



RSO Board/Executive Meeting – May 7, 2012
Minutes

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

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Ray Felice	President	Yes
Warren Haywood	Vice-President – Performance Rally	Yes
Bruce Leonard	Vice-President – Navigational Rally	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	
Chris Pye	MCO Club Representative	Yes
Ross Wood	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Peter Watt	PMSC Club Representative	Regrets
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	Yes

Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda** – Approved as amended – Gulliver/Leonard.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (February 21, 2012)** – Approved as written – Gulliver/MacGillivray.

3) **Treasurer's Report – Pete.** Update presented by Pete Gulliver. Of particular note was the matter of Freymond Lumber, with whom Ross negotiated a deal which significantly reduces the amount RSO must spend on 2011 Tall Pines road damage. Otherwise, the financial update is normal for this time of year. Approved as presented – Gulliver/MacGillivray.

4) **CARS update – Ray.** Nothing to report.

5) **Old Business –**

(a) **RSO Notes-writing School – Ray.** The school went well and had 17 students. The on-site portion took place before start of the Lanark Highlands Forest Rally. RSO has notified CARS of the participants' names.

(b) **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. No new information at this meeting.

ACTION: RAY TO CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR A PROVIDER.

(c) **Regional Seeding List – Warren.** Warren hasn't had a change to check with the LHFR organizer for her sense of how the list functioned; however, the finishing order ended up being pretty close to the start order. He received some positive comments from competitors, and no negative feedback. There are 10 new people on the list who had not competed in OPRC events before. As much information as possible is sought on new competitors to place them in an appropriate spot.

(d) **Affiliation – Ray. Update on questions: Is affiliation with CARS through RSO sufficient to qualify for ASN insurance? Or is affiliation with CASC-OR required?**

This issue is still in play, with ASN letting the players sort it out. Nothing will change for 2012, although RSO is working on a decision for 2013. Ray said that dual affiliations are not necessary, and that a rally-only club should not have to be affiliated with CASC-OR as well. Discussions are ongoing with CARS.

6) **ORRC Report – Bruce.**

The Navigational school went very well, with 16 students and no issues. Everybody came away with some good knowledge and half of them have been out to either the SNATR or the Spring Run-Off Rally, which had 10 entries. It ran well and was very good.

KWRC's Blossom Rally is on May 12. A number of regular teams will not be there so, if pre-registration numbers are low, KWRC may decide to cancel the ORRC portion and just run the SNATR portion. Wednesday is decision day.

The Mini-Monte, as the three-club Monte Carlo-type rally is being called, will be held on July 22. Three clubs have a leg starting in their own area, with KWRC starting in Kitchener, SPDA in Georgetown, and MLRC in Bolton. A common final leg will bring competitors to the picnic area.

7) **OPRC Report – Warren.**

(a) 2013 PMSC Shannonville Rally – Pete. The track is booked and Clearwater Design is on board as a sponsor, with scrutineering and registration to be held at the Clearwater facility. Peter Watt is going to meet with track owners to see if loose tarmac or gravel surfaces can be used. PMSC will request that RSO waive the road damage levy so the funds can be put toward track rental. A minimum of 18 cars is required for the event to break even.

(b) Lanark Highlands Forest Rally – Warren.

The May 4-5 Lanark Highlands Forest Rally had 28 competitors. The road held up well and it was a very good event, with really strong competition from Quebec.

OPRC rule changes: A review of proposed rule changes resulted in an agreement to change the number of stand-alone OPRC events entered from one to two. If an uneven number of events exist in a championship year, the stand-alone component will increase to three. Approved as amended: Haywood/Leonard.

All other rule proposals had been previously approved.

(c) Rule about disabled vehicle left on stage for repeated stages – Ross.

RSO needs to ensure that organizers and competitors understand this rule. Disabled vehicles, which are clear of the road but which cannot be extracted until later, should be wrapped in yellow caution tape with the OK sign clearly displayed. Note – RSO now has some large yellow OK signs that can be used for this purpose. The Sweep team is likely the best choice to carry out this task.

ACTION: WARREN TO ADVISE THE SWEEP TEAM (VIA TRISH GROOM) AND ORGANIZERS FOR THE REMAINING 2012 EVENTS.

8) Growth Committee Report –

9) Legislative Affairs Report –

10) Scrutineer's Report – Steve van Rees.

11) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood. He has been holding off on spending money, but needs to purchase an LED roof light and a few pylons.

12) New Business –

(a) Electronic timing report – Ross. At LHFR, the e-timing equipment produced accurate times for all vehicles. However, in some cases, the automatic radio transmission of times from the Flying Finish to the Finish Control did not succeed and so was carried out by voice radio transmissions.

Non-rally events: RSO is getting requests to rent our equipment to other motorsport events. These contracts would give RSO a profit, which would be applied to paying back loans for the timing equipment. There is one confirmed

rental for Mosport on July 17 and a possible contract for a Montreal organizer who is awaiting confirmation for a “green” event.

