

Rally Sport Ontario
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RSO Board/Executive Meeting – August 21, 2007

Minutes

LOCATION – Girl Guide Office, Newmarket – food 6:45 – meeting 7:30 P.M.

23/08/07

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Ray Felice	President	Present
Rob MacKenzie	Vice-President – Performance	Regrets
Rita Moore	Vice-President – Navigational	Present
Ross Wood	Secretary	Present
Peter Gulliver	Treasurer	Present
Paul Henshall	Executive Assistant	Present
Jeff Hagan	Assistant V.P Performance	Regrets
Roger Sanderson	Scorer	Regrets
Rob Metcalfe	Chief Scrutineer	Regrets
Brian Sharp	Chief Scrutineer	
Christina Chinn	RSO Growth Committee	Regrets
Alasdair, Robertson	Legislative Affairs	Regrets
Jeff Lantz	OPRC Classic Class Coordinator	
TBA	BEMC Club Representative	
Christina Chinn	KWRC Club Representative	Regrets
Greg van Dalen	MCO Club Representative	Regrets
Ross Wood	MLRC Club Representative	Present
Rob MacKenzie	PMSC Club Representative	Regrets
Nuwan Dantanarayana	SPDA Club Representative	
Paul Moore	TAC Club Representative	Regrets

Agenda

- 1) Approval of/additions to Agenda** – approved as amended – Gulliver/Moore
- 2) Approval of July 17, 2007 meeting minutes** – approved as published – Wood/Gulliver
- 3) Treasurer’s Report** – approved as presented – Gulliver/Wood
- 4) Old Business**

(a) RSO Board/Exec. Job Descriptions – pending one more piece of input

(b) Communications – still seeking volunteer to head up public relations communications – contact any Board member for info. – primary function would be to distribute RSO news to the media and general public – Ray F. will approach another candidate who was recommended for the position

(c) RSO Decals – for PMSC trailer etc. – P. Henshall – 30 have been ordered

(d) RallyCross/RallySprint – change in plans for third event due to ongoing zoning issues for the Burnt River Offroad Facility – will be run in Bancroft on Saturday, September 22nd by PMSC – Registration at 10 AM

- another new flyer has been produced and distributed
 - Burnt River Offroad Vehicle Facility has accepted RSO's offer of expert personnel to assist in the rezoning application process
- July 29th RX ran very well – lower than usual number of entrants –
 - likely due to last minute change of venue & schedule
- next event is on August 26th in Bancroft
- pre-register on the RSO site – www.rallysport.on.ca
- a conference call for Organizers held on Aug. 21
- potential site for winter RX in the T.O. area is being investigated

(e) Subaru sponsorship – status for 2007 – meeting was postponed - Ray will reschedule

(f.) Bill 203 – (per Alasdair Robertson) – regulations have been gazetted – late changes to the "stunt driving" section to include driving 50 kph+ over the limit

- section pertinent to rally is highly significant and very much met our wishes – direct quote –

Exceptions

4. (1) Despite section 2, "race" and "contest" do not include,

- (a) a rally, navigational rally or similar event that is conducted,
 - (i) under the supervision of the Canadian Association of Rally Sport,
 - (ii) under the supervision of a club or association approved in writing by the Ministry, or
 - (iii) with the written approval of the road authority or road authorities having jurisdiction over the highway or highways used;
- (b) motor vehicle owners engaged in a tour, scenic drive, treasure hunt or other similar motoring event in which the participants drive responsibly and in a manner that indicates an overall intention to comply with the provisions of the Act; or
- (c) an event held on a closed course with the written approval of the road authority having jurisdiction over the highway, including any event lawfully using any of the trademarks "CART", "Formula One", "Indy", "IndyCar", "IRL" or "NASCAR". O. Reg. 455/07, s. 4 (1).

- a press release will be issued indicating CARS/RSO appreciation and support of this legislation

- Note (1) – the rally community owes a huge debt of gratitude to Alasdair Robertson, whose dedication and hard work reaped such great rewards in this matter

- Note (2) – now that we are specifically mentioned in the legislation, We are bound to be under close public scrutiny. It is essential that our events and our members adhere to our rules closely. Anyone carrying rally decals, lights etc on your car now has an added

responsibility to set a good example on public roads

CARS Update – Rule change process is underway.

6) OPRC

(a) Series Standings – GCFR Results yet to be included in the standings posted

(b) Co-drivers' Course – Mark Williams will run a co-driver's course for RSO
- date tentatively set for November 10 – location TBA – P. Gulliver working on details

(c) Black Bear Follow-up - towing incident – Stewards have investigated – RSO President will take back to the CARS Board for further discussion with a recommendation from the RSO Board for action

(d) GCFR Update – good event - 18 entries – road was in great condition
- a few concerns were discussed
- Steward's report - pending

(e) Tall Pines Update – shaping up well – Supp Regs have been submitted
- road permissions coming as expected
- will feature a recce/notes school on Thursday prior to recce by Tom McGeer & Mark Williams
- Stewards – a change is being worked out due to one of the Stewards deciding to take on an active role in the event management
- request from Pines for RSO financial support was denied

(f) Vehicle Registration/Dealer Plates
- RSO wants to indicate clearly that under no circumstance can vehicles entered in RSO events run on dealer plates, service plates or trip permits
- RSO will investigate details re registration of certain vehicles

(g) Classic Class – event trophies and series trophies being provided by the generosity of Ian Crerar

7) ORRC

(a) Series Standings – standings posted –

(b) Infinite Monkeys – August 25th – will run out of Primrose on roads north of there
- rally all set to go
- Martin Loveridge will act as RSO Steward

(c) Drivexes – query from one club re the status of these events – VP Navigation will discuss with club representative to clarify

(d) Red Crosses – now printed and laminated – each ORRC team must have one in their car during events – RSO will be selling at events for \$2

8) Growth Committee - (per Christina Chinn)

Materials supplied to me by Phil Narini from his display This past Saturday there were a variety of events for the Growth Committee to come out and put up displays, but sadly, only 2 of them were attended by the committee and RSO. Ray Felice brought the AV equipment to the Powerade Center in Brampton for a Solo 2 even.

