



General Meeting -- MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 (7:30 pm)

Attending: Ray Felice, Rob MacKenzie, Rita Moore, Paul Moore, Peter Gulliver, Ross Wood

Regrets: Steve Van Rees

Location: Newmarket, in person.

Note: The Board sends an apology to KWRC Rep Christina Chinn, MCO Rep Christopher Pye and SPDA Rep Stephen Deneka. These Representatives were to join the meeting by conference call, however equipment problems then service provider issues prevented us from opening the conference call. We apologize for the inconvenience.

1. Approval of/additions to the Agenda: agenda approved with two additions, "board issues" and "seat switching".
2. Approval of the last meeting minutes (December 13, 2010): moved, seconded, carried.
<http://www.rallysport.on.ca/index.php?fuseaction=site.details&id=526>
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Provided and reviewed. It was noted that a \$12,000 GIC had been cashed. Questions were raised, and answered by the Treasurer. The report was moved, seconded, and carried to accept.
4. CARS Update, per Ray Felice
 - a. The recent CARS appointments are: President, Tom McGeer; Ontario Region Director, Ray Felice; Western Region Director, Eric Grochowski; Quebec Region Director, Stephane Simard; Treasurer, Clarke Paynter.
 - b. New website is up and running in a test environment.
 - c. Plans were made to do more with social media for future national events.
 - d. Rule change committee up and running: changes can be submitted at any time.
 - e. TARGA Canada West will be holding its first event, the TTR, Targa Tabula Rasa, on May 14th, which is CARS sanctioned.
 - f. The new competitor rep is Bruno Carré
 - g. New policy on door panels numbers and windshield banners: no cost for the first set, charges for any further sets.
 - h. CARS will be purchase three HAM radios for stewards.
5. Old Business
 - a. RSO Annual General Meeting
 - announcement to be amended to include mention of election for one trustee.
 - Proxy form included
 - A question on whether the awards are ordered



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- b. RSO Procedures Manual, Ray to contact interested persons
 - c. Navigational Rally School (school to be advertised)
 - Need ads to go out
 - Post on forums
 - Paul Henshall and Alan Ryall have been arranging the course
 - d. RSO decals
 - Paul Henshall still to look into ordering. Ray to confirm with Paul H.
 - e. Board Issues: an in camera discussion took place.
6. ORRC Report
- a. January Jaunt: no stewards report received yet
 - b. Rideau Winter Rally: no stewards report received yet
 - c. Maple Leaf Winter Rally: no stewards report received yet
 - d. ORRC scores: up to date. Board agreed to give organizer points to Jane Leonard for MLWR.
 - e. Year end trophies: wording confirmed
 - f. Proposed rule changes: Rita to strike a rules committee to look at the entire issue.
7. OPRC Report
- a. Perce-Neige: no stewards report received yet.
 - b. OPRC scores: soon to be updated with Perce-Neige results.
 - c. Seat switching: the rules state that competitors cannot switch seats in national events. The rules say they can switch in Rallycross and RallySprint. Ray to go back to CARS Board and check into rules regarding switching in regional performance events.
 - d. Discussion of one competitor's interest in creating something like the "Max-Attack" series for two wheel drives.
8. Growth Committee Report
- a. none
9. Legislative Affairs Report
- a. none
10. Scrutineer's Report
- a. None
11. Equipment Manager's Report
- a. After seeking input from a large number of RSO members, the RSO Board has decided that it wishes to move ahead with the purchase of electronic timing equipment. A detailed presentation about this will be made at the AGM under the financial report and budget. A report was received from Newell Equipment containing a proposed maintenance package on the new timing equipment.





- b. Clocks and radio purchases on hold for now.

12. New Business

- a. Stewards' Expenses (per Ross): RSO will continue to cover expenses for Stewards for all OPRC events: \$150 in Ontario, \$250 outside Ontario. Events provide accommodation.
- b. Stewards' Policy Manual reaching completion.

13. Club News

- a. BEMC
None

- b. KWRC (per Christina Chinn)

We received a request came from PMSC to give a donation toward the new timing system. They have donated \$ 1,000.00 and are looking for support from other clubs. We want more information on the system before we commit any finances.

we will be offering a first aid course to our members. Projected time will be in the spring.

MLRC is looking for Ham operators for the Ontario Winter Rally, we encourage all of our hams offer to volunteer for the overnight rally.

RSO is having a Ham operators course on 5/6 March. There are only a few people signed up. It will be held Girl Guide office in Newmarket. Contact Roger Sanderson for details.

During our "Coffee and Conversation" portion, Christina shared some of her experienced from the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique.

- c. MCO (per Chris Pye)

Rideau Winter Rally. organized by MCO and Open Road Motorsports, was held on Jan 22 & 23, based out of Perth. The roads were on great shape, snow covered with very little ice. On the Sunday morning a light covering of snow and no ploughing meant that very little tarmac was seen during that part of the event. This was a two day event, counted as 2 rallies on the MCO ORRS series but only one rally in the provincial ORRC series. 12 teams turned out on each day.

