



RSO Board/Executive Meeting – February 21, 2012
Minutes

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

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
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	Regrets
Vacant	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Adam Dowsett	KWRC Club Representative	Yes
Chris Pye	MCO Club Representative	Yes
Ross Wood	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Peter Watt	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	

Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda** – Approved as amended. Haywood/MacGillivray.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (December 13, 2011)** – Approved as written -- Leonard/Haywood.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report – Pete.** Update presented by Pete Gulliver. Approved as presented -- Gulliver/MacGillivray.
- 4) **CARS update – Ross/Ray.** The CARS AGM was very busy and extremely well run, with a lot being accomplished. A lot of time was spent on rule changes, some of which passed while other need further review. Debbie Dyer, who will be the new CARS Office Manager on February 24, was introduced. Increases were agreed to for licence fees and club affiliation fees, and 2013 will likely see an increase in permit fees for national events. National and regional stewards need to be selected for Tall Pines.

Next year's AGM will be in Toronto, with the awards ceremony being held on Saturday, January 12, 2013.

A motion was made and carried for a \$500 fine for triangle violations, and it was noted that teams must carry three triangles at all times.

At the CARS AGM, a motion was made and carried to eliminate Open Class awards (national) for 2013. Another motion made and carried means that the Canadian Rally Championship is now open to all entrants to score series points.

A motion was made and carried that insurance on a one-road rally is a minimum \$50.00 for the first 50 km, but \$1.00 per km for each kilometre over 50 km.

RallySprint rates go to \$35 for the first 20 km, and \$1.00 for every km thereafter.

5) Old Business –

(a) RSO Policy and Procedures Manual – Pete. The first draft has been written, but input and new content is needed from Board members and Rally community.

(b) RSO Notes-writing School – Ray. The top co-driver who will give the school has found a venue for the classroom session and is negotiating dates, likely mid- to late April. He wants to follow up with on-site training at a regional performance rally.

(c) Proxy and voting committee – Pete to report at AGM.

(d) Rally car insurance – Ray. Ray had explored options such as coverage under household insurance or per day for events of e.g., one, two, three days. He is waiting for more information from his contact.

(e) HAM radio school – Pete. Six students have signed up.

6) ORRC Report – Bruce.

RSO has run three 2012 ORRC's to date. Attendance was: January Jaunt – 20 teams, Rideau Winter Rally – 10, and the Maple Leaf Winter Rally – 20. All three events were well run. I am continuing to send ORRC updates to the 200 email recipients on my list.

The Navigational Rally School is being run by Alan Ryall and me. We have not started organizing it yet, and we need to focus on promotion.

Upcoming events are the Spring Run-Off Rally on April 28 and the Rally School.

Maple Leaf Winter Rally: One withdrawal after Leg 2, and four or five first-timers who found it difficult (e.g. straight-line diagram). No incidents, but one car went into the over-plough. The cars didn't get strung out and the event went very, very smoothly.

7) OPRC Report – Warren.

(a) RSO seeding system. Warren developed a regional seeding system based on data from 2009 up to and including PN 2012. Starting and finishing points don't count

toward seed placement. It is meant to be a support document for organizers. Pete suggested using it first at LHFR and comparing the placement numbers with results. Warren will contact the competitors.

ACTION: WARREN TO CONTACT THE LHFR ORGANIZING TEAM AND THE COMPETITORS.

(b) Proposed rule changes for OPRC for 2012. This rule was proposed to make sure RSO is in line with what we're doing nationally. It allows competitors with a Canadian, Ontario Regional and either NASA or RA licence to compete in OPRC events as long as they are a member of an RSO-affiliated club and run a minimum of 50% of the events, rounded up in the event of a championship which consists of an odd number of races. They must run three events to qualify. Warren will ask competitors for feedback. Accepted in principle by the board. Haywood/Gulliver.

ACTION: WARREN TO CONTACT THE COMPETITORS FOR FEEDBACK.

(c) Proposed rule changes for OPRC for 2013. Proposal that the OPRC champion gets the #1 competition vehicle number for standalone OPRC events. Haywood/Leonard.

(d) Championship points. These points were based on NRR 25.6.2 and confirmed the points to be awarded for first- to sixth-place finishers. No discussion required.

(e) Tie-breaker rule – Warren. Warren presented a comprehensive rule to eliminate virtually any scoring tie for any of the first three positions in any championship. Haywood/MacGillivray.

