

3 OCT 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: September minutes approved.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- * President: (Ed) No report
- * Vice President: (Ric) No report
- * Secretary: (Dean) Sent September DRAFT minutes.
- * Treasurer: (Dave) \$5,069.51 at B of A; \$5,163.41 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.
 - \$109 Check mailed for October rallye. Certificate received. Dave will reimburse Cris.
- * Awards Chair (Eric Anderson):
 - “I have produced par plaque and award magnet PDF art for Monster Mash using art submitted by RM Jeff. Jeff approved the PDF, and Dean has verified he can print the art and it looks ok. Dean plans to print and laminate the art and provide it to Jeff on-site, Oct 7.”
- * Database Chair (Eric Anderson):
 - “I sent individual email to all of our members and a few other recent attendees for Monster Mash, back on September 25 or so. There were no bounces, and three friendly replies. (I did not ask for replies; my emails excluded board members and others such as Jeff who obviously already know about the event. Ric also sent three rounds of invitations to our "local" mailing list.)”
 - “The DB is all up to date with current members. I can provide an email list for the elections.”
 - “I am happy to continue as DB Chair, Membership Chair, and 1/2 Awards Chair.”
 - 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.

- A/I: post October rallye to Facebook and to Instagram. PGIs have been posted.
- 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, Fool Rallye. Ric to nag Dave for Amazing 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.
 - Cris to remind Frank about these items.
- * 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.
- Dave to send PDFs and editable sources have been sent to Ric.

NEXT EVENT(S) REPORT

- * 2023-10-07 Monster Mash – Jeff Young with help from Ken Johnson (Palo Alto / Mountain View)
 - Everything ready for Saturday.
 - CP workers: Abby and Glen
 - Registration: Eric planned to work Registrar at Monster Mash, and Dave has volunteered to do so, too. Eric will let Dave do so, and will be there as backup and to answer questions about who is a member (people often don't know). Also, Eric will bring the QR code for email captures and be ready to explain it.
- * 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 was supposed to precheck, but may be too busy and let Frank know this
- * 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.
- * Linus and Daniel have started a Cambridge, MA rallye.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

* None

NEW BUSINESS

* Nominations

- Ed would like out.
- Jeff could be a director at large.
- Dean is willing to be President, but would be happy to let someone else.
- Kat is willing to be Secretary.
- Dave is willing to continue as Treasurer.
- Cris does not want to be President.
- Eric will continue as a director at large and database
- Elections again by online form by November 1.
- Slate: President: Dean, Vice President: Ken (and Ric?), Secretary: Kat, Treasurer: Dave, At large: Cris, Eric, Jeff.
- Dave A/I: send ballots on Zoho Survey. Eric A/I: send Dave the list of members to whom they should be sent. [done after meeting, I infer]
- Ed to ask Ric about his desires for next year.

ACTION ITEMS

All

- Read October 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.

Dave:

- Merge your online rallye checklist into TRC's wiki or provide it to Dean to do so.
- Reimburse Cris for October insurance.

Dean:

- Send final September 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.

- Pending: 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 of KKJvsGJ to Ric for safekeeping.

Jeff:

- Ask Abby and Glen about working October checkpoint. [must have been done]
- Prepare Rallye School for October’s rallye. [done after meeting]

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.

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” and Rallye Noir.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Adjourned: 7:41 PM

* Next business meeting: 6:30 PM, first Tuesday, 7 Nov 2023, online only **using Zoom**. We should discuss 2024 calendar.