

## **6 Feb 2024 TRC Business Meeting DRAFT 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.therallyclub.org/wiki/Printing\\_for\\_TRC\\_Rallyes](http://wiki.therallyclub.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](mailto: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.