

2021-Oct-5 TRC Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Call to order: 6:37 PM

Members present: Eric Anderson, Ric Goldman, Dave Graubart, Ed Slintak, Dean Stanton; Ken Johnson

Agenda for current meeting: None

Minutes from previous meeting: Both June and July DRAFT minutes
(available at <https://therallyeclub.org/meetings.htm>) are approved. (There was no August meeting.)

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- * President: (Ed) None
- * Vice President: (Abby) None
- * Secretary: (Dean) Minutes and reminders sent
- * Treasurer: (Dave) \$4720.17 at B of A
\$4,850.17 including \$75 in cash box and \$55 in stamps
 - Made a small amount on Talk Like a Pirate, because Eric didn't charge the club for printing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * Insurance (Cris Wendt):
 - Insurance for Talk Like a Pirate was paid.
 - New Insurance company would like a plan. In 2022, we expect rallyes in February, April, August, and October. Discussed a preference for online in colder, rainier months. [There's a theme for a rallye in the state of Washington.]
- * Awards (Darin)
 - DONE: Darin made award certificates for June's rallye.
 - Darin: want to make a new cartoon (e.g., for selling on Cafe Press)?
- * Database Chair (Eric Anderson)
 - No progress on database.
 - Ric will move the database; Eric agrees it can be frozen and he will update it later.
 - Eric is waiting for a good time to unify online-only rallyists with in-person rallyists.
 - Expand invitation to all our database members? Or solely trc-events?
- * Publicity (TBD):
 - Need a new Publicity Chair.

- AI without an owner: Modernize duties listed in [Operating Procedures](#).
- Dean should announce upcoming rallies to trc-events. Mention Twitter sign-up.

* Webmaster:

- Website, email, and email aliases are moved off Steve Watt's server to DreamHost.
 - TheRallyClub.org, TheRallyeClub.info, TheRallyeClub.org all go to the same files.
 - HTTPS (Secure access) now works for us.
 - Keep groups.io just for reminders?
- All mailing lists are now controlled by "mailman" on DreamHosts.
 - Email issue: DreamHost will not send a forward to an AOL or Comcast address.
 - So those go through rgoldman.org and then on to their destination.
 - Since rgoldman.org is moving, Dave agreed to pass them through his host to our AOL or comcast addresses.
- Board list is now up-to-date, and everyone on board is also on business list.
 - Mail to business mailing list will also go to the full board.
- All: Point Ric to nice looking car-related websites.

PAST EVENT(S) REPORT

- * 2021-10-02 Talk Like a Pirate Rallye (Eric, A/B, in-person rallye)
 - Results published and posted.

NEXT EVENT(S) REPORT

- * 2021-12-04 Toy Rallye online-only
 -
- * 2021 Toy Rallye online-only
 - Dave to get confirmation from Darin. [DONE]
 - Darin committed to an online December rallye [DONE after meeting].
 - Eric volunteers for help desk assistance. Zoom good for checkpoints.
 - Abby can help with checkpoints. Glen might help, too.
 - Dave can produce the scoring program (Eric is plan B), if Darin wants.
 - We will ask people to donate \$20 or more to our charity or their own.
- * 2022 February Membership Rallye
 - Dave will do it if he isn't responsible for Toy Rallye. [now he isn't]
 - FYI, that is *not* the SuperBowl weekend.

OPEN DATES

- * Goal: to schedule each even-numbered month.
 - June and December may be online.
- * Frank Hays (from LA)'s LA-style Q/A rallye in 2022?
 - Frank sent it to the Sotiros, Ed, and Dean.
 - Ken and Eric to review it and tell him we're considering it for 2022.
 - Eric will check the rallye and communicate with Frank.

POTENTIAL RALLYEMASTERS

- Offer rallyes to rethrow and mentors (Abby, Ed, Dave, Dean, Cris).
- Jeffrey Martin may write a rallye for 2022.
 - A/I: Dave to contact him to get him started.
- * Ken to contact potential RMs about a 2022 rallye.
 - Ken emailed several quasi-interested potential RMs identified during the Opening Day rallye in April.
 - All got back to him [some after the meeting] and are potentially interested, but no one committed to a specific date:
 - Matt Poppe
 - Wei Hua Huang
 - Brian Andersen, Michelle Jolly, Rich Berlin. Erik Andersen
 - Haym Hersh/Gil Milbauer from New York and Washington respectively
 - Steve & Julie Gaddy from Denver
 - Linus Hamilton & Daniel Palumbo from Boston
 - Ken will continue to contact them periodically, check progress, and offer whatever help we can provide.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- * Twitter?
 - It was intended to cut down “chatter” calls from confused rallyists to RM about known problems.
 - Someone more familiar with Twitter should update the wiki page about it and be TRC's Twitter contact.
 - Not urgent.
- * New membership class? [Tabled for now]

* 501-C(7) status

- Dave to fill out and submit IRS Form 990-N for IRS and 199-N for California.

