

6 Feb 2024 TRC Business Meeting FINAL Minutes

Call to order: 6:40

Board members present: Ric Goldman, Dave Graubart, Dean Stanton, Cris Wendt, Ken Johnson.

Members present: Eric Anderson, Matt Poppe

Agenda for current meeting: None

Minutes from previous meetings: January minutes approved. Thanks, Kat!

Reminder: Minutes are due within 10 days of the meeting.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- * President: (Dean) No report
- * Vice President: (Ric) No report
- * Secretary: (Kat) Sent January minutes, but not here at Feb's meeting.
- * Treasurer: (Dave) \$5,579.24 at B of A; \$5,654.24 total.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * Insurance (Cris Wendt):
 - We don't have our contract with details (rules).
 - Asked when our annual fee is due.
 - A/I: Dean wants to know the per-member fee so he can propose new accounting for per-rallye contribution of a new membership.
 - Sent in request for Feb rallye and asked for validation on fees on coverage. Have not heard back yet. Current coverage ends at the end of Feb.
 - Let them know about tentative rallyes in June, August, Oct.
- * Awards Chair (Eric Anderson):
 - Optimized membership forms – only signing, no new name/address/contact info.
 - QR code on score sheet or GIs that lets people enter their car number and return (giving use their email address).
- * Database Chair (Eric Anderson):
 - A/I: Check wiki says that RM needs to collect email addresses & how they heard about us.
 - Integrate Frank's attendee list from Dec rallye.
 - Eric has ideas to improve online registration and paying for IRL rallyes.
- * Publicity (Kat King):
 - Facebook posts moderated or need to join before posting.
 - Kat to post the rallye school from October as a sample (with a disclaimer).
 - Ric proposed linking Facebook and Instagram and Threads. Kat agrees, currently being worked on.
 - A/I: Post April online rallye to Puzzle Hunt calendar.
 - Find a way to appeal to people that can't spend a day finding out if they like rallyes.

- Look for other free web sites on which we could post. MeetUp, EventBrite. Look for community/group that would be able to post our rallye for MeetUp.
- How can a TikTok quick video attract rallyists? Need something fun and quick.
- QR codes link to them?

* Webmaster — Ric Goldman

- TRC will no longer pay for TheRallyClub (“Rally” not “Rallye”) as it had no access in last few years.
- A/I Eric: present idea to merge mailing lists between the database and online rallyists.
- Wordpress migration stalled. (Will include SEO, Search Engine Optimization).
- Ric sent a prototype membership 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.
- 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.
- Ric A/I – Create a Google Business account for TRC.

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.
- * 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.
- * 2023-08-05 Princess Bride - Dave and Cris (Sunnyvale)
 - Dave to send PDFs and editable sources to Ric.
- * 2023-12-02 – Santa and the Naughty Children — Frank
 - Frank A/I: Send Eric all the names and emails of all competitors
 - Frank is rescoring the rallye.
 - Kat A/I to draft award certificate template. Get Frank’s approval.
- * 2024-02-03 Membership Rallye “42” - Dave and Cris in person

- 17 cars, \$641.12 income.
- Print 20 reg packs and 15 extra packs.
http://wiki.therallyeclub.org/wiki/Printing_for_TRC_Rallyes has said 25 reg packs and 15 extra since 2018. 30 packs total were insufficient.

NEXT EVENT(S) REPORT

- * 2024-04-06 – Matt Poppe online rallye in Paris – An American Rallyist in Paris
 - Matt expects fewer RIs because finding signs is a problem. GIs are longer than typical.
 - 25 of about 35 RIs are written.
 - Needs help prechecking rallye (Dave, Eric), help desk, check point, software (Dean is plan B). – Eric, Ric, Dave, Cris and Jeff.
 - Use trc@graubart.org ? Use a TRC address? Ric will try to send one up with Zoho Forms access.
 - Dave sent online rallye checklist to Matt.
 - Need a flyer for TRC’s website.
- * 2024-10-05 Jeff “Talk Like a Poirot Day” ?
 - Trying to pin down location, may be farther away than normal and not at Cuesta park.
- * 2024-11-02 or mid-month? Possible Frank Thanksgiving or election rallye, will need to rename specific parties.
- * 2024-12-07 – 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.

OPEN DATES

- * In-person rallyes should state: Neighborhood(s), Registrar(s), CP worker(s), whether CP signs or other tools are needed.
- * 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.
- * 2024-06-01
- * 2024-08-03 Dean and Heather?

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. [Dean asked again while preparing these minutes.]

* 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. Ken will hear back from them after the MIT puzzle hunt, MLK weekend (Feb)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

None

ACTION ITEMS

All

– Read these February minutes. Send any changes to all of us. Can we approve them?

Cris:

- Contact K & K to find their terms and fees. To call back in March.
- Dean wants to know the per-member fee so he can propose new accounting for per-rallye contribution of a new membership.
- Curious how other clubs address safety. Has found that most don't, unless racing is including.

Dave:

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Dean:

- Merge Dave's online rallye checklist into TRC's wiki.
- Send agenda for March meeting.

Eric:

- Pick up a box of old rallyes from Steve Watt. Reminded Steve Watt, who said he hasn't found the box yet.
- Prepare a box of old rallyes for Ric to pick up while local to scan and keep. Not ready yet.
- Try to merge online mailing list with TRC's database.
- Pending determining how: Make a sign for physical rallye starts saying “whitelist our domain in your mail program.” Waiting on Ric
- Check wiki says that RM needs to collect email addresses & how they heard about us.

Frank:

- Frank A/I: Send Eric all the names and emails of all December competitors.

Jeff:

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Kat:

- Send final January minutes.
- Draft award certificate template. Get Frank's approval.
- Edit and post video from October rallye, perhaps with Cap Cut.

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.

Matt:

- Finish April Rallye.
- Report to March Business meeting about its progress (or send an email at least 1 day ahead).

Ric:

- Present ElectionRunner.com to Dave (for possible use in future).
- 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.
- Propose conventions for archiving past rallyes as soft-copies.
- Ric and Eric should merge mailing lists into TRC's database.
- Pending: Ric offered to scan a box of old rallyes (when Eric provides one).
- Nag for soft copies of Ken's Jazz on the Rocks, Press Your Luck, Notes on a Car Rallye, The Office, and Fool Rallye.
- Update TRC Board mailing list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Adjourned: 8:00 PM

* Next business meeting: 6:30 PM, first Tuesday, 5 Mar 2024, online only **using Zoom.**

Ric will send a new meeting invitation using TRC's paid Zoom account.

Ken & Dave will miss April's mtg.