



RSO Board/Executive Meeting – June 25, 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	
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 \ Leonard.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (May 7, 2012)** – Approved as written – Gulliver \ Leonard.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report – Pete.** Approved as presented – Gulliver \ MacGillivray.
- 4) **CARS update – Ray.** Tom McGeer has announced to the CARS board that he will not be seeking another term. He suggested that the Board consider having his replacement shadow him for a couple of months to become familiar with the duties before he vacates his post.

CARS has begun to weigh some vehicles at events, and the Chief Scrutineer is now present at all national events.

A CARS bulletin has just been released stating that there will be four classes as of January 2013: Open 4wd, Open 2wd, Open AWD and Production AWD. Group 5 will be gone. More details will be published in upcoming bulletins. The CARS Board has noted that cars are getting faster; although there are fewer incidents, the ones that do occur are more significant.

The CARS AGM will be held in Toronto in January 2013. The RSO Board had previously decided to hold our own AGM and awards at the Baker's Hill Banquet Centre in Peterborough on March 16, 2013.

Insurance levies will not be changing for 2012.

Ross commented that a reduction in insurance rates for test days would be welcome. The rate is now a flat \$800 per day. If the cost were per car, test days would not be forced to cancel due to not enough cars.

ACTION: RAY TO INVESTIGATE AND CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS AROUND TEST DAYS.

5) Old Business –

(a) **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 had a response from his contact.

ACTION: RAY WILL CONTACT HIM ONCE MORE.

(b) **CARS affiliation for ASN insurance – Ray.** Update on whether dual affiliations (CARS and CASC-OR) are required for 2013. Tom McGeer and Ray are waiting for an official response from CASC-OR and FIA Canada.

ACTION: RAY TO CONTINUE WORKING ON THIS MATTER.

(c) **New provincial legislation will affect RSO clubs – Ray.** Update on Derek Vincent's offer to head up an RSO committee to examine this legislation and identify how we should react to it. To date, the RSO Secretary has received no response from any clubs.

Ray pointed out that all clubs must rewrite their by-laws before 2014 to avoid the risk of dissolution by the government. The RSO committee is tasked with supporting these clubs in this endeavour.*

ACTION: RAY TO SEND A NOTE TO ALL CLUBS ON THIS MATTER EXPLAINING THE ISSUE AND ASKING FOR THEIR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

* Derek Vincent later provided further clarification on this subject, in an email exchange with the RSO Secretary.

Derek said, "The 2014 date refers to any federally registered NFP For the Ontario registered NFP, the date of proclamation is January 1, 2013, and you will have three years to implement it (January 1, 2016). The other difference between the Federal and Ontario laws is that federally, if you do not explicitly file, then you run the risk of dissolution; in Ontario, after the three years, it is assumed that you have dealt with it and the new laws supersede anything you may have in conflict."

(d) Electronic timing report – Ross. Update on renting our equipment to other motorsports events. One rental is confirmed for Mosport on July 17 and a second contract is possible for a “green” event in Montreal. Ross has no further updates at this time.

ACTION: ROSS WILL FOLLOW UP ON THE “GREEN” EVENT THIS WEEKEND WHEN HE’S AT RALLYE BAIE DES CHALEURS, AND UPDATE THE STATUS OF THE MOSPORT RENTAL.

(e) Document about disabled vehicles – Ross. If a vehicle must be left on a stage road where it necessitates a triangle, then draw up a written notice before the next stage begins. If the disabled vehicle is not near the road, no notice is required.

ACTION: WARREN TO REWORD ITEMS 3) AND 4) AND RE-SEND.

6) ORRC Report – Bruce.

There were two recent ORRC events – Blossom had eight entries and Discover Ontario had six entries. The next event is the Mini Monte Carlo Rally on July 22. Everything seems to be under control and well organized. It has already been green-crewed. The ORRC after the Mini Monte is the No Winter Maintenance at end of September. Bruce discussed ways of publicizing rallies.

7) OPRC Report – Warren.

(a) LHFR Steward’s Report – Ray. The Board discussed the overall event and the safety issues brought forward by the Chief Steward.

Approval of safety plans – Warren. Warren led the discussion about the process around safety plans and regional rallies. As it stands now, event organizers apply to the CARS office for insurance. However, insurance reviewers do not ask for the same level of detail as might a CARS official. Are separate documents needed for insurance and the safety plan? In the absence of a new internal process, organizers will continue with the status quo. The Board discussed having designated individuals review the safety plans for regionals. Pete Gulliver agreed to be one of the reviewers.

MOTION to have organizers of regional events send their safety plans to RSO’s VP – Performance for review and approval. The VP will assign them to a reviewer. Haywood \ MacGillivray. Carried unanimously.

(b) Shannonville Stages 2013 – Peter Watt. Request to have road damage levies waived, as the event will take place on the Shannonville Motorsport Park track.

MOTION to waive the road damage levy for SS 2013. Leonard \ Haywood. Carried unanimously.

Discussion followed about making more forms available on-line. Ray said we can scan PDF’s and post them on the RSO Web site. Ross suggested that CARS provide a variety of downloadable forms that RSO can use too.

8) Growth Committee Report – Nothing at this time.

9) Legislative Affairs Report – Nothing at this time.

10) Scrutineer’s Report – Steve van Rees. No report this month.

11) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood. Pete Gulliver fixed the broken pop-up tent, thereby saving RSO the cost of purchasing a new one.

Bruce mentioned painting the back of the arrows black, as was suggested by an LHFR 2012 competitor. This would prevent any driver confusion in one-road regional rallies.

ACTION: ROSS TO LOOK AT THE VIABILITY OF PAINTING THE BACK OF SOME ARROWS.

12) New Business –

(a) Discussion item from the RSO AGM about separating role of RSO President and RSO representative to the CARS Board – Ross. Ray said that this is his last term on the RSO board. He said the CARS work is particularly time-consuming and that Rally West has already separated the two jobs. We are going to have to change our bylaws anyways; any committee would need to look at everything. Ross said that, given the workload, it might be easier to get people to run if the jobs were separate.

Pete Gulliver said the clubs need to be involved and recommended that RSO set up a committee with club reps and one RSO director. Pete would like to be part of the committee, but not necessarily to lead it.

ACTION: RAY TO SEND RSO BOARD MEMBERS THE CARS BY-LAWS ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH WE WILL READ AND BE PREPARED TO COMMENT ON FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

ACTION: PETE GULLIVER TO CONTACT THE CLUB REPS TO SOLICIT THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS COMMITTEE.

(b) Develop a regional OPRC organizer's checklist – Jeannie \ Ross. The Black Bear rally committee asked for a regional checklist, so Ross created a first draft to start them off. Jeannie offered to develop it with input from experienced organizers. Ross Wood and Peter Watt offered their support.

ACTION: JEANNIE TO DEVELOP A REGIONAL CHECKLIST.

(c) Scrutineer's fee – Ray. He's suggesting \$75 per logbook, as per the chief Scrutineer's recommendation. Second trips should be billed to the competitor.

MOTION to pay the scrutineer \$75 per log-book issued to cover expenses. Subsequent trips are the responsibility of the competitor.
Felice \ MacGillivray. Carried unanimously.

13) Club News

(a) BEMC (per Bob McCallum)

(b) KWRC (per Adam Dowsett)

(c) MCO (per Chris Pye)

(d) MLRC (per Ross Wood)

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

The third Can-Jam Motorsports Rallycross of the season will be held in Bancroft on Sunday, July 8. This will be the first of three Summer and Fall Rallycrosses and should be well attended. Following that, there will be two more events on September 23 and October 21. Thanks to those who came out to the course cleanup day. We carted off about 175 tires to the dump, removed the snow fence and the track looks much more presentable. Competitors, please register online in advance at <http://www.mlrc.ca/rallycross/>.

On June 22, MLRC hosted a Test Day on a fantastic piece of road – the middle 3-km section of the Pines Lower Old Hastings stage. This is the first time we have ever used this piece of road for a Test Day and only the second time we have held a Test Day on a public road. We give thanks to the Tudor and Cashel Township Council for granting us permission. Four teams got to enjoy the perfect weather and road conditions and had a great time. Two drivers had fairly minor offs, but that is how you learn. Both will be back for the Black Bear Rally.

Speaking of the Black Bear Rally, we are in the final stages of preparation for the Black Bear Rally, which 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).

Registration, Scrutineering and half of the Recce will be done on Friday, with the remainder of the Recce being done on Saturday morning before the rally. We held a Work Day on Saturday, June 16, to do some minor roadwork, removal of fallen trees and low-hanging branches, plus the Green Crew did their work that day. 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. At this point, we particularly need a few more radio operators. To check out other details of the rally and the Entry List, go to <http://www.mlrc.ca/blackbear/index.html>.

The Tall Pines committee continues to move ahead with its planning. We are in the final stages of preparing the route plan and schedule. Competitors will enjoy over 200 km of great stages in a compact one day competition schedule. Everyone please mark November 23 and 24 on your calendar; we will need all the help we can get. We have one gap to fill on the committee – VIP program Coordinator. If you are interested, contact Ian Wright at ian@tallpinesrally.com. 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.

(e) PMSC (per Peter Watt)

Not much to report from PMSC. While not rally related, the club has hosted a couple of Solo events that were well attended, with fierce competition for club championship points.

The promotions director continues to utilize his extensive contacts and is getting good event reports into the local media.

Plans for the August 11 running of the Galway–Cavendish Forest Rally are on track. This year's event features greater distances with an additional stage, as well as an extension to three of the existing stages.

(f) TAC (per Dietmar Seelenmayer)

There is not much going on at the moment. We ran a TSD rally for the Alfa Romeo Club a week ago. This was for their North American Convention.

Coming up is a time attack event this weekend at TMP on Saturday.

On the July 20, 21 and 22 weekend, we have our get-together at Mosport for the ALMS races. We have done this for a number of years. We get an area fenced off for our members and have a BBQ on Sunday.

(g) SPDA (per Trevor Hancher)

Preparation for SPDA portion of the July 22 Mini Monte Rally is almost complete. The route is complete, and route notes are in progress.

Planning is in progress for the No Winter Maintenance Rally in September. We will likely start at the Flying Spatula Restaurant in Flesherton again. They were great last year, and they had expressed interest in hosting the 2012 rally as well.

SPDA will be hosting the CASC Advanced Time Attack at CTMP (MIR) on July 29, following the CASC advanced time attack school on the 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

14) Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 15 at 7:30 p.m.