

5 SEP 2023 TRC Business Meeting Final Minutes

Call to order: 6:48

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

Agenda for current meeting: None.

Minutes from previous meetings: July and August minutes approved.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- * President: (Ed) No report
- * Vice President: (Ric) No report
- * Secretary: (Dean) Sent July and August DRAFT minutes.
- * Treasurer: (Dave) \$5,069.51 at B of A; \$5,144.60 total.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * Insurance (Cris Wendt): 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.
 - **Cris A/I: mail check for October rallye.**
- * Awards (Eric Anderson) – No report.
- * Database Chair (Eric Anderson) – No report.
 - Eric A/I: Check wiki says that RM needs to collect email addresses & how they heard about us.
- * Publicity (Kat King):
 - Ric proposed linking Facebook and Instagram and Threads. Kat thinks she'll stop waiting for Threads to link the others, but may have Threads also up by October.
 - Post our October rallye to Puzzle Hunt Calendar. [DONE during meeting]
 - **A/I: post October 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.
 - AllEvents doesn't "find" and show our event when searching for "gimmick" or "rallye".
- * 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.
- 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.
- * 2022-12-10 [second Saturday]: online “Rallyists in Toyland”
 - Dave A/I: Send final materials to Ric for safekeeping. [DONE August 1]
- * 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. GIs gave wrong RI for CP. Forgot to offer eval cards at finish.
 - 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.
- * 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.

NEXT EVENT(S) REPORT

- * 2023-10-07 Monster Mash – Jeff Young with help from Ken Johnson (Palo Alto / Mountain View)
 - Rev 6 has been driven. CP tasks are alpha 1.
 - Need CP workers: will ask Abby and Glen

- Eric will work Registration.
- Dean A/I: send sample Rallye School
- * 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 prechecked.
– Eric plans to precheck, but may be too busy.
- * 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 A/I: email (or 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.” 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- * None

NEW BUSINESS

- * Nominations
– Ed would like out.
– Jeff could be a director at large.
– Dean is willing to let someone else be Secretary and just be a director at large.
– Kat is willing to be Secretary.
– Dave is willing to continue as Treasurer.

- We hope Cris will be President.
- Eric will continue as a director at large and database
- Elections again by online form by November 1.

ACTION ITEMS

All

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

Cris:

- Mail check for October rallye.
- Contact K & K to find their terms and fees.
- Curious how other clubs address safety.

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."
- Check wiki says that RM needs to collect email addresses & how they heard about us.

Frank:

- Send First Timers and new rallyists to Kat to "seek them" via socials.
- Send final materials to Ric for safekeeping.
- Send a soft copy of the Answers to the someone that asked Eric for it.

Kat:

- Post October rallye to AllEvents (allevents.in) and to Facebook and to Instagram.
- Plan to take video at October rallye.

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

- Ask Abby and Glen about working October checkpoint.
- Prepare Rallye School for October's rallye.

Ric:

- 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 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: 8:03 PM

* Next business meeting: 6:30 PM, first Tuesday, 3 Oct 2023, online only **using Zoom**. We should discuss 2024 calendar.