

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – October 23, 2005

LOCATION – Newmarket – Girl Guide Office – 1:30 pm (approx)

25/10/05

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Ray Felice	President	Present
Jeff Hagan	Vice-President – Performance	Regrets
Ryan Huber	Vice-President – Navigational	Present
Ross Wood	Secretary	Present
Alan Ryall	Treasurer	Present
Paul Henshall	Executive Assistant	Present
Sandy Hygate	Assistant Treasurer	Present
Rob MacKenzie	Assistant V.P Performance	Present
Roger Sanderson	Scorer	Present
Rob Metcalfe	Chief Scrutineer	Present
Brian Sharp	Chief Scrutineer	
Alasdair Robertson	RSO Rep. to CARS ByLaw Committee	Present
Robin Fleguel Stephen Rodger Ray Felice	RSO Growth Committee – Database RSO Growth Committee – Navigational Rally RSO Growth Committee – Performance Rally	Present
TBA	BEMC Club Representative	
Christina Chinn	KWRC Club Representative	Present
Craig Hamm	MCO Club Representative	Regrets
Ross Wood	MLRC Club Representative	Present
Peter Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	
Russ Harding	TAC Club Representaive	Present
Paul & Rita Moore	Guests – PMSC	Present
Bryn Epp	Guest - MLRC	Present

Agenda

1) Approval of/additions to Agenda – approved as amended 9 (c), (d), (e) (f)

2) Approval of September 26, 2005 meeting minutes – Motion Ryall/Huber – carried

3) Treasurer’s Report

(a) Report – per Alan Ryall – We are solvent. The bank statement was just received in the middle of this week. Sandy & I have not had time to prepare a statement this early in the month with the variances and projections to the year-end. With a bit of help from the other Board members we hope we can have the planned Quarterly report out by the first week in November.

(b) RSO/Subaru contingency payouts – Baie, GCFR, Defi – the cheques have been written and will be mailed in the next few days.

(c) Assistant Treasurer – Motion #1 - Ryall/Huber – Moved as permitted under Bylaw 4.6, that the Board create a position of Assistant Treasurer. This position shall have full authority in all ways to assist the Treasurer in performance of the duties outlined in Bylaw 9.4. Carried.

- Motion #2 – Ryall/Huber - Moved that Sandy Hygate be appointed to the position of Assistant Treasurer for the term of the current Treasurer. Carried.

4) Old Business

(a) Growth Meeting Follow-up – the Board has scheduled a meeting dedicated to this topic for November 1st.

(b) RSO Clubs – levies, voting, other issues –

Motion #1 - Felice/Ryall – moved that RSO will entertain requests from member clubs for financial consideration with regard to levies for events with low entries. Carried.

Motion #2 – Felice/Wood – moved that the matter being considered in Motion #1 be referred to the V.P. ORRC to establish suitable criteria. Carried.

After lengthy discussion it was decided that the RSO President will discuss the topic of voting further with RSO Club Presidents.

(c) RSO AGM follow-up – the V.P. ORRC to present a report at the next meeting.

(d) RSO Board/Exec. Job Descriptions – Ross to get project started for next meeting.

(e) RSO membership – clubs must provide list of 2005 members by January 10, 2006.

Beginning 2006 RSO will request membership numbers from clubs quarterly. This information is needed for RSO scoring, background data for promotional purposes and distribution of prize money, Privacy of RSO members is assured.

(f) Newmarket HAM Fest – Paul Henshall is in charge of this with help from Rob Metcalfe. Location is the Markham Fairgrounds. Date – October 29. Will have rally cars, videos, photos etc.

(g) Toronto Auto Show – big plans for joint display with CASC. Plan to have professional displays. Ray Felice heading up the project. Motion – Ryall/Huber – set budget of up to \$2000 for display space. Carried. Committee set up to work with Ray – Sandy Hygate and Bryn Epp. Will show full range of rally activities. Volunteers needed from all clubs.

(h) Press Releases – journalism students – tabled in the absence of the VP OPRC.

5) CARS Update

(a) Bylaw Committee – CARS received the Committee's Report about three weeks ago. This was sent out to the RSO Club Presidents. Report contains four recommendations for ByLaw changes plus some suggested procedural changes. The CARS Board is preparing a summary of their responses to the report. Both are recommending that clubs call an EGM to be held on the AGM weekend to consider the recommended changes. Alasdair Robertson, the RSO representative to the CARS ByLaw Committee, is offering to meet with any RSO club or member to discuss. Contact Alasdair at aa.roberston@sympatico.ca

(b) Rules Change Process – CARS Rules Committee is behind schedule on this – expect news soon.