- (b) New provincial legislation will affect RSO clubs – Ray.** Derek Vincent of MLRC is heading up an RSO committee to examine this legislation. All clubs wishing to be involved in the committee should submit names to the RSO Secretary at secretary@rallysport.on.ca.
- (c) RSO AGM for 2012 taking place in 2013. Discussion of location, date, etc. – Pete.** Peterborough is the least costly alternative, and it is roughly half-way for all the clubs. The 2012 RSO AGM will take place on March 16, 2013, at Baker’s Hill Banquet Centre, 555 Parkhill Road East in Peterborough.
- (d) Equipment rentals – Pete.** Suggest Ross be authorized to do any negotiating and present the proposal to the Board before final signature. Approved.
- (e) Robert Roaldi gave up the Rally Guru position, as reported in December. Board to discuss the status of Road Rally Guru and Steward – Bruce.** From this point forward until required, we will not fill the positions of Guru or Steward.

13) Club News

(a) BEMC (per Bob McCallum)

(b) KWRC (per Adam Dowsett)

(c) MCO (per Chris Pye)

The short winter worked against us for the March 31 TSD rally. The green crew reported that some roads were closed due to severe frost heave and other damage. Alternate routes were found but these were also in a very bad state. Running the rally would likely have resulted in:

1. More road damage
2. Broken cars
3. Annoyed residents on the route.

The event was postponed until the next planned date (May 26) and MCO is looking to add another date to keep the series at six events.

As you would expect, a lot of the recent focus has been on the Lanark Highlands Forest Rally, held May 5. The event had a record number of teams (28), a full slate of volunteers and great weather. Ryan Huber and John Vanos took their first overall win with a time of 50:03.0; second were Sylvain Vincent/Simon Vincent (50:12.3); and third were Maxine Rochefort-I/Jèrôme Milette (50:22.9). Other class winners: Group 5 and Classic – Martin Walter/Ferdinand Trauttmansdorff in a Nissan; PGT – Warren Haywood/James Drake; and Group 2 – Thierry Menegoz/Pascal Belperron.

There were some delays during the day due to spectators and cars needing attention from sweep crews. The road held up quite well for the seven stages.

MCO would like to thank everyone who participated in making this event the success it was, the teams, the volunteers, the organising committee and the people of Lanark Highlands.

(d) MLRC (per Ross Wood)

The MLRC AGM and Awards banquet was held on Thursday, March 8 at the Musket Restaurant in Etobicoke. Two positions were up for election for two-year terms – Vice President and Director at Large. In both cases, the incumbents were acclaimed for another two years – John Vanos as Vice President and Phil Jeffries as Director at Large.

Reminder, MLRC members – if you have not renewed your membership, go to the website at www.mlrc.ca and go to Membership.

The second CanJam Motorsports Rallycross of the season was held in Bancroft on Sunday, February 26, and was another great success. Conditions were great and competitors got six runs each. The first summer Rallycross will be held on Sunday, July 8, followed by events on September 23 and October 21. We will be holding a clean-up day of the course, probably on May 27. All offers of assistance would be appreciated. Competitors, please register online in advance.

MLRC co-hosted with RallySport Ontario a co-driving school on April 21. Seventeen participants learned from the expertise of Alan Ockwell, MLRC's champion co-driver.

We wish to congratulate Ryan Huber and John Vanos for emerging victorious after a hard-fought battle at the Lanark Highlands Forest Rally on May 5. This is Ryan's first win; a pretty amazing achievement considering that it was only his sixth performance rally. John joins a very small group of rallyists who have won events on both sides of the car.

MLRC has arranged for an opportunity for its members to participate in a lapping day at the Toronto Motorsports Park on Saturday, May 26 at a cost of \$100 plus HST per entry.

To receive that discounted price you must sign up in advance at: http://www.torontomotorsportspark.com/raceway/open_car_lapping.html. Use the event code 'MLRC' to receive the special pricing. To have any questions answered, contact Conor Malone at social@mlrc.ca.

Plans for the Black Bear Rally are progressing well. It will be held on July 13/14 in its new location – HQ is at the community centre in Gilmour, Ontario (on Weslemkoon Lake Road just in from Hwy. 62). All of the Recce is being done on Saturday morning before the rally. A Work Day will be held on Saturday, June 16. All the roads have just been freshly graded, so competitors will enjoy a smooth

route. To volunteer as a worker, send an email to Dave Cotie and Ross Wood at blackbear.volunteers@mlrc.ca.

The Tall Pines committee has also been very busy at work in preparation for the 2012 event, which will run on November 23 and 24. One brand-new stage road is included in the route plan. The general schedule will be the same as in 2011, i.e. a 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)

(f) TAC (per Dietmar Seelenmayer)

I wanted to mention the status of the Discover Ontario Car Rally (DOCR). The route has been run. The organizer, Brooke Jacobs, will be in touch with Bruce Leonard to arrange for a green crew. The DOCR website should be updated within the week.

(g) SPDA (per Trevor Hancher)

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

14)Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. by teleconference.