



**RSO Board/Executive Meeting – September 20, 2011**  
**Minutes**

LOCATION: Teleconference – meeting at 7:30 p.m.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
Ray Felice	President	Yes
Warren Haywood	Vice-President – Performance	Yes
Bruce Leonard	Vice-President – Navigational	Yes
Jeannie MacGillivray	Secretary	Yes
Peter Gulliver	Treasurer	Yes
Paul Henshall	Executive Assistant	
Ross Wood	Administrative Assistant / Equipment Manager	Yes
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	
Steve van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	
Vacant	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Christina Chinn	KWRC Club Representative	
Chris Pye	MCO Club Representative	Yes
Ross Wood	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Mike van Rees	PMSC Club Representative	
Nuwan Dantalarayana	SPDA Club Representative	
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	
Adam Dowsett	KWRC President	Yes
Peter Watt	PMSC Meeting Chairman	Yes

## **Agenda**

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda** – Approved as written. Gulliver/Leonard.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of our last meeting** – Approved as amended.  
Gulliver/Haywood.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report** – Update presented by Pete Gulliver. Approved as presented.  
Gulliver/Leonard.
- 4) **CARS – Ray.**
  - (a) CRC Standards and Principles.

**ACTION:** Ray to update us on news from the CARS July and September meetings when RSO meets next.

## 5) Old Business –

**(a) RSO Policy and Procedures Manual – Pete.** No activity to date.

**ACTION:** Pete and Jeannie to create a structure and advise Board members so they can contribute. Warren offered to provide some content.

**(b) RSO Notes-writing School – Ray.** An experienced co-driver has agreed to teach this course. Dates are being negotiated, as is a choice of venue.

**ACTION:** Ray to follow up.

**(c) Job descriptions – Jeannie.** Update on job descriptions. The key Board positions have been drafted and two RSO Executive positions remain to be done.

**ACTION:** Jeannie to get the remaining two drafted and send those already done to the job incumbents for their comments.

**(d) Proxy and voting committee – Pete.** The committee has been deadlocked and thus unable to put forth any recommendations.

**ACTION:** Pete to ask them to write a report stating this.

**(e) Timing equipment for Rallycross – Ross.** The system is still developing. They are going to connect the Start/Finish line with hard wire rather than using radio transmissions.

### Report on RSO Timing Equipment at 2011 Rallye Défi–Ste. Agathe

The RallySport Ontario Timing Team had another very successful experience at the 2011 Rallye Défi–Ste. Agathe. There were, however, some significant challenges, the biggest being an extreme lack of information being provided by the Organizers prior to our trip there. That was further compounded by the fact that none of the team had been to Défi in recent years. Once on site a day early to do stage recce, especially with regard to control and Flying Finish locations, we found that the information provided was insufficient for our purposes and, in several cases, incorrect. So the end result was that there was a lot of last-minute preparation and setup. Nevertheless, once again we got accurate times for every car in every stage.

The team for Défi was comprised of Doug Hollands, Peter Gulliver, Larry Flint, Chris Major, Angela Cosner and Ross Wood. Mark and Christine Newell did a great job of preparing the equipment under a lot of time pressure.

At each event we are still perfecting use of the system and developing best practices. For this event we had Christine lengthen the cables between the electronic beam sensors and the Flying Finish timer clocks. That was a great benefit in terms of safety and efficient operation. We also made general use of the ‘shadow clock’ at Flying Finishes (a second clock triggered manually). This was a lifesaver in some stages as the beams were giving many false readings due to extreme dust conditions.

The Défi workers were a delight to work with and my list of experienced operators keeps growing. We also recruited another worker with a high degree of aptitude and interest, who has committed to join the RSO team at most Quebec events. He is capable of setting up, operating and trouble-shooting the equipment.

We are now ready for the next big step in developing the equipment to its potential. So far, the times gathered by the RSO timers have been transferred manually to the competitor routecards, with the routecards being the primary source of data for scoring. At the Pines, we are going to attempt to download data at the stages and transfer it electronically to the scorers at Rally HQ. To fully accomplish that, we need to purchase a few more timers.

**(f) Magnetic door signs – Ross.** On hold. This item will be revisited at a future date.

**(g) Buy a Clock Campaign – Pete.** The fundraising has exceeded Pete's estimation. It is now at \$4,000, plus the generous donation from Club Rallye Perce Neige.

## **6) ORRC Report – Bruce.**

### **COMPLETED ORRC RALLIES**

**TAC August Challenge** – TAC. Organizer Kurt Seelenmayer. August 6. The Challenge started and ended in the north end of Mississauga. There were 12 entries that dealt with a very unique layout – 6 of 9 end-of-sections were at the same intersection. Kurt was masterful with the instructions – in both legs of the rally, the Intermediate and Expert instructions were on single sheets of paper.

