.
- Move TRC website to WordPress or something (so others can help) during 2023.
- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- * Adjourned: 7:35 PM
- * Next business meeting: 6:30 PM, Tuesday, 6 JUNE 2023, online only **using Zoom**.
- * July: First Tuesday in July is the 4th. Moved TC's July meeting to the 11th.