(f) Championships defined. Proposal to remove Novice Co-Driver and Open (including N4) from the championship and awards. This falls in line with CARS. Gulliver/Leonard.

8) Growth Committee Report – Pete. Develop RSO Web site to promote the growth of rallying. Pete posted on various Web sites for a Webmaster but to date, no one has offered to assist.

9) Legislative Affairs Report – Nothing to report.

10) Scrutineer's Report – Steve van Rees, RSO Chief Scrutineer.
Nothing to report at this time.

11) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood. Every purchase is on hold.

12) New Business –

(a) Electronic timing report – Ross.

Five RSO members went to Rallye Perce-Neige as experts, with one being assigned to each stage team. Sending these e-timing teams to Quebec rallies is reaping huge benefits; in addition to performing on-site trouble-shooting, they are training people and acting as mentors. This has been appreciated by the Quebec rally community. We have also benefited; Ross pointed out that at Tall Pines, we had eight new Quebec workers with experience on the e-timing equipment.

On the equipment side, it became evident at Perce-Neige that the batteries were at the end of their lives. We need to buy batteries for three sets at a total cost of about \$100. These batteries are needed for the Flying Finish beams.

Ross put forward a motion to continue with the program, operating the same way as in Year 1. The e-timing proposal for Year 2 is still within budget.
Felice/MacGillivray.

ACTION: ROSS TO PURCHASE NEW BATTERIES.

(b) OPRC awards – Ray. The Board reviewed Warren’s list of award-winners which resulted in a total of 26 OPRC trophies to be presented at the AGM. Falling in line with CARS, RSO will present Overall awards but none for 1st in Open class. (Given the fact that the Overall top three drivers/co-drivers and the Open top three drivers/co-drivers are the same, one award with both designations will be presented, as opposed to two individual awards.) This is also the last year for the Novice Co-driver award.

(c) RSO AGM elections – Ray. Elections to be held at this meeting:
Vice President, Navigational – Two-year term (Incumbent Bruce Leonard)
Secretary – Two-year term (Incumbent Jean MacGillivray)
Appointment of Trustee to dissolution committee – Three-year term (Incumbent Alasdair Robertson)

(d) Invitations to event organizers. Only the invitations to Stewards remain. OPRC and ORRC award-winners have been invited, as have the Sweep teams.

(e) Update on road repairs – Ross. Re Tall Pines, \$4000 worth of bills are already in, with at least another \$2000 to come once road work is done in May.

(f) Affiliation – Bruce. Is affiliation with CARS through RSO sufficient to qualify for ASN insurance? Do we need to affiliate with CASC-OR? Historically, we have needed to affiliate with CASC-OR.

ACTION: RAY WILL INVESTIGATE AND REPORT BACK.

(g) RSO Calendar cards – Ray. Some were sent to Rallye Perce Neige. Ray asked for those who want calendar cards to contact him and arrange for pick-up.

(h) RSO finances – Pete. Dennis Wharton’s RSO year-end balance sheet was discussed. In order of importance, there is repayment of the loan to Rallye Perce-Neige, and maintaining the reserve fund and operating funds. He pointed out that at last year’s AGM there was a motion to create a General Reserve Fund and strive to maintain that at a \$25,000 minimum. Cash flow is tight just now, but on the other hand we have more assets than we have had in a long time.

13) Club News

(a) BEMC (per Bob McCallum)

(b) KWRC (per Adam Dowsett). KWRC report submitted by Christina Chinn.

KWRC held their elections in January. The results are:

President – Adam Dowsett
Vice-President – Jeff Lantz
Treasurer – Dennis Wharton
Secretary – Christina Chinn
Executive Council – Peter Miller

Terry Epp took our proxy for the CARS AGM.

We have been approached by the local Rotary Club to organize a rally for them. Dennis Wharton will be heading it up.

We held our awards banquet on January 21, 2012, and it was a great success. It lasted late into the evening. Brian Maxwell was a very interesting speaker and offered new insight into the “silly seat”.

We are currently in the planning stages with 2 other clubs on our first – and, we hope, annual – Monte Carlo-style rally. More information to come in the near future.

Our first SNATR of 2012 will be in April. Check our website for more updates.

We now have 35 members for 2012.

