

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Jan 30 06

LOCATION – Whitby – Jeff Hagan’s house – 7:00 pm dinner 8:00 pm meeting
01/02/06

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT	
Ray Felice	President	Present	
Jeff Hagan	Vice-President – Performance	Present	
Ryan Huber	Vice-President – Navigational	Present	
Ross Wood	Secretary	Present	
Alan Ryall	Treasurer	Present	
Paul Henshall	Executive Assistant	Present	
Sandy Hygate	Assistant Treasurer	Regrets	
Rob MacKenzie	Assistant V.P Performance	Present	
Roger Sanderson	Scorer	Regrets	
Rob Metcalfe	Chief Scrutineer	Present	
Brian Sharp	Chief Scrutineer	Regrets	
Robin Fleguel	RSO Growth Committee – Database	Present	
Stephen Rodger	RSO Growth Committee – Navigational Rally		Present
Ray Felice	RSO Growth Committee – Performance Rally		
TBA	BEMC Club Representative		
Christina Chinn	KWRC Club Representative	Present	
Ian O’Halloran	MCO Club Representative	Regrets	
Ross Wood	MLRC Club Representative	Present	
Rob MacKenzie	PMSC Club Representative	Present	
TBA	SPDA Club Representative		
Russ Harding	TAC Club Representative		
Peter Gulliver	Guest	Present	
Peter Watt	Guest	Present	
Bryn Epp	Guest	Present	

Agenda

- 1) Approval of/additions to Agenda – approved as amended
- 2) Approval of December 15, 2005 meeting minutes – Motion Ryall/Hagan - approved
- 3) Treasurer’s Report

The year end financial summary is nearing completion – looking positive – will go to the reviewer soon

Listing fees for non-Ontario events in the OPRC series – should all be invoiced for 2005 and for 2006.

Subaru sponsorship money for ORRC and OPRC will be paid out to competitors at the end of the year, rather than on an event by event basis.

An RSO sub-committee under Peter Gulliver has been formed to review the Road Damage fund status and will make recommendations for its future disposition. Ross Wood and Jeff Hagan will also sit on that committee.

Motion – Ryall/Huber – that RSO approve in principle investigating courses or ways of educating and training on issues of governance of a non-profit organization. Carried. Action – A. Ryall.

RSO will seek advice re the disbursement of RSO assets in the event of its demise. Action – R. Wood

(a) 2006 Budget – Motion – Ryall/Wood – to approve budget as presented in Option One with explanatory note re projected deficit. Carried.

4) Old Business

(a) Growth Meeting Follow-up – Growth Committee report received. Motion Felice/Ryall authorizing Growth Committee to investigate and purchase audio-visual equipment up to \$900 value. Carried.

(b) RSO Board/Exec. Job Descriptions – Some descriptions were submitted by Exec members – remaining were promised in the immediate future. Two additional areas are to be included: (a) monthly time commitment involved in the job (b) areas of expertise that are required/desirable for anyone taking on the job.

(c) Toronto Auto Show – report – plans are shaping up very well. Have a large high profile area booked – sharing with CASC-OR. Targa Newfoundland will also be on the site.

Recruiting of volunteers coming well – need a few more. Christina Chinn will issue a message listing the times when help is required. All workers will receive an RSO golf shirt and entry in a draw for gift certificates.

- reminder to clubs – flyers due by February 4th – printed copies.

- training session February 12th from 10:00-2:00 – location Girl Guide Office in Newmarket.

Please confirm attendance with Christina Chinn christina.chinn@sympatico.ca

- one of the cars on display will be the Team Subaru car that was used as the camera car for Targa.

(d) Press Releases – journalism students – report from VP OPRC.

- poor response so far from the colleges that were approached. Jeff H. will approach the club Presidents.

(e) HAM radio course

- date set for April 29 & 30 at the Girl Guide Office in Newmarket. Register online at www.rallysport.on.ca

(f) RSO AGM/Awards Banquet – March 25th - hope to hold the AGM in the Girl Guide Office in Newmarket with the Awards Luncheon following at the Veteran's Hall in Newmarket.

Details to follow. V.P. of ORRC & OPRC to submit lists of award winners to Exec. And issue invitations to the winners. Paul H. will order awards.

(g) Possible Muskoka rally – KWRC representative will take it back to her club for consideration.

(h) Subaru sponsorship – confirmed for 2006 at reduced level. Final details being worked out. Awards will be issued at the end of the season.

5) CARS Update

(a) AGM/EGM Report – Ray Felice reported on the two meetings and other weekend activities. Some changes in positions. The Board is still working on moving the CARS office. Terry Epp is heading up a committee for a huge 50th anniversary celebration of rally in Canada – full weekend in conjunction with the CARS AGM in Toronto.

(b) Series sponsorship/television – Ray Felice reported on details of the 5 year television contract that has been negotiated for the CRC.

6) RSO Rules Committee – new rules for 2006 – posted on website – to be ratified at the AGM. The RSO Scrutineers will issue a bulletin to competitors about notifying RSO re stage competition cars that are bought and sold.

7) OPRC

(a) Series Standings – current & posted

(b) Pines Stewards' Report – distributed to Exec. – very favourable – a few areas cited for improvement. Suggested CARS rule changes included.

(c) Perce Neige – shaping up well – features Organizer-provided notes and one pass for Notes Familiarization in a convoy.

(c) OPRC 30th anniversary – plans underway – Jeff Hagan & Robin Fleguel – will be

an informal reunion in conjunction with the RSO AGM on March 25th.

(e) Regional Seeding/Starting Order – Peter Watt volunteered to work up a proposal for RSO to consider.

