

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – March 10, 2009

Minutes

LOCATION – Conference Call meeting 7:30 PM – contact Ross Wood for call-in details

16/03/09

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

Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda – as amended – Gulliver/Moore**
 - 2) **Approval of January 27, 2009 meeting minutes – as published – Moore/MacKenzie**
 - 3) **Treasurer's Report – as presented – Gulliver/Wood**
 - **full report is ready for AGM**
 - 4) **CARS Update – insurance rates will be unchanged for 2009 with excep**

Rally category for closed venue (track) events - \$30 per vehicle

 - anyone needing a CARS Rulebook should request from Ray F. – note – the Rulebook is posted on the CARS website
 - clarification re U.S. vehicle eligibility – U.S. vehicles can run in CARS events but will be classed according to CARS Class Rules
 - 5) **Old Business - (a) RSO AGM & Awards Banquet – March 21, 2009**
 - venue – Baker's Hill Banquet Centre, Peterborough , 555 Parkhill Rd. (SW corner of Television Rd.& Parkhill Rd. – across from former **A1 Shell where numerous PMSC events have started**)
 - **10 AM AGM; 12:30 cocktails; 1:00 Awards Banquet**
 - **Proposed Bylaw changes re voting and quorum at AGM plus a proposal handling the dissolution of RSO in the unlikely event that should occur**
 - **positions up for election are President, VP Performance & Treasurer – Nominating Committee is being headed up by Ross Wood**
- (b) RallyCross/RallySprint

- MLRC has set up a series with 5 RX events – 2 winter and 3 summer – dates are January 25th, February 15th, July 26th, September 27th & October 18th

- venue will be Bancroft with exception of September being at Burnt River

- second event was another huge success with icy winter conditions so the course was sanded providing excellent conditions – had 31 entries – Results posted at http://www.mlrc.ca/rallycross/results/2009/Rallycross-Feb.15.09_WEB.pdf

- MCO is planning 3 RallyCrosses in the Summer & Fall

(c) Canadian International (Toronto) Auto Show – February 13-22 - RSO had a both booked – on the 100 level of the Rogers Centre – right by entrance of all traffic to the building - shared with Targa and HotBits – had two cars on display and a Rally simulator

(d) RSO Calendar Cards – printed – were distributed at the Auto Show

- a few changes were suggested for 2009

(e) HAM Radio Course – 12 attended – 10 passed – course run by Roger Sanderson and Rob Metcalfe

(f) RSO Rally School – March 23, March 30 & April 6 – Caledon Village Hall – all

Attendees will receive a \$5 coupon to use at any 2009 ORRC event

- contact Paul Henshall to register – paul@hslrallysport.ca

6) OPRC

(a) Series Standings – to be posted soon

(b) Perce Neige Rally - Feb. 6-7 – Maniwaki – 42 started – 16 OPRC – great competition – lead changed several times – road blockage in final stage

(c) Shannonville Rally – April 4, 2009 – plans shaping up well – Senior Steward will be

Alasdair Robertson – clarification re tires posted – discussion re track rental fee –

Ray F. to follow up

(d) Lanark Highlands Forest Rally – May 9 – shaping up well – Supp. Regs almost

done – entries coming in – Stewards will be Ross Wood & Peter Gulliver

(e) Black Bear Rally – June 13 – still working on approval for moving to Bancroft area –

- good reception from many in the area

(f) OPRC Series – changes – complete as printed in previous minutes

(g) Organizers' Forum – MLRC will host an OPRC Organizers' forum on their website

- Ross is collected names and email addresses of participants

(h) Door Panels – RSO Regional events will use the CARS door panels with a Regional sponsor (Hotbits) decal on it

(i) Galway Cavendish Forest Rally – same route as 2008 – website is ready – one

free early bird entry by draw

7) ORRC

(a) Series Standings – current as posted on RSO site

(b) Maple Leaf Winter Rally – 19 entries – great conditions – went well – pending Steward's report

(c) Organizer's Points – Novice Organizers will be awarded points same as Expert & Intermediate

(d) Self Declaration Registration - reminder that this is not to be used at ORRC events

8) Growth Committee - (per Christina Chinn)