(c) MCO (per Chris Pye)
MCO Report

January saw the running of the Rideau Winter Rally, this time as an evening event. Ten teams competed on the wonderful driving roads around Perth. The roads were mostly snow-covered and a few teams discovered over-plough. Once again Robert Roaldi put together some great instructions to challenge everyone. Northshore Road was a definite items highlight. MCO is considering a date change to get attendance up.

The next event in the MCO series is March 31, exploring the roads to the East of the city. The series now has its own Web site, www.lhfr.ca/tsd.

Planning for Lanark Highlands is well under way. Most of the key players have returned to the committee. The event will be 8 stages totalling 80 stage km. The Gemmill's Road Spectator area will be significantly revised.

The 5th and last MCO snow-X is this weekend. In spite of the warm weather the track has been in good shape with only one event cancelled. The investment in a new groomer and truck has paid off making track maintenance easier. This past weekend the track hosted an ice race and it will be used for mid-week lapping as long as it lasts.

(d) MLRC (per Ross Wood)
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The MLRC AGM and Awards banquet will be held on Thursday, March 8, at the Musket Restaurant in Etobicoke starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Three positions are up for election for two- year terms – Vice President, Treasurer and Director at Large. Reminder, MLRC members – it is time to renew your membership. Go to the website at www.mlrc.ca and go to Membership.

The first Rallycross of the season was held in Bancroft on Sunday, January 22. James Drake is pleased to welcome CanJam Motorsports as our new series sponsor. Conditions couldn't have been better for the first event with lots of snow. The 30 competitors got six runs each and had a great time. Two changes were mainly responsible for being able to complete six runs – an earlier start in the morning and a more efficient vehicle extraction plan. Even though there were many cars rescued from the snowbanks, almost all of them still completed every run in under the 5 minute Max Late time. Many were pulled out of the snowbank and back on their way in under a minute. The next event is on Sunday, February 26. Please register online in advance.

The Maple Leaf Winter Rally, organized by Bruce and Jane Leonard with logistical help from Ross Wood, ran flawlessly through the night of February 18-19 on the great Bancroft-area roads. First car was on the road at 10:01 p.m. and returned around 6:45 a.m. Competition was intense, especially in the Novice class, where there were 15 entries. When the Novice scores were tallied, there were nine teams with under 30 penalty points with Adam and Doug H narrowly winning with 17.8 penalties. The Intermediate team of Jakub W and Yevgeniy G took the win with 7.3 penalties. In the Expert class, Robinson K and Louis C ran an amazingly clean, consistent event to claim the class and Overall win with only 1.3 penalty points. Robinson said it took him 15 tries at the event to achieve that.

MLRC has accepted the invitation from Tudor–Cashel Township to move the Black Bear Rally HQ to their community centre in Gilmour (on Weslemkoon Lake Road just in from Hwy. 62). This will be more convenient for the majority of our competitors and workers. The community is now hard at work making various arrangements and developing a route plan. We are hoping to create a more compact schedule with all of the Recce being done on Saturday morning before the rally. The date has been set for July 14. Most committee members have now been appointed, but anyone interested in taking on a role should contact Donna Huber.

The Tall Pines core committee has held its first planning meeting for the 2012 event. The general schedule will be the same as in 2011, i.e. one-day event with all the competition on Saturday and Registration, Recce, Shakedown, etc. on Friday. Be sure to mark the weekend of November 23-25 on your calendar. We will need every volunteer we can get. Anyone interested in taking on a committee position should contact Ian Wright at ian@tallpinesrally.com.

(e) PMSC (per Peter Watt) No rally news to report.

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

(g) SPDA (per Trevor Hancher)

SPDA AGM and Elections were held in January.

President - Joe Trinidad

VP - Stephen Deneka

Marketing Director (new position) - Joe Trinidad

Treasurer - Ivano DiPietro

Secretary - Melanie Lim

Time Attack Ambassador - Scott Murphin (Frank stepping down)

Autoslalom Ambassador - Bryce Deathe

Rally Ambassador - Trevor Hancher (Nuwan stepped down)
Social Director - Tashko Sarakinov

SPDA is contributing to the Monte Carlo-style rally led by KWRC. We will provide a tarmac-only Leg A, possibly starting in Georgetown. Route planning has begun.

The SPDA No Winter Maintenance Rally is in the early planning stages. This event will run out of Flesherton (Grey County) in September.

14) Next Meeting – RSO AGM on March 17, 2012, in Peterborough.