6) RSO Rules Committee – the new rules for 2006 have been completed – now being vetted - will be released following the Tall Pines

7) OPRC

(a) Series Standings – current & posted

(b) Pines update – shaping up well – stage notes have been completed by Tom McGeer and Mark Williams – Egan Creek roads have all been fixed up – have about 120 workers signed but need lots more – go to www.tallpinesrally.com to register as a worker – some worker will win a kayak, courtesy of Clearwater Designs

(c) GCFR – Stewards' Report – favourable report – good event

(d) OPRC 30th anniversary – plans underway – Jeff Hagan & Robin Fleguel

(e) Regional Seeding/Starting Order – being worked on by Jeff Hagan

(f) RallyCross – MLRC had a very successful series of three events in Bancroft – final event had 37 entries – still looking for a site closer to GTA – please send leads – MLRC would welcome other clubs assistance in running events next year

8) ORRC

(a) Series Standings – current & posted

(b) DOCR – Steward's Report – report received – good event – some greencrewing errors – 21 entries

(c) Northern Lights – report received – ran out of Tillsonburg – 8 entries (problem of low entries was discussed) – good instructions – excellent roads

(d) President's Prize – Nov 5 – shaping up well under Paul & Rita Moore – everyone gets a free Tee shirt – well promoted – flyers, webs, T.O. Star

9) New Business

(a) RSO Marketing – Auto Show, Calendar cards, website – priorities – good discussion on this topic – Motion – Huber/Ryall – continue with Calendar Cards for 2006 – Carried. RSO is seeking input from membership re improvement of the website – looking for volunteers to work on it and maintain it.

(b) RSO Meetings – schedule, venue, format – good discussion. Decided to set dates of quarterly meetings and publish long in advance. Hope all clubs will attend the quarterly meetings. Clubs are requested to host a quarterly meeting. For long travel venues, meeting can be held on a weekend.

(c) More formal approach – Motion – Ryall/Huber – that RSO move toward a more formal approach to making decisions about matters involving finances and policy. Carried.

(d) Calendar Dates – Motion – Huber/Wood – that dates set in the 2006 Calendar Meeting be accepted – Carried.

(e) HAM Radio Course – RSO will host another amateur radio course geared specifically to rally – register on the RSO website

(f) Marshal's Handbooks & School – 60 RSO Marshal's Handbooks have been provided to the Tall Pines Rally, courtesy of Indel Controls. Other events may request books also. MCO has invited Martin Loveridge to run a marshal's school. Motion – Wood/Ryall – that RSO will cover the instructor's expenses. Carried.

10) Club News

MCO (per Craig Hamm)

Quick report on MCO Rally activities to RSO Secretary for upcoming RSO Monthly Meeting:

MCO sends regrets regarding attendance.

-October 6, MCO Rally Group meeting, discussed Lanark Highlands supp regs, and expectations, for Novice level attendees, watched Rally Wales GB in tribute to Michael Park.

-Lanark Highlands Rally, 29 Oct: 29 teams signed up as of 19 Oct. Rally was greened by Evan Gamblin and Glenn Clarke.

-November 1, MCO General Meeting + AGM

-November 3, MCO Rally Group meeting: Michael Koch will present his co-driving seminar.

-November 4, MCO Virtual Rally Championship (rally video game tourney), and charity for Stittsville Food Bank

-MCO Winter Driving School planning is well under way.

-Currently gauging interest in having Martin Loveridge and Rich Sullivan come to Ottawa to give the marshal school prior to Tall Pines. Response has been disappointing thus far. If it goes forward, MCO asks that RSO cover receipted expenses for one vehicle's gasoline. Presently, increased knowledge will only stand to directly benefit other clubs running stage rallies.

-MCO hopes to send the usual 10-20 marshals to Tall Pines.

-MCO has never received the Lanark Highlands ORRC 2005 Stewards Report. Does it exist? VP ORRC will check his files about this.

-When is the next Ham Radio course by RSO

Craig Hamm

Acting Rally Director

MLRC (per Ross Wood)

The last Mini Rally of the season ran on October 3rd with about 20 teams entered. This caps off another successful season, although attendance has been down just slightly. Our thanks

to Glenn Hamilton, Ed Richardson and many others for their efforts in putting on these events each month from April to October.

The third and last RallyCross of the season was a super success on October 16th with 37 entries. The expanded and constantly changing courses at the Bancroft site were a big hit. Thanks to Alan Ockwell for heading up the team and doing a great job of coordinating the group. Thanks also to Ryan Huber for excellent course design work.

Now the club's efforts are focussed on the Rally of the Tall Pines as the November 24-26 weekend fast approaches. We are excited about the new features – organizer-provided notes, created by Tom McGeer and Mark Williams plus each team gets to drive every stage once on Friday before the rally to familiarize themselves with the notes and the road conditions. We currently have about 110 workers signed up, but need lots more. If you can help in any way, please go to the website at www.tallpinesrally.com and then to Worker Registration. If you have any problems with that, contact ross@tallpinesrally.com

TAC (per Dietmar Seelenmayer)

Next event on TAC calendar is January Jaunt on January 7, 2006, same starting location, Waterdown.

PMSC – no report received

KWRC (per Christina Chinn)

KWRC held their last meeting on 13 October, 2005 – and there were no mishaps!

The Northern Lights Rally was held on 1 October, 2005 with a total of 8 cars. It was a good event and Martin Loveridge bought supper for all who came to the restaurant after the event.

The club is very concerned about the declining interest in the events, most events this year seemed to have a participation of under 20 cars. There was an extensive discussion on how we might be able to improve the retention rate of the competitors from event to event.

The club has voted Martin Loveridge as our representative to the CARS 2005 AGM in January 2006 and have given him our proxy.

The events that KWRC is submitting for the 2006 ORRC Calendar are:

1. Blossom – May 2006
2. Northern Lights – September 2006

RSO had approached KWRC about presenting Brainbuster as an ORRC event, but it has been decided to leave it as a club event, probably for our annual Bar-b-que.

(d) Next Meeting – Date/Location

Meeting set for December 15th at Paul Henshall's in Snelgrove.