(f) Organizer's Guide – Jeff Hagan working on this.

8) ORRC

(a) Series Standings – current & posted

(b) January Jaunt – report received from P. Henshall as Series Steward – good event – 23 cars – 250 km – went into the dark – had snow

(c) Ontario Winter Rally – shaping up well – 47 prepaid entries to date – route done – will be greencrewed by Paul Henshall and John Bellefleur. More workers needed – contact Ross Wood

9) New Business

(a) RSO website forum – alternatives – decided that RSO is officially declaring its forum to be the Rally Section of the CASC-OR website. We encourage all interested parties to go to www.casc.on.ca/forums and register.

(b) Potential new sponsor – Growth Committee will follow up a lead for a potential new series sponsor.

(c) Quiet Zones – Ross Wood reported on a very effective experiment re monitoring Quiet Zones that was tried in the Subaru Winter Rally.

(d) AGM possible motions – Peter Gulliver outlined two motions that he is planning to put forward for consideration at the RSO AGM. The first will deal with clearly creating the option for RSO to select someone specifically to act as the RSO representative on the CARS Board. The second deals with changing the method of voting at an RSO AGM to one with clubs carrying votes determined by number of club members.

10) Club News

KWRC (per Christina Chinn)

In lieu of a January meeting, KWRC held their annual members' banquet. It took place in Ingersoll at the Clog and Thistle Restaurant. The food was good, the conversation lively and our guest speaker fabulous! We invited Lawrence Hacking - the first Canadian to complete the Paris-Dakar Rally and on a bike to boot! He had us spellbound as he recounted his experiences and brought pictures of the 21day Paris-Dakar Rally, educated us with details and more pictures of the 4 day Mongolian race - of which he is the first North American to compete, and gave us details of his experiences in the 2005 Targa Newfoundland with his brother Mark. Lawrence put forth a true rallyist efforts just to get to our banquet; he was in Montreal at the Auto Show with Mitsubishi and the rally car, then flew to Toronto. His flight was delayed, but he still rushed to Ingersoll to entertain us. We highly recommend that you invite him to a meeting as he will not disappoint and he is so thrilled to be asked to do this. One of our more colourful members, Andrew Comrie-Picard, has just won the Sno*Drift Rally run on 27 and 28 of January. I pulled just the following title from the Rally America website:

'Canadian "ACP" wins first round of 2006 Rally America championship - HILLMAN, MI. (January 28 - 8 p.m.) (January 28th, 2006)

It was a hard-fought victory at Sno*Drift for Andrew "ACP" Comrie-Picard, who drove cleanly into first place overall after several top teams fell victim to slick conditions on the 130-mile winter rally.'

Congratulations to Andrew and all of his crew!

My last item is something that just happened on 29 January, 2006. A special thank you goes out to Peter Miller for demonstrating what the rally spirit is all about. He came out to compete in the Subaru Winter Rally that ran overnight from 28 to 29 January. He competed in most of the rally, but when his daughter became car sick, he had to sit out one section until he found another navigator. He did finish the rest of the rally. When he came back to the Comfort Inn to have his breakfast, he generously agreed, without hesitation, to

transport 2 first time - ever - rallyists to Mississauga. Their car had an altercation with one of the rally roads, lost, and was not drivable. These young men will not forget how the rally community came together for them, and especially Peter. A great big thank you to all who help out these two get things organized and home.

PMSC (per Peter Gulliver)

We will be holding our Annual Regional Ice Race Feb 4th & 5th in Minden. This is part of the CASC-OR Series.

Membership renewals, and perhaps more importantly new members, are moving well. Just under 25% being new members, mostly Ice Racers. PMSC will have the largest group of racers under the PMSC Banner than we have had for many years.

PMSC will be continuing its efforts to put the FUN factor into Social meetings. Planned for 2006 is speaker Lawrence Hacking a former competitor in Dakar & Mongolian Rallies as well as Targa Newfoundland. He will speak March 22. We will also hold our Annual BBQ & Paper airplane contest. Go Kart events are also in the planning stages.

Competition wise plans for Spring Run Off and GCFR are both well underway.

TAC (per Dietmar Seelenmayer)

Only recent happening is the January Jaunt on January 7. Had 23 entries, no serious problems. Had one car got stuck in mud off route, contacted me, course closing, by cell phone, pulled him out with my car and he returned to the finish. We used radios as well as cell phones to keep up to date on the event.

MLRC (per Ross Wood)

On the night of January 28-29, the Subaru Winter Rally, organized by Keith Townsend and Jud Buchanan, ran as an MLRC club event out of Smith's Falls. 37 teams ventured out on the challenging course, featuring many of the great roads of the Ontario Winter Rally and Frostbite Rally, when they ran out of Kingston. Conditions varied from hard-packed snow, to ice to gravel and all combinations thereof. When all was said and done a well-deserved 1st Overall was claimed by Gary Neil and Don Ramsay in a new Subaru Legacy with 3.1 in penalties. A mere 0.1 behind were Richard Hepburn and Francis Richard. In the Novice category 1st Overall was taken by Ken Nazeer and Nathan Mekuz with 8.0 in penalties. On February 18-19 MLRC's long-standing event, the Ontario Winter Rally will take place in the Bancroft area. A star-studded line-up assures fierce competition. We have room for a few more entries and need a few more workers also. To enter go to the website at www.mlrc.ca To volunteer, contact Ross Wood at ross.wood@mlrc.ca We treat our workers really well.

(d) Next Meeting – Date/Location

Monday, March 13th at Ray Felice's house in Guelph.