* Eric gathering rallye archives

- Bill Jonesi's rallye archive
- Steve Watt to deliver another box of old rallyes?
- Ric has Wendy's old box of rallyes and will digitize them.
- DONE: Dean gave Darin box to Eric.

* Trip to Bank for new signature card in 2022 with its officers?

* Publicity for upcoming events

- Announce rallyes on multiple platforms. We need to keep track so we can make updates and cancellations.
 - Southern California rallye Facebook group: must be a member to post.
 - Dave is a member, so he can post for us.
 - Dean A/I to add that to the wiki page, when the wiki is available.

* Next postal mailing? Do we need to continue mailings?

- Email in-person rallyists (from past few years) before in-person rallyes.
- Announce that we'll add people to our events mailing list unless they opt out.
- A/I Eric to ask 7 teams at 60CC and/or TLaP who got postcards if it was valuable to their attendance.

* Extend TRC's computer scoring program for A/B rallyes

- Glen put source on a "public" git hub (but only we can modify the code).

* TRC rallye history

- TRC Wiki has [Past_TRC_Rallyes](#) through 1981-2011.
- [TRC Results](#) page has results from 2003 through now.
- Someone should build the union, even if some info is missing.
- This would allow us to celebrate our 500th event, for example.
- Ric will do it after the website moves.

NEW BUSINESS

* Election

- Nominations open. Ken willing to be board members at large. All who were present are willing to continue. Rick willing to run for Vice President.
- Dave to check with Abby and Glen about whether they want to be on ballot.

- [After the meeting Dean confirmed they're willing to step aside to let Ken and Ric be on the board.]
- Then Dave to prepare a survey and email it to current members (including the 4 new members from TLaP)
- Eric needs to assure that the TLaP new memberships last through 2022.

* Membership

- Eric suggested we offer people membership at the finish if they paid \$25.
- Thinking more about that, we often have free time near 1pm or at the CP.
- We could fill out membership forms for people (especially renewals), so all they have to do is sign.
- Eric plans to recruit the 60CC cars who might be candidate members by email.
- However, he would need to know if anyone didn't pay – e.g., they used a free rallye card. **Dave** (as treasurer) should have the registrar list.

* Survey about online rallyes

- Dean thinks it could wait for December's online rallye.

ACTION ITEMS

All:

- Read September minutes. Send any changes to all of us. Can they be approved?

Abby:

- Look into a TheRallyeClub[OfSiliconValley] group on Discord.

Cris:

- Get new insurance release forms: adults and children.
- Discuss "Remote or Virtual" Members with ESCA and/or our new Insurance company.

Darin:

- Write an online Toy rallye (perhaps in your new Knoxville area) for December.
- Want to make a new cartoon (e.g., for selling on Cafe Press)?

Dave:

- Determine if Abby and Glen want to be on the ballot for 2022. (Ric and Ken are willing to be board members at large.)
- Then prepare a 2022 TRC Election Survey.
- Tell Eric if any of the nonmember 60CC cars were unpaid (from the registrar's list)

- Contact Jeffrey Martin to get him started writing a rallye for 2022.
- Prepare 2022 budget (and propose dues amount) in December, so we can approve in January.
- Attempt to complete the applicable portions of IRS form 990-N as time allows. Ric may be able to help.

Dean:

- Try KRTY community calendar again for Toy Rallye (if a flyer exists far enough ahead of time).

Ed:

- Send agenda for Tuesday meeting by the day before (Monday).

Eric:

- DB updates from Sixty Carat Caper are mostly complete.
- Review Frank Hays' LA-style Q/A rallye for 2022 (after TLaP).
- Ask 7 teams at 60CC who got postcards if it was valuable to their attendance.
- Eric plans to recruit the 60CC cars who might be candidate members by email.

- Expect Steve Watt to deliver another box of old rallyes or pick them up from him.
- Contact Patrick Olsen (who was Bill Jonesi's roommate) regarding Bill's archive of old rallyes.

Glen:

- Look into the practicality of extending TRC's computer scoring program for A/B rallyes, likely rewriting it in Python or something more modern.

Ric:

- Change November meeting on TRC calendar to say online.
- Bring [TRC wiki](#) back online.
- Unify 2 lists of past rallyes before our 400th event:
 - Wiki has [Past_TRC_Rallyes](#) through 1981-2011.
 - [TRC Results](#) page has results from 2003 through now.
- Background task: get TRC higher in Google's search results.
- Pending:: Look into modernizing the look of our web site.

Ken:

- Review Frank Hays' LA-style Q/A rallye for 2022.
- Try to get a commitment for a 2022 rallye from potential RMs found during Opening Day. Offer a mentor and help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Adjourned: 8:03 PM

* Next business meeting: **6:30 PM**, Tuesday, 2 Nov 21, online only.

* After that, the December business meeting: **6:30 PM**, Tuesday, 7 Dec 21, online only. (Proposed convention is to meet in person only in *even* months that have online rallyes.)