

RallySport Ontario

Meeting Summary for 011205

First my sincere apologies for creating such a problem about the meeting date. I promise to double read my calendar entries.

It had been our express intention to publish a synopsis such as this after each meeting for an immediate feedback to everyone. Somehow that did not happen. Immediate publishing of minutes has recently led to an ill-considered statement or two that has led to misinterpretation and in some cases, insult and confusion. By following this approach, I hope to have both accurate minutes on file and timely information out to all members.

The Winter Rally Series under the masterful guidance of Ross Wood now will be known as the Yokohama/Subaru Winter Rally Series. Congratulations on gaining even more sponsorship for this challenging series. The first event goes on January 05, 2002.

We reviewed budget proposals for 2002 that will amount to at least \$20 000. We have to next consider the income side of the ledger. Items include a newer trailer, advertising, a prize fund seed for both OPRC and ORRC, equipment maintenance and renewal and volunteer recognition.

The CARS five year plan is final and published. We had initiated an exercise to consider how RSO can merge with and support that document's direction. Although we would like initially to keep to three initiatives, a workable number, it would seem our focus on promotion, sponsorship and prize funding match well, along with the further development of the OPRC, ORRC, YSWRS, RallySprint Series and Rally School. The CARS document draws a great deal on what is happening in Ontario so it appears we are on the right track.

Currently we are looking to redefine the relationship of RSO within Ontario and Canada. There is a revenue-sharing agreement between CARS, a national entity, and CASC-OR, a regional entity, dating back to the start of CARS. We would like to see that as an agreement between RSO and CASC-OR, or its successor, and requests to meet with those two groups have been made and remade. Hopefully that should occur shortly.

Our financial status is sound, However, with the recent activity of the Voyageurs and Pines, some details of cash-flows are being brought up-to-date.

CARS has published the rule changes for 2002 and have been sent to the clubs.

OPRC:

Pines was a great success again, really fast because of road conditions. Congratulations to James Robinson and James Newton for winning the Ontario portion of the rally.

Mark Ockwell will continue in RSO as the Registrar of Vehicles. He will inspect new cars and issue new log books. Thanks, Mark. A Chief Scrutineer to replace Mark is needed.

There would appear to be the need for a Standing Committee on Safety. That has been an ad hoc group before. Volunteers are welcome to establish a permanent and influential panel.

Mark Ockwell delivered a comprehensive report on the disqualification of an entry at scrutineering for this year's Pines. Several mechanical issues were cited as just cause.

ORRC:

Northern lights, set up by Harry Pressey, attracted 17 entries. It was won overall by the Novice team of Bryn Epp and Steve Wilton using the same instructions as Experts!

The series this year attracted an average of 24.4 entries per event with 11.8 Beginners, 8.0 Novices and 2.3 Experts as overall averages.

Discussion was raised about the confusion of the terms, Novice vs Intermediate. This will be resolved.

A request for an RSO booth at the Auto Show has been made per the show's rules for 2002. A show car is needed. Volunteers to serve at the booth are needed. Mark Ockwell is coordinating personnel.

An RSO flyer as last year on thicker stock and full colour will be generated.

Use of an internet forum was discussed. RSO is seeking to update its internet presence and the inclusion of a discussion room is a part of the plan.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday January 15th. To include our remote clubs, we shall attempt to set up our first conference call. That may mean having a few nodes to which interested persons may come rather than many different ones.

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