I attended the MLRC - Tall Pines - Part Source Rexdale location bar-b-que to raise money for the Big Brothers and Sisters Organization. The following people were in attendance:

Alan Ryall and Bruce Leonard - With the Tall Pines Subaru
Matt Barnes - With Bryn Epp's rally dressed Mazda pick up truck
Ryan Huber - With his Rally dressed Subaru
Roger Sanderson - With his still dirty from the Mini Rally on Monday
Morgan Buschlen - With his Sweep ready jeep - not yet painted red
Donna Huber
Kim Prime
'Chef" Phil Assad - Store manager with his bar-b-que
Myself - With some display boards and hand outs.
RSO calendar cards
RSO schedules copied from the web site

For the first year of this event and the newness of the store, the turnout was mild, but Phil intends on continuing the event, only more often and will continue to invite us to participate.

(per Ray Felice)

There was a booth set up and supported by Hot Bits/Fourstar/N&D Automotive at the VAG Craft show held at the Powerade Center in Brampton. This show was for VW, Audi and German vehicles. There was one performance rally car Reilly/Felice Rally Golf there as well as a made up navigational Golf. We also had RSO flyers, Tall Pines flyers, and videos. Ray Felice and Peter Reilly along with some of their service crew were on hand all day to answer questions and hand out info. Attendance for the event was about 2000 ppl. Had lots of interest in rally. Especially in Tall Pines and spectating at the event.

9) New Business

(a) Equipment – one of the RSO pop-up tents is worn out and will be replaced - anyone leads re good sources would be appreciated

(b) 2008 Calendar – **The submission of proposed event dates for 2008 will be done by e mail again this year.**
All clubs are asking to submit proposed dates for events (with at least one alternate date) plus Name of the Organizer by Wednesday, October 3rd.

10) Club News

MLRC (per Ross Wood)

- Mini Series – Series going well – 15 entries in August - next event is on September 10th -
- Rally of the Tall Pines – shaping up very well – will need lots of workers – set aside November 23-24 – Worker Registration will open up around September 20th
- First RallyCross went well – next one August 26th in Bancroft

TAC (per Paul Moore)

TAC will not be holding their August meeting but remain very active nonetheless all month. On August 18 and 19th TAC along with SPDA hosted a Solosprint event at Toronto Motorsport Park in Cayuga. Also August 19th, TAC presented a contract rally for the Guru Nanak Social Club.

The fifth and penultimate round in the Ralliette Series will be held on Wednesday, August 22nd. All ralliettes have been held exclusively in the west end of Toronto this year (starting and finishing at Mississauga Road and Derry Road). This start location as provided a variety of great rally roads and a viable alternative for crews coming in from west of the GTA. The final round will be held on September 26th.

On August 25th and 26th, TAC will be holding their annual social weekend at Mosport in conjunction with the Grand Prix of Mosport. TAC will be setting up their "hospitality tent" between turns 2 and 3 for the weekend. All RSO members in the neighbourhood are welcome to drop by.

Also on August 25th, the Infinite Monkeys Rally (round six in the ORRC series) will be running from Primrose (Hwy 89 and 10). The route was "greened" last weekend and the green crew reports excellent roads and a challenging route book. There were no errors to speak of in the route and amendments were limited to some minor interpretative issues. The long, long range forecast calls for rain, which should add extra challenge for the competitors on the predominantly gravel/unimproved roads.

MCO (per Greg van Dalen)

Summer Nite rallies are going well, and our first navigational rally partnered up with the National Capital Subaru Club (SPDA affiliated club) went very well. The NCSC now has the tools and knowledge to host future events. We look forward to more great rallies from them.

-Summer Nite Rally # 4 is Wednesday Aug 29th, start and finish in Carp Ontario. This will be our club 6th Navigational rally this year.

-No Fall Rally has been scheduled at this time

-We have raised over \$600.00 towards our goal of \$1000.00 towards the Roger House Charity. This includes 5\$ from every entry fee this year.

KWRC (per Christina Chinn)

In lieu of a meeting for August, KWRC held it's annual Go-Kart night. It was well attended - including one of our members from Michigan, Jeff Secor - and a good time was had by all members and guests. One female member came away with some minor bragging rights - isn't that right, Ray!

The August SNATR was held on Sunday at noon - Saturday Noon At The Rally - and ended with our annual bar-b-que. We were joined by some of our non-club-member regular participants who also joined us at the b-b-q. There were 13 teams competing and 10 checkpoints. Only one of the teams got lost, but eventually let their noses find the food for them.

PMSC (per Pete Gulliver)

PMSC membership has continued to grow and has now reached a new record

SPDA (per Nuwan Dantanarayana)

11) **Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 9 – 7:30 P.M. Note – this will be a conference call. Anyone wishing to participate must advise Ross Wood, RSO Secretary, no later than [Monday, October 8th](#).**