### **UPCOMING ORRC RALLIES**

**No Winter Maintenance Rally** – SPDA. Organizers – Trevor Hancher and Stephen Deneka. October 1 out of Flesherton.

**Not The President's Prize Rally** – PMSC. Organizer – Peter Watt. October 15 out of Peterborough area.

**Open Road Rally** – MCO. Organizer – Glen Clarke. November 5 out of Perth.

### **CLUB RALLIES**

**Mini Rallies** – MLRC. Likely to resume in January.

**SNATR's** – KWRC. KW wraps up their series of beginner-oriented rallies this weekend in Woodstock.

There was a car show at the Powerade Centre in Brampton on September 11 and Paul Henshall enlisted a few people to put on an RSO display. Paul brought Lawrence Hacking's Dakar truck, Kevin "Crash" Corrigan had his Escort there, Alan Ryall brought the Rubber Ducky, and I had my car there. The demographics weren't ideal, but we had a fair bit of traffic.

I am sending out e-mail updates as the mood and need strikes. I've developed an e-mail list of over 100 names, but would welcome more. Those who receive the update are encouraged to forward it to friends, co-workers, etc. And, on a side-note, no one has asked to be removed from the list yet, so that's a good thing.

#### **(a) ORRC Scoring – Bruce.**

The [ORRC standings](#) have been updated after the last event, the TAC August Challenge, and things are pretty tight. With seven of the ten ORRC events in the books, and the top seven scores counting, both Expert and Intermediate classes are anyone's at this point. It may come down to MCO's Open Road Rally in November to determine the winners. The Novice class seems pretty much sewn up, with Ian Puckett of SPDA leading the Drivers, and Yevgeniy Gospodinov well ahead of the other Navigators.

#### **7) OPRC Report – Warren.**

##### **ONGOING BUSINESS:**

- **Competitor speed-factor project**

Although the RSO speed factor system has made some headway, it has stalled somewhat due to the complex nature of data which gets generated by the scoring system. This comes mostly from a lack of understanding on my part, but also a concern that managing the data going forward will be somewhat difficult and, for lack of a better term, “a big job”. I am currently re-thinking our approach to either create our own stand-alone system or enhance the current system with more long-term management of the information in mind. Ultimately, my goal was to have a system in place for GCFR, which did not happen, and I am now resigned to the fact that a roll-out will happen sometime early in the 2012 season.

- **Quarterly competitor updates**

The second quarter has come and gone and I have not put out the second edition of the update. I will be doing so in a timely manner as to encourage participation at the TPR as well update all competitors on what we've been working on. Part of the update will also draw attention to in-season rule changes, i.e. seat-rail rule. I will also be seeking feedback from folks as to their experiences good and bad this past season.

##### **COMPETITION UPDATE:**

- The **Galway–Cavendish Forest Rally (GCFR)** was a great success. I have reviewed the competitor feedback as well as the Steward's report. Eighteen teams entered, with 17 finishers, and a huge congrats goes out to the team of Chris Martin and Brian Johnson for breaking the 5-minute mark on the road. Definitely looking forward to what PMSC and the GCFR road brings for 2012.
- **Rallye Défi–St. Agathe** took place two weeks ago and saw eight OPRC competitors challenge the roads of Quebec. Nick and Kelly Mathew took top honors, with Nick and Massimo Narini, and Michelle Laframboise and Elise Racette rounding out the top three. Of the eight OPRC starters, there were five finishers, with two mechanicals and a max late taking out three of our Ontario competitors. The top-finishing OPRC team was Nick and

Kelly Mathew placing eighth overall, and put on a good show doing it. From a competitor point of view Défi is the most challenging of our six events with fast, short stages on Friday and longer, more technical and rougher stages on the Saturday. Any team which completes this rally has effectively won a battle with rally's toughest roads. Just my opinion, of course . . . .

- Last, but not least, the 2011 edition of the **Rally of the Tall Pines** is the last stop for the CRC and the last event on the OPRC calendar. Most interestingly, this year the OPRC championship for overall driver truly comes down to Tall Pines, with any one of four drivers able to win the title. I anticipate a true battle to commence at the end of November. Bancroft will be the arena for our own 21<sup>st</sup>-Century gladiators.

**(a) RSO seeding system** – On hold pending further work and analysis to develop the system. This item will be revisited at a future date.

**(b) RSO stopping rally traffic in stage** – Draft policy is in place.

**ACTION:** Warren to send out more recent version of policy to the Board.

**(c) Triangles for multiple use stages** – Draft policy is in place.

**ACTION:** Warren to send out more recent version of policy to the Board.

**(d) OPRC long-range plan – Ross/Warren.** RSO is looking for ideas and suggestions from the member clubs as to what types of events, when and where, they would like to see in the future.

**ACTION:** Warren to start this up again.

**8) Growth Committee Report** – Nothing to report.

**9) Legislative Affairs Report** – Nothing to report.

**9) Scrutineer's Report – Steve van Rees, RSO Chief Scrutineer.**

The Galway–Cavendish Forest Rally went very well. There was only one Incident of any significance. There were no major issues at Tech. It was brought to my attention that one team had issues with the way the seat belts sat on the HANS. I talked to the competitor and explained that this needed to be fixed for his own safety.

I would like to thank Darryl M., Chris and Nick M., Dave E. and Chris K. for their help with scrutineering. Things went very smoothly.

Next up will be Tall Pines. Planning for this event is well under way, and we'll need lots of volunteers.

