



**RSO Board/Executive Meeting – December 13, 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	Regrets
Jeannie MacGillivray	Secretary	Yes
Peter Gulliver	Treasurer	Yes
Paul Henshall	Executive Assistant	
Ross Wood	Administrative Assistant / Equipment Manager	Yes
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	Regrets
Steve van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	Regrets
Vacant	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Christina Chinn	KWRC Club Representative	
Chris Pye	MCO Club Representative	
Ross Wood	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Mike van Rees	PMSC Club Representative / President	
Nuwan Dantanmarayana	SPDA Club Representative	
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	
Adam Dowsett	KWRC President	Yes

## **Agenda**

- 1) Approval of/additions to Agenda** – Approved as amended. MacGillivray/Gulliver.
- 2) Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (Sept. 20)** – Approved as written. MacGillivray/Gulliver.
- 3) Treasurer’s Report – Pete.**
  - Update presented by Pete Gulliver. Approved as presented. Gulliver/Felice.
  - Pete moved to cut a cheque to Club Rallye Perce-Neige of \$4,000.00 to reduce the loan for timing equipment. Approved as presented. Gulliver/Haywood.
  - Set Affiliation–Listing–Levy fees for 2012. Approved as presented. Gulliver/Felice. Fees to be posted on the RSO Web site under Rules and Regulations, Appendix A.

- Discuss and approve Budget for 2012. Approved as presented. Gulliver/Felice.

#### 4) CARS – Ray.

- The CARS AGM will be held in Kelowna, B.C. on January 13-14, 2012.
- The CARS Stewarding seminars went well, with almost 100 people across the country attending the seminars. These stewards are now on a list for OPRC events.
- Some very qualified people have applied for the CARS Manager position. The Board will be making a decision soon.

#### 5) Old Business –

(a) **RSO Policy and Procedures Manual – Pete.** Update on a structure and content. Some up-to-date policies have been received from VP – Performance. Pete and Jeannie continue to gather material to include.

(b) **RSO Notes-writing School – Ray.** Update on having an experienced co-driver teach this course. The venue is still under discussion and possible dates are being negotiated. There is a very small window of opportunity early in the New Year, but more time is available, between Perce Neige and Rocky.

**ACTION:** RAY WILL FOLLOW UP AND ADVISE US NEXT MEETING.

(c) **Job descriptions – Jeannie.** The latest version was sent to the Board on December 11. All job descriptions have been drafted, but more details are welcome.

**ACTION:** ROSS TO SEND MORE INFORMATION. JEANNIE TO CONTINUE LOOKING FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE VARIOUS JOB DESCRIPTIONS.

(d) **Proxy and voting committee – Pete.** The committee has been deadlocked and thus unable to put forth any recommendations. Pete asked for replies, but none were received. It is likely that a report will be made to the AGM that the situation is status quo. Adam Dowsett had some “what-if” questions about RSO in the event of a possible dissolution that could not be immediately answered.

**ACTION:** PETE TO DISCUSS VARIOUS SCENARIOS WITH ALASDAIR ROBERTSON.

(e) **Timing equipment for Rallycross – Ross.** Ray led the discussion as Ross had not yet joined the call. As per Appendix A (Treasurer’s report), the Board agreed to maintain the service rental fee for Club Rallycross, which is \$150 per day. Gulliver/Felice.

(f) **Buy a Clock Campaign – Pete.** The campaign is now finished, having generated \$4,000.00 in donations. In all, 15 clocks were sold at \$100 each and the clubs contributed the remainder.

(g) **Rally car insurance – Ray.** Update on finding a provider of event-only insurance which reverts to the car’s being under the household insurance policy when not in use. Ray has not yet received a response from the Targa competitor.

(h) **HAM radio school – Pete/Jeannie.** Update on instructors, school dates and venue. Roger Sanderson has confirmed that he and Rob Metcalfe will be teaching the school on the weekend of March 10 and 11, at the Girl Guides Office in Newmarket. The exam will take place on the Sunday. Information will be posted on the RSO Web site.

- (i) **RSO 2012 Calendar – Pete/Jeannie.** Update on club event, dates and organizer names. The dates have been finalized and the calendar list is ready for publication and dissemination.

