

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – February 25/10
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Minutes

LOCATION – Conference Call – 7:30 PM

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	
Steve Van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	
Christina Chinn	RSO Growth Committee	Regrets
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Ross Wood	RallyCross Coordinator	Yes
TBA	BEMC Club Representative	
Christina Chinn	KWRC Club Representative	Regrets
Vincent Landreville	MCO Club Representative	Regrets
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 – Felice/Gulliver
- 2) **Approval of December 15, 2009 meeting minutes** – as published – Gulliver/MacKenzie
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – as presented – Gulliver/Wood
- 4) **CARS Update** – (1) Scrutineering Manual being created
(2) Stewarding Committee – core Stewards list has been created – from that list Stewards are being assigned to Baie & Defi Stewarding Guidebook is being created
(3) Marshalling Standards – National handbook is being created
(4) Safety Guidelines to be reviewed
(5) New website will be launched very soon

5) Old Business -

- (a) **2009 RSO AGM & Awards Banquet** – will be held on Saturday, March 20th at Baker's Hill, Peterborough (same location as last year). Elections will be held for VP Navigation (2 years) and Secretary (2 years). Candidates should make their intentions known to an RSO Board member. The RSO Trustees Committee elects one candidate per year for a three year term. Candidates should make their intentions known to an RSO Board member. Award winner lists were discussed and finalized. Paul H. will order the awards.

Invitations are being issued to award winners, Stewards, Organizers etc
Extra tickets are being sold at the subsidized price of \$15 – contact Ross Wood to order tickets.

AGM is at 10 AM; bar opens at 12:30; lunch and awards at 1:00

- (b) **2010 CME Auto Show (Canadian Motorsport Exposition)** – January 22-24 – International Centre – was quiet on Friday, lots of activity Saturday & Sunday
- (c) **Calendar Cards** – have been printed and distributed at the Auto Show – any club wishing some should contact Ray Felice
- (d) **Skype** – will do a test before the next Board meeting
- (e) **2010 RSO Calendar** – has been sent out to Clubs and published on the website – Note one change – Blossom Rally will be held on May 8th.
- (f) **CARS Rulebooks** – are now available – contact Ray Felice if you need one

(g) **Burnt River Offroad Facility** - not quite ready for our use yet for RallyCross – loan to be repaid in near future

- (h) **RSO First Aid Course** – 10 attended – all passed

6) OPRC

- (a) **Series Standings** – to be updated soon
- (b) **Tall Pines** – pending Steward's Report -

(c) **Perce Neige** – 54 starters – record for CRC since 2004 – ran very well – great competition – pending Steward's Report

(d) **Light Bars** – Paul Moore is coordinating the project – a technical expert is checking the existing lights and will make recommendations – a dash-mounted light is being tested – some good leads have come in re purchasing – an inexpensive source for sirens has been found

(e) **Marshals' Handbook** – being coordinated by CARS

(f) **Scrutineer's Report - 1) One new logbook issued so far this year.**

2) **Perce-Neige went fine from a tech point of view. We had just enough help and the facility was excellent. There was 2 issues that came up:**

a) **Tow ropes being pre-attached to cars. We informed the organizers and left the decision to them.**

b) **There was concern about the condition of one car. The competitor was informed along with the appropriate officials. It was also noted in the logbook.**

(g) **Shannonville Testing** – CARS Rule applies – no practising on track for 60 days prior to the event

7) ORRC

(a) **Series Standings** – current as posted

(b) **Discover Ontario Rally** – pending Steward's Report

(c) **Open Road Rally** – Steward's Report received

(d) **First Frost Rally** – Steward's Report received

(e) **January Jaunt Rally** – Steward's Report received – 18 cars – good event – dry road conditions

(f) **Maple Leaf Winter Rally** – 30 cars – ran well – some problems with competitors in QZ's – Steward's Report received

(g) **Rule change – Rest Stops – added to RSO Rules – 22.6 (c) Rallies over 4 hours in length should have a rest stop approximately every 3 hours or less.** Note – see attachment for full explanation from the V.P. of Navigational Rally.

After soliciting and receiving input from over 20 rallyists, organizers, and competitors, I have finalized the proposed new rule for the RSO navigational rulebook. A huge majority of those consulted were against over-regulation, and one person perhaps said it best when he suggested that the RSO rulebook already contains many things that would be better suited to a procedural manual than actual rules. He pointed to the rulebooks of other jurisdictions, noting that while ours is 21 pages, some provinces get by with only a couple. Yet another organizer put it this way, "As a society we probably suffer from too many rules. Rather than relying on "common" sense or market forces we feel the need to make laws. We have to have rules for safety or fairness, but for this?"