ORRC results are available on the CARS web site, ORRS series results have been published on the MCO rally forum. Thanks to Glen Clarke of Open Road Motorsports for organizing the event, Robert Roaldi for setting such a wonderful route, and to all the volunteers who came out to run checkpoints.

A number of MCO members were involved in Rallye Perce Neige, some as competitors, more as volunteers. We were all glad to be part of this successful event.





The Snow-X series has been hampered by a shortage of snow and cold weather. While everyone around us seems to get dumped on we have had little snow in Ottawa. With a lot of effort from the track crew we have managed to run a few Winter Driving Schools but no Snow-X or Ice Race events. We hope that will change later in February.

Organization of the Lanark Highlands Forrest Rally is well under way. Contracts with the Township and caterer have been signed. The rally headquarters have been moved to Lanark village as the facilities in McDonald's Corners are booked for the rally weekend.

The MCO rally group now meets on the second Thursday of each month. We usually start with a discussion of current rally related issues and then have a presentation by a member or guest. Topics include such things as experiences in rally series, rally economics and new technologies. For more information email rally@mco.org.

d. MLRC

The MLRC AGM was held on January 25, 2011. 2010 Season Awards were presented for RallyCross, the Mini Series and rally. MVP award went to 'Crazy Leo'. The club is in a solid financial position. Elections were held as follows: President - James Drake and Secretary - Derek Vincent, both for two year terms. Other Board members with a year remaining in their terms are John Vanos, Bruce Leonard and Phil Jeffries.

As mentioned previously there are some significant changes in the format of the Mini Rallies for 2011. For 2011 the Mini Rallies will be run on Saturday afternoons, beginning in February. The schedule is as follows: February 5th, March 12th and April 9th. These rallies will be run in the afternoon/evening (each about 1/3 in darkness), will be about 150 km in length and will have a different Start/Finish location each time, with possibly a different Start/Finish location for a specific event. Instruction format will remain very simple. Classes will be Equipped and Unequipped.

The first Mini was run on February 5th out of the Husky at Hwy 400 and 88 with seven entries. It ran very well. The next is set for March 12th. The Start will be at the Tim Hortons on the SE corner of Hwy 10 and Mayfield Rd. in Snelgrove with the Finish just down the road at the Swiss Chalet. Registration will open at 4:00 PM with first car away at 6:01. Thanks to Ken Nazeer for all his good work in putting this series together.

The 2011 FourStar RallyCross series in Bancroft has now run two very successful winter RallyCross events, both with about 35 drivers. The first on





January 23rd was a bitterly cold day, but everyone had a blast. The second on February 27th was a much milder day and also ran without a hitch. The remaining events will be held on July 10th, September 25th and October 23rd. Check the website and sign up online at <http://www.mlrc.ca/rallycross/> Credit goes to James Drake for the excellent organization of this series.

On a perfect winter night with perfect winter driving conditions , 24 teams 'forayed into the forest' for the Maple Leaf Winter Rally on the night of February 11-12 out of the Bancroft Fish & Game Club, featuring the traditional great roads in the Bancroft/Coe Hill area. Organizers were Bruce and Jane Leonard. The MLWR, having been chosen to be included in a new WINTR Series featuring six events in Canada and the U.S., drew a couple of U.S. teams Bruce and Jane are already talking about ideas for the 2012 MLWR.

Plans are underway for both the Black Bear Rally (June 10th and 11th) and the Rally of the Tall Pines (November 25-26th weekend). If you wish to be on the Black Bear committee, contact Donna Huber at dhuber@on.aibn.com To get involved with the Tall Pines, contact Ian Wright at ian@tallpinesrally.com

- e. PMSC (per Mike Van Rees)
 - Peterborough Motor Sports Club has 32 members so far this year.
 - Ice race weekend is Feb. 12-13th organized by Len Arminio.
 - Annual awards night was on Jan.26. Pete Gulliver took home the rally driver award for 2010. Peter Watson was awarded top navigator for 2010. Peter Watt was awarded the PMSC executive award for his contributions to motorsport in general for 2010.
- f. TAC (per Paul Moore)
 - TAC was proud to present the first regional rally of 2011, the January Jaunt on Jan 8 out of Waterdown. 21 cars came out, 14 of them Novices, to drive in the wintry cold Niagara Escarpment country. A fun (yet safe) drive was had by all, and the night concluded with good food at the always popular Royal Coachman.
 - Many TAC members are now involved in ice racing, and rallyists are welcome to visit the Minden track to check out the action, and get a ride in the races.
 - TAC has been selling sweatshirts and toques at a great price to promote the club, and they have proven so popular that we are already nearly sold out.
 - TAC volunteers participated in the Canadian Motorsports Expo with the CASC booth.
- g. SPDA

Next meeting: After the AGM and to be confirmed by the incoming Board