- no report – Ray F. will follow up

New Business –

(1) Etiquette – reminder that while acting in any way as a representative of RSO

we must be mindful of any statements or actions that might reflect

poorly on RSO or rally in general

(2) Board History – Rita M. is working on a history of RSO Board members from

Its inception to the present time

10) Club News

MLRC (per Ross Wood)

- **second and third Mini Rallies have been held – entries slowly growing -new Start/Finish venue (Husky Service Centre at Hwy. 400 & 88), simplified instruction format is working out well**

- **second Winter Rallycross was run on Sunday, February 15th - in Bancroft on the Golton property (new Pines Spectator Stage) – 31 entries in great winter conditions**

- **MLWR (Maple Leaf Winter Rally) – all night ORRC event was run out of Bancroft on the night of February 21-22 on the great traditional winter rally roads – ideal winter driving conditions – 19 cars entered - also featured a run around the RallyCross course for a non-scoring warm-up section – see details on the MLRC website at www.mlrc.ca**

- **Pines Committee is holding its first meeting on March 14th – anyone interested in joining**

the committee should contact Mike Koch at mike@tallpines.com

- **the Black Bear Committee is hard at work – very warm reception from numerous parties in the Bancroft area**

- **have a Test Day scheduled for March 17 on the**

Galway Cavendish Rd.

TAC (per Paul Moore)

TAC members are now celebrating their successes with the close of the ice racing season. The cars have now been placed in hibernation until they are pulled out of storage next January, at the last minute, and the owner suddenly remembers last season's incomplete "to do" list! Congratulations to the 23 TAC members who finished in the top ten in their classes! Ice racing runs for six consecutive weekends (weather permitting) starting the third weekend in January in Minden, Ontario .

Did anyone see the 32-page March 2009 issue of TAC's Fifth Gear? On page 12 are three interesting views of ice racing. Who would have thought you could use the hoist on a garbage bin truck to straighten the frame of a car enough between races to go out and win the next race? Also, what happens when small cars meet BIG snow banks? Fifth Gear will be available on the TAC website soon.

TAC member are eagerly awaiting the return of the warm weather and the various forms of pavement racing that goes along with it. Would you believe people actually race cars on....pavement?! Weird, eh?

Preparations are also under way for the two remaining TAC rally events, the Discover Ontario Rally in June and the Infinite Monkeys Rally in August. Brooke Jacobs returns as the organizer of the "DOCR" this year after a two-year "vacation" to develop some insidious instructions for the intermediates and experts. It should be **fun!**

MCO (per Jeannie MacGillivray)

We now have four more HAMs in the Rally Group, and we thank the RSO for providing this course every year!

Most of our efforts have been on the upcoming Lanark Highlands Forest Rally (LHFR), and to complement the event we are holding a Saturday-morning course for new co-drivers on March 28. We have 17 students signed up so far. The course will be given by Mike Koch and Jane Laan, at the Tifosi Lounge at St. Anthony's Soccer Club in Ottawa .

The LHFR committee has been busy on just about all aspects of the event. To date, we have 10 entries and are preparing our Supplementary Regulations. (The organizer and I regret that this has happened in reverse order!)

We had 10 attendees at our February Rally Group meeting.

The road rallies, known as the Open Road Rally series, will kick off with a school for navigators in May, given by Robert Roaldi. Date to be announced. The organizer is Glen Clarke.

Greg van Dalen will again be organizing rallycrosses at Augusta , with three being planned for 2009. Some Rally Group members competed in the MCO's Snowcross series (not organized by the Rally Group). The series standings will be posted soon.

KWRC (per Christina Chinn)

PMSC (per Rob MacKenzie)

The Peterborough Motor Sport Club has 41 members to date.

PMSC had 18 Club members run in the CASC-OR ice race season.

March social meeting will have jacks mini rally on March 25th.

The Shannonville Stages Rally plans are coming along well and expect a large turn out.

The GCFR has its Sponsorship in place and is well on its way to another successful event.

Louis is back this year to organize one of his classic ORRC Spring Run Off's. This event will run April 18th.

SPDA (per Nuwan Dantanmarayana)

11) Next Meeting – TBD at the AGM