**10) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood.** An inventory of everything in the trailer was taken and insurance purchased to cover that inventory, plus the trailer and the timing equipment.

**11) New Business –**

- (a) **Rally car insurance.** Some Canadian Targa competitors have been able to find event-only insurance. When the car is not in use, its coverage reverts to being under the household insurance policy.  
**ACTION:** Ray to find out more.
- (b) **HAM radio school – Jeannie.** She suggested that arrangements (instructors, book the office) be finalized this fall so that we can start advertising the school. This would give students more study time before the course and examination in March 2012.  
**ACTION:** Pete to contact Roger about making the arrangements and getting a blurb put up on the RSO web site.
- (c) **Calendar Cards – Pete.** Some discussion took place over the effectiveness of promoting rally events through the calendar cards. The Board voted to continue publishing them.
- (d) **RSO 2012 Calendar meeting – Pete.** October 24 is the deadline for all clubs to submit event dates with organizer names to Jeannie.  
**ACTION:** Jeannie to contact all clubs for a listing of their events.
- (e) **Timing Equipment Financials – Pete.** Pete Gulliver reviewed the report that he had sent in advance to the RSO Board, club reps and presidents. He then moved to purchase three additional clocks at a cost of approximately \$1500. Seconded by Jeannie MacGillivray. In the discussion that followed, Ross Wood indicated that in developing best practices in use of the electronic timing equipment, 'shadow' or duplicate clocks are now being used as backup at Flying Finishes. Furthermore, for the Tall Pines, the plan is to move to the next step toward 'real-time' scoring, one of the original goals for the electronic timing. Thus three additional clocks will be needed.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**ACTION:** Pete and Ross to coordinate the purchase of three additional clocks from ECM Systems Ltd.

- (f) **2012 Annual AGM and Awards meeting – Pete.** The date was set as Saturday, March 17, 2012. Pete to contact the Bakers Hill Banquet Centre in Peterborough. The Board felt that the Peterborough location is the most central location for most RSO members. Pete emphasized that, as previously agreed, if the meeting runs on we will break for lunch and the awards ceremony.  
**ACTION:** Pete to investigate availability and reserve.
- (g) **Possible new OPRC event – Ross.** An RSO member has been approached by the Town of Parry Sound about organizing a stage rally in that area. The matter is being explored.

### 13) Club News

(a) **BEMC (per Bob McCallum)**

(b) **KWRC (per Christina Chinn)**

### (c) MCO (per Chris Pye)

#### **General**

The summer is clear in terms of MCO rally events and will continue to be quiet until the next ORRC Open Road Rally event in November. The Open Road Rally navigational rally series has cancelled the last two events due to low turn-out of competitors. Unusually, there were usually enough workers, but the participant count was low.

However, our members have continued to participate in other clubs' events as competitors and volunteers.

The big event for September is Targa Newfoundland. Emil and Boris Poliakov are entered in their 1993 Audi 80 Avant, Max Vadeboncoeur is co-driving for Lance Webb in a 1992 BMW M3. Other MCO members will be out helping run the event.

#### **Last Month's Events**

Two MCO teams entered the TAC August Challenge Rally, both at the Intermediate level. This was a challenging event with many missed time controls; no team made all the controls! Chris and Jon P. finished third, and Peter B. and Gary C. finished fourth in the Intermediate class.

The Galway–Cavendish Forest Rally took place on August 13. As usual, many MCO members volunteered at this event. The only MCO competitor was Chuck Storry co-driving with Paul Hartl. The team finished 1st in Group 2. An excellent result after a long run of DNF's for Paul.

### (h) MLRC (per Ross Wood)

As mentioned last time, we are exploring alternatives for the **Black Bear Rally** – both date and venue. It will likely run in July in 2012 and either in the same area as 2011 or a bit further east, where another community has expressed an interest in hosting the event. More to follow.

Due to a change in a landowner's stance, we have had to go back to a route and schedule plan similar to last year's, but with some careful massaging, we have managed to exceed 200 km of stages for the **Rally of the Tall Pines**. The Supp Regs are now published and entries are being accepted as of October 1. We need lots of volunteers, so if you can assist, please contact Ross at [ross@tallpinesrally.com](mailto:ross@tallpinesrally.com). We are also accepting registrations for the highly successful VIP Program. This can be a great gift to give someone or an ideal way to thank or to court a sponsor. Check it out on the website at [www.tallpinesrally.com](http://www.tallpinesrally.com). We have made changes to the Media Program. You can check that out also and register for it on the website.

The second **MLRC Four Star Motorsports Summer Rallycross** ran on September 25 and was another smash success with 35 entries. The course keeps getting even better and better as a result of constant hard work and new material being added. This time we had different course configurations before and after lunch for more variety. The new timing system was used again at this event with further refinements.

### (i) PMSC (per Mike Van Rees)

### (j) TAC (per Rob McAuley/Dietmar Seelenmayer)

Per Dietmar: TAC has no RSO events until the New Year. We have a couple of contract rallies that we run every year for charitable organizations but they are not open to the general public.

**(k) SPDA (per Nuwan Dantanarayana)**

**14) Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. by teleconference.**