

## 1 AUG 2023 TRC Business Meeting Final Minutes

Call to order: 6:45

Members present: Eric Anderson, Dave Graubart, Ken Johnson, Ed Slintak, Dean Stanton, Cris Wendt; Kat King, Jeff Young.

Agenda for current meeting: None.

Minutes from previous meetings: Ric sent July draft minutes soon before meeting.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

- \* President: (Ed) No report
  - \* Vice President: (Ric) Sent July DRAFT minutes.
  - \* Secretary: (Dean) No report
  - \* Treasurer: (Dave) \$4,689.70 at B of A; \$4,783.51 total.
- March insurance check will be used for August. Roughly the same as last

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- \* Insurance (Cris Wendt): Check sent and cashed for August. We don't yet have the certificate. Starke Shelby is our contact at NWIC (Northwest Insurance Company).
  - Annual insurance fee has been paid. We don't have our contract with details (rules).
  - Detailed costs may change. Rules may even change.
- \* Awards (Eric Anderson) – No report.
  - Par Plaques and awards were done for June rallye.
- \* Database Chair (Eric Anderson) – No report.
  - Ric's mass emails worked.
  - Eric A/I: Check wiki says that RM needs to collect email addresses & how they heard about us.
- \* Publicity (Kat King):
  - Someone posted our August rallye to Puzzle Hunt Calendar.
  - Kat posted August rallye to AllEvents (allevents.in) and to Facebook and to Instagram.
  - Appeal to people that can't spend a day finding out if they like rallyes.
  - Kat put "threads" on hold.
  - AllEvents doesn't "find" and show our event when searching for "gimmick" or "rallye".
  - "The Snake River Killer" suspect was a rallye enthusiast in the late '60s. Podcast interview with Cris was published on Spotify (by Brandon Schrand).
- \* Webmaster — Ric Goldman
  - Has been sick, so little progress on these items.
  - A/I Ric and Eric: 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 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.
- Eric A/I: Make a sign for physical rallye starts saying “whitelist our domain in your mail program.”

## 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: 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.
- \* 2023-06-03 Cris/Frank Hays’ “King Kong vs Godzilla” LA-style QA rallye
  - 14 cars. Gls gave wrong RI for CP. Forgot to offer eval cards at finish.
  - Frank A/I: Results to Eric and Ric to forward to rallyists and post on web site.
  - Frank A/I: Ask about format when sending results. Dave can make a survey form.
  - Frank A/I: Send First Timers and new rallyists to Kat to “seek them” via socials.
  - Frank A/I: Send final materials to Ric for safekeeping.
  - Frank A/I: Send a soft copy of the Answers to the someone that asked Eric for it.

## NEXT EVENT(S) REPORT

- \* 2023-08-05 Princess Bride - Dave and Cris (Sunnyvale)
  - Ready to go.

- Eric will be registrar.
  - Dean will print magnets and bring table and chairs.
  - Abby and Glen will work CP.
  - Finish at St. John's.
- \* 2023-10-07 Monster Mash – Jeff Young with help from Ken Johnson (Palo Alto / Mountain View)
    - Rev 2 has been sent (60% changed from original CM rallye)
  - \* 2023-12-02 – 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.
    - Ken cannot run in December, so he volunteers to precheck.
  - \* 2024-01-06 Santa Themed online — Frank
    - Frank will revive an old LA-style rallye as an online event.
    - Sotirhoses prechecking next.
  - \* 2024-02-03 Membership Rallye - Dave and Cris (???) in person

## **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.
- \* 2024-04? – Matt Poppe online rallye (in Paris)?
  - Ken will talk to Matt about it.
  - Jeff could be back-up for April, maybe.

## **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 / Daniel Palumbo (now Experts), and Nick Cravotta.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- \* None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- \* None

## ACTION ITEMS

### All

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

### Cris:

- 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](mailto:trc-business@therallyeclub.org)  
[DONE 8/25]

### Dave:

- Merge your online rallye checklist into TRC's wiki or provide it to Dean to do so.

### Dean:

- Send final July and August minutes.

### Ed:

### 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.
- Make a sign for physical rallye starts saying "whitelist our domain in your mail program."

### Kat:

- Plan to start on Instagram soon.

### Ken:

- 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.
- Talk to Matt Poppe about an online rallye maybe for April, 2024.

### Jeff

- Create a rallye flyer for October's rallye.

### Ric:

- 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: 7:40 PM

\* Next business meeting: 6:30 PM, first Tuesday, 5 Sept 2023, online only **using Zoom**. We should discuss 2024 calendar.