



RSO Board/Executive Meeting – August 27, 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	Regrets
Paul Henshall	Executive Assistant	
Ross Wood	Administrative Assistant / Equipment Manager	Yes
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	
Steve van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	Yes
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	Yes
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	Regrets
Derek Vincent	Guest (MLRC)	Yes

Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda** – Approved as amended – Leonard \ MacGillivray.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (June 25)** – Approved as written – MacGillivray / Leonard. Unanimous agreement.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report – Pete.** Sent in advance. Approved as presented – Leonard / Haywood. Unanimous agreement.
- 4) **CARS update – Ray.** Update on insurance requirements for test days. Could we get a per-car rate instead of paying the current flat rate of \$800/day?

To date, ASN has not given CARS an answer on the subject.

ACTION: RAY TO FOLLOW UP WITH CARS AT AN UPCOMING MEETING.

5) Old Business –

- (a) **Rally car insurance – Ray.** There is reputedly a provider of event-only insurance which reverts to the car's being under the household insurance policy when not in use. Has Ray's contact responded to his inquiry yet?

ACTION: RAY TO ASK HIS CONTACT, WHO WILL BE AT TARGA. HE HAS NOT RESPONDED TO RAY'S E-MAIL QUERIES.

- (b) **CARS affiliation for ASN insurance – Ray.** Update on whether dual affiliations (CARS and CASC-OR) are required for 2013. Has either CASC-OR and FIA Canada responded yet?

There has been no response from ASN Canada and CASC-OR has no comment.

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- (c) **New provincial legislation will affect RSO clubs – Ray.** Update on an RSO committee to examine this legislation and identify how we should react to it. Derek Vincent is heading it up. Peter Watt (PMSC club rep), Pete Gulliver and Ross Wood are confirmed participants. Alasdair Robertson is also lending his expertise.

Derek Vincent said the committee would come up with best practices vs. each club having to figure it out on their own (although they could choose to do so). The committee would also share any legal or accounting information.

Derek said that the Ontario non-profit network is now asking for a delay. There are supposed to be transition packages to help organizations with this. Starting January 1, 2013, we will have three years to transition. If any RSO clubs do not comply within the three-year period, the new law would supersede any previously existing law. The federal version is more heavy-handed.

There are issues around membership and voting; for example, anyone who is a member can table a motion with a single vote, with no need to move or second. It would provide a mechanism to tie up an organization if one dissenter had some sort of issue.

Derek would like to see the packages on the transition, and says we should start moving forward. He thinks the legislation is still open for amendments.

- (d) **Electronic timing report – Ross.** Update on Mosport rental and possible contract for "green" event in Montreal.

- **Black Bear Rally and Galway-Cavendish Forest Rally:** The system never missed getting a time. However, there were some problems with the transmitter boxes. RSO needs to buy some better transmitters.
- **Mosport event: The Hyundai Fun Day (Event Matrix)** worked out very well. The three-man team ended up spending two days there, doing multiple displays, etc. for the automotive journalists. They had to take a lot more equipment than anticipated due to the complex