**ACTION:** JEANNIE TO SEND TO RAY, CLUB REPS AND CLUB PRESIDENTS. IT WILL BE POSTED ON THE RSO WEB SITE.

- (j) **2012 Annual AGM and Awards meeting – Pete.** Update on the date and venue. It is confirmed as being held on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at the Bakers Hill Banquet Centre in Peterborough.

- 6) ORRC Report – Bruce Leonard.** Written report presented in Bruce's absence. Approved as presented. Felice/Gulliver.

The 2011 ORRC series ended spectacularly with the Open Road Rally in Perth. Expert and Intermediate classes were to be decided at this event, and Robert Roaldi was able to put together a worthy, challenging rally. Results and final ORRC standings have been circulated and are posted.

Year-end recap — Since coming into the VP position, I have tried to continue the work that Rita Moore did promoting Road Rally. I have been ably assisted by Jeannie MacGillivray and Stephen Deneka, who both seem to have nothing better to do than haunt the various rally forums. Their help has been invaluable. I have been sending an irregular email newsletter to an interested group that now numbers almost 150. Upcoming events are promoted, and future mailings will have tips that will be useful to novices. The number of event entrants seems to be on the rise (23, 15, and 25 at the last 3 events) and will hopefully continue. One 2011 rally was not green-crewed (Not the President's Prize) and it showed. I will ensure that all future events have a green-crew, and will do it myself if necessary.

I recently initiated a discussion about ORRC classes amongst a group of regular ORRC teams from across all three classes. The discussion was well received and expanded to several topics, including: the computer-in-a-vehicle rule which prohibits a team running in novice; determining the criteria for intermediate class; and, the level of instruction difficulty. The group generally agreed that the computer rule (given all the electronics available today) should be rescinded as it can be a deterrent to novices (having to move to intermediate) and is pretty much unenforceable. The intermediate class should be more of an advanced novice class, with novices moving up after running a certain number of events. The group would like to see the instruction difficulty toned down to the basics for novices, and concentrating on more navigation, map reading and timing for experts. These changes can be put in place immediately, if all agree, by implementing them through individual event's supp regs. If the trial is well received, the computer rule can be addressed at the AGM; rule changes are not needed for the other two items.

Robert Roaldi is stepping down as ORRC Guru — we thank him for his great assistance over the years (and look forward to the Rideau Winter Rally with great anticipation!). I am looking for a replacement for Robert and I will be reviewing the Guru role.

Ten events are planned for 2012, plus one multi-club Monte Carlo Rally in July that will be a fun, social rally.

- 7) VP – Performance OPRC Report – Warren Haywood.**

The OPRC season draws to a close with the completion of the final event on the RSO calendar: The Rally of The Tall Pines. Going into the event there was tight competition for the overall driver

position. Interestingly, four different drivers could have clinched the title depending on the outcome of the event. Rally being what it is, any money bet would have been a truly risky wager. Clearly the victor earned their position this year. Congratulations to the team of Nick and Kelly Mathew for their OPRC win and to Nick for the overall title for 2011.

Notable mentions must also go out to Nick Narini for a consistent run this year, and also of note Chris Martin. Chris posted field dominating times repeatedly this year and definitely sets the bar high for 2012 for the rest of us.

A few highlights — not to tear away from the year-end report but I must also mention the following. Three OPRC drivers gained enough seed points to get their Seed 4 ranking this season, two of which were achieved at Tall Pines — no easy feat. We all know how difficult this is given the depth of talent in our fields of National drivers these days, so congratulations. The new timing system proved invaluable at every event this year with fractions of seconds separating many competitors. The addition of this tool to our sport here in Ontario has elevated our competition in many ways, as well as increased the quality of our events to both our OPRC competitors and the many U.S. competitors we regularly see participating.

The use of Triangles within a live stage document, as well as the Stopped vehicle in stage document, are both finalized now and will be circulated to all drivers in the coming weeks. The procedures within these documents are key to the safe running of our events, so I encourage all competitors to know them inside and out.

Looking forward to 2012.....

Warren Haywood  
RSO VP Performance

#### **COMPETITION UPDATE:**

**(a) RSO seeding system** – Further work and analysis is required to develop the system.

**ACTION:** WARREN TO CONTINUE WORK ON THIS PROJECT AND WILL FOLLOW UP WITH ROSS.

**(b) RSO stopping rally traffic in stage** – Draft policy is in place. An edited version was sent to the Board for review on Dec. 8. It was accepted and is now considered to be final.