Based on these responses, one can see that any wording proposals which contained great or rigid detail about how they envisioned the new rule were overly and unnecessarily complex. Given that the RSO Board wishes to add a rule, I was urged to keep it simple and flexible. I therefore present the final version of this rule, which addresses what the original proponent wished while allowing flexible implementation by all events.

22.6 (c) Rallies over 4 hours in length should have a rest stop approximately every 3 hours or less.

(h) Do It Yourself (DIY) controls – were used at MLWR – to be reviewed closely by RSO before further use – some feel they will need to be used consistently whenever used.

8) Growth Committee - (per Christina Chinn)

No report

New Business –

(1) RSO HAM Radio Course – March 6 & 7 – register online on RSO site or contact Roger Sanderson directly – 9 registered to date

(2) RSO Rally School – March 22, 29 April 5 – contact Paul Henshall for info at Paul.Henshall@gmail.com - \$10 ORRC discount coupon will be issued to all participants.

(3) RallyCross – MLRC's February RallyCross was run in Bancroft on Feb. 28 – 30 entries

10) Club News

MLRC (per Ross Wood)

The Mini Rallies have started for the 2010 season – events held on January 25th & February 10th at the Husky at Hwy. 400 & 88. Entries slowly growing. Events have run well.

The Maple Leaf Winter Rally (MLWR) was run on the night of February 20-21 out of Bancroft. This year's event ran with very simple instructions. 30 teams entered and the event was a great success. The Intermediate team of Stephen D/Opel G took 1st O/A with a score of 4.3. 2nd O/A went to the Expert team of Ferdinand & Christoph T. With a score of 5.9..

First RallyCross was run on January 24th - highly successful with 34 entries. Next one will be held on February 28th in Bancroft..

TAC (per Paul Moore)

The Toronto Autosport Club hosted on the January Jaunt again this year opening the 2010 ORRC series. Sixteen teams (11 novice) challenged the twisty, rural roads in and around the Niagara Escarpment. The weather didn't cooperate by providing winter conditions for the teams, but route and instructions were classic Jaunt fare!

Eighteen TAC members are competing in this year's ice racing in Minden . The sixth and final weekend of racing goes on February 27 and 28 on what is expected to be a rapidly vanishing track. The mild winter weather has played havoc to the track builders. As the season wraps up, there is no clear contenders for the "Bank Manager" award, but Dave Lynch unfortunate "turtle" experience in round 2 has him leading in the TAC "Roll Over" award. Dave was not injured and many competitor loaned tools and hands to have the Escort back on the track on Sunday morning. Dave's only comment after racing twice in -15 degree, snowy weather was that he won't ever race without a windshield again!

Work is already underway for the two remaining TAC rallies of the season: the Discover Ontario Rally in June and the Infinite Monkeys in August.

MCO (per Vincent Landreville)

The open road navigational rally series run by Open Road Motor sports had it's first event on Jan 23. All went well but only 9 participants. Hopefully, we will increase numbers for the next events.

-Perce Neige rally produced allot of hardware for MCO members.

P Sport: first in class the locals Ouellette brothers, Alex driver and Nick co-driver

P GT: first in class with TONIK team Warren H driver and Jim M co-driver

G2: first in class with MCO rally rep Vince L driver and Chuck S co-driver

Given the level of MCO involvement relating the the Perce Neige event, MCO as a club is very happy and proud of the successful weekend and competitor performance. We are all looking forward to next year and getting all the more involved.

-The SnowX series is going very well with over 60 competitors in the championship and a average 30 competitors per event. The track is being well maintained (given the lack of snowfall) by a very helpful grooming crew. Great commitment from those guys.

-As for rallyX this summer, the jury is still out on that one as we do not have a confirmed RallyX rep or a confirmed site for the events. Some "better" news may be coming on that front shortly.

I wish I could (finally) join you for the meeting as I still have not met some of you but I work Thursday evenings. Hopefully in March.

KWRC (per Christina Chinn)

PMSC (per Rob MacKenzie)

The Peterborough Motor Sport Club has 68 members to date.

Thank you goes out to Peter Watt for organizing a great Ice Race weekend for PMSC. The date of the event was February 13-14 with many PMSC members working and competing. Thank you also goes out to the other clubs who had members working the event.

The Shannonville Stages Rally, organized by Peter Watt, is well under way to being another great RSO event which will take place April 10, 2010.

SPDA (per Nuwan Dantnarayana)

11) Next Meeting – TBD after RSO AGM & Election