

MINUTES - RallySport Ontario Meeting - October 20, 2003

PRESENT: Ray Felice, Roger Sanderson, Ross Wood, Sandy Hygate, Paul Henshall, Nina Schaftrick, Ryan Huber

Attending via conference call: Peter Gulliver (PMSC), Kim Sparks (TAC)

1. Meeting start 8:10 pm. Additions to agenda:

9 c) road damage claims;

14 a) election promises; 14 b) minutes.

Correction to 2), approval of September meeting minutes.

Agenda otherwise approved.

2. Minutes of September meeting: Correction:

a. 6 c) a competitor has requested date change for Northern Lights rally as it falls on Jewish high holiday. Possible change was canvassed to organizing club, but not accepted on the grounds that calendar was already set and in any case, competitors may score in only 10 of 14 events.

b. 8 a) should read: GCFR – good event, no decision on grading from MNR.  
Minutes otherwise approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

a. Current: Bank \$32,568, Accounts Receivable \$1,555, Fixed Assets \$10,543, Liabilities \$500, Road Damage \$19,906, and Members' Equity \$24,260.

b. TAC requested breakdown between OPRC/ORRC citing concerns in disparity of funding between disciplines. Treasurer has prepared a report and will forward to concerned parties.

c. 2001-2002: unchanged from last meeting. MOTION: Reports of 2001-2002 are to be finalized by the date of the next meeting. If reviewer cannot be contacted, Treasurer will finalize with information available to her.  
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Correspondence: Newsletters from TAC and MLRC.

5. CARS update:

a. At last CARS meeting, Rallye Charlevoix asked to be included in CARS calendar. Rallye Charlevoix has been requested to submit a proposal as to viability, planning, and scope of event to be sure it will take place before being considered for CARS calendar.

b. Safety plan disseminated to all organizers, website version available shortly.

c. TARGA was successful event, many Ontario rallyists attended. TARGA website has all details.

d. CARS website obtaining quotes from various sources to be considered.

e. Rule changes should be out by the end of October.

f. Format for stewards' reports discussed, some changes to be implemented by CARS for 2004.

6. Marshal training: MLRC hosting first marshal training session to be held on Oct. 21/03, 7:30 pm at the Musket restaurant in Etobicoke. Ross has emailed Rally-Ontario with details, and has received many useful and informative suggestions from seasoned marshals, which will be used in training. There has been an excellent response and a turnout of 40 or more is expected. Certification will be discussed further, however, certification will probably be as follows: Level 1 will include fundamental marshal/worker rules and control procedures; Level 2 will concentrate on marshalling decisions and stage/spectator management. All certification will be done by RSO and "grandfathering" will not be permitted as previously discussed, ie. any persons wishing RSO certification must complete both levels of training. Final decisions on certification will be addressed when curriculum is completed. A full report will be presented at the next meeting.

#### 7. CASC-OR/RSO:

a. Proposal received from CASC-OR president to include a "rally director" as part of CASC-OR, effectively amalgamating RSO. RSO is concerned that in taking this step, rallying will have only one voice for all clubs, rather than each club having an individual voice as with the RSO board. MOTION: That at the present time, RSO respectfully declines the proposal of CASC-OR president to assimilate RSO into CASC-OR. MOTION CARRIED.

b. RSO wishes to change current affiliation fee structure of \$15 per member, to \$15 per member with a maximum of \$300 per club per year, plus CARS affiliation fee of \$100 per club.

c. RSO wishes to increase current per car levies of \$5 for ORRC events and \$25 for OPRC events to \$10 and \$35, respectively.

i. MOTION: to change fee structure as noted in b. above, to request dissolution of current agreement between CARS/CASC-OR immediately, and to increase per car levies as in c. above. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Budget for 2004 in progress. Discussion of proposal to award cash prizes to top two winners in ORRC events. Tabled to next meeting.

#### 9. OPRC -

a. Georgian Trials: Competitors got a good rally. Some road problems encountered before rally, which were handled in timely fashion by organizers and RSO. A few questions arose from inquiry process, all decisions final, no errors were made in scoring. Date may have been a factor in low number of entries. At present GT is not on OPRC calendar for next year.

b. Tall Pines – Worker day is October 25th, anyone who is signed up to work the event and can make it that day would be appreciated.

#### c. Road damage claims:

i. Negotiations have taken place over the Blackbear road. No maintenance has been charged for 3 years. MNR has spent over \$14,000 on this road. Settled on \$1,500 for 2002, 2003 (\$750/year) as rally share.

ii. Voyageurs 2001, 2002 damage left over. Settled for \$1,000 to cover previous years' road repairs. Current year's damage not yet assessed.

iii. GCFR – Still no final decision on road grading from MNR.

#### 10. ORRC:

a. Rideau Run: Took place Aug. 23. No formal report.

b. Northern Lights: Start of rally delayed for 1 hr because of fatal crash on Hwy 401 that delayed competitors' arriving at start time. 18 car entry, went well after delay.

c. Night Navex: Oct. 4. 13 car entry, excellent night-time rally.

d. Upper Canada: Oct. 25. Greencrewed, some changes necessary.

#### 11. Club news:

a. MLRC – hosting marshal training session after monthly meeting on Oct. 21. Celebration of Rallysport party at Docks was a huge success. Thanks to all who attended, and especially those who worked to make the event enjoyable.

b. PMSC – hosting 50th anniversary party Nov. 1st – will be members from 1953 attending. Check website for details, everyone welcome.

c. TAC – has requested information from RSO as to what it is doing to promote navigational rallying in Ontario. RSO responds as follows:

i. RSO participation in Toronto Auto Show brings in a number of new navigational people. The facts that very little money is required and that people can use their regular cars is of interest to many who attend the show.

ii. RSO prepares and distributes the calendar card, which has a lot of information on navigational rallying, including duties of the navigator and pictures of regular cars in winter events.

iii. RSO organizes, funds and directs a navigational rally school, which averages 50 students per year.

iv. RSO's website promotes navigational events, navigational rally rules and links to "how to" guides to navigational rallying.

While RSO takes these opportunities to promote navigational rallying, responsibility falls on the individual clubs to get out and promote their series, rallies and other club events, via flyers, web information, local media or such other methods as may be available.

12. 2004 Info/Calendar cards: Great job on new cards, thanks for getting them ready in time for Celebration of Rallysport party. Good idea not to print dates as with last year's card, as dates were changed several times by organizers.

13. Toronto Auto Show – RSO organizing booth as last year. Shirts will be available, more information to follow.

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a. Election promises –

i. At the AGM existing members of the board made what might be considered "promises" to change present format of monthly meetings to either quarterly or bi-monthly meetings. This has been impossible due to issues arising that need to be dealt with, as well as scheduling difficulties around event dates and personal calendars. Sandy and Roger are attempting to set a schedule of meeting dates, which will be adhered to as much as possible by the board members.

ii. Another "promise" was to bring some of the meetings further east so as to make it possible for other club representatives to attend in person rather than by conference call. In this regard, our next meeting will be held in Fenelon Falls.

b. Minutes – Some concerns expressed regarding completeness of minutes. Secretary advises that all minutes are approved by the board before distribution and are an accurate reflection of items discussed at meetings. When corrections are necessary, they are made at the subsequent meeting before being formally approved for the record.

15. Next Meeting: Sunday, Nov 16th, @ 12 noon at the home of Ross Wood, 4 Blythe Shore Road, Fenelon Falls, ON K0M 1N0. For directions please contact Ross at [ross.wood@sympatico.ca](mailto:ross.wood@sympatico.ca).

16. Adjournment 11:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Nina Schafrick, Secretary