**(c) Triangles for multiple use stages** – Draft policy is in place. An edited version was sent to the Board for review on Dec. 8. It was accepted and is now considered to be final.

**(d) OPRC long-range plan – Ross/Warren.** Update on what the member clubs may have provided to date.

**ACTION:** WARREN TO CONTINUE WORK ON THIS PROJECT AND WILL INITIATE AN ONLINE DISCUSSION ON HOW WE WANT TO PRESENT IT.

**8) Growth Committee Report – Pete.** Develop RSO Web site to promote the growth of rallying.

**ACTION:** THE BOARD NEEDS TO LOOK FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN ACT AS A WEBMASTER TO MAKE THE RSO WEB SITE MORE APPEALING TO ATTRACT MORE RALLYISTS. BOARD TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITIES.

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

**10) Scrutineer's Report, December 2011 – Steve van Rees, RSO Chief Scrutineer.**

One Logbook has been issued. Another one is pending cage completion.

Tall Pines went well. There were a few issues in Scrutineering, but all were resolved. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped this year. Even with the increased car count, we still managed to have all the cars through by 8 p.m.

**11) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood.** Both of our stand-up tents are now broken due to being blown over in high wind. Try to buy more cheap ones when they're on sale (10x10' stand-alones).

**ACTION:** KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SALES. NO IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT FOR TENTS.

## **12) New Business –**

**(a) RSO Timing Equipment Rental for Winter Test Day – Ross.** On Friday, January 20, 2012, part of the Lower Hastings Road will be closed for a winter test day. This will provide RSO with an opportunity to test the timing equipment in the cold before Rallye Perce Neige, particularly as regards the batteries.

**(b) Motorsports Expo – Ray.** Ray, as the representative of RSO, was approached to rent space at this expo. The Board did not feel it would be worth the money (about \$2500), based on the experience of previous years.

## **13) Club News**

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

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

**(c) MCO (per Chris Pye)**

**(d) MLRC (per Ross Wood) – MLRC Club News for December 2011**

The 2011 Rally of the Tall Pines was a smash success with a record entry (59 cars) and a record worker turnout (234). It was also a first in weather and resulting road conditions. The combination of no frost to freeze the roads, a lot of rain in the week prior to the rally and abnormally warm weather on the day of the rally resulted in absolutely no snow or ice and very soft roads. Nevertheless there were several epic battles including Overall winning team, Ontario Championship winning team and 1st 2WD team. The CRC champions Antoine L'Estage/Nathalie Richard led for four stages, and then had to withdraw due to a broken transmission. Richard/Ockwell took over the lead until they also suffered transmission failure after nine stages. When all was said and done "Crazy Leo" Ulrichich/Brady edged out the U.S. champions Higgins/Drew by 31.9 seconds for Leo's first National victory. Congratulations also to Nick and Kelly Mathew for the OPRC victory and OPRC Championship.

Thanks to all who contributed to an excellent event. Competitor Rating Forms and Stewards' Report are highly positive with most competitors stating that they will be returning in 2012.

Donna Huber is well into her planning for the 2012 Black Bear Rally. The date has been set for July 14 and the venue will be announced very soon. Most committee members have now been appointed.

Dates for MLRC events for 2012 have been set as follows:

January 22, February 26, July 8, September 23 and October 21 – FourStar Rallycross – Bancroft  
February 18 – Maple Leaf Winter Rally  
March 8 – MLRC AGM and Elections  
July 13-14 – Black Bear Rally  
November 23-24 – Rally of the Tall Pines

Dates of the Mini Rallies will be announced soon.

It is time for MLRC members to renew their membership. Go to the website at [www.mlrc.ca](http://www.mlrc.ca) and go to Membership.

**(e)PMSC (per Mike Van Rees)**

**(f) TAC (per Rob McAuley/Dietmar Seelenmayer)**

**(g)SPDA (per Nuwan Dantalarayana)**

#### **14) End-of-the-meeting General Conversation:**

Adam Dowsett spoke on behalf of TV2Go, which presented a first-time-ever live streaming of three shows at the Rally of the Tall Pines. He was very appreciative of the efforts made by officials to keep the field of 59 teams running almost on time, and of the workers and marshals for accommodating him and his team when they needed to get into the stages to film.

**15) Next Meeting** – Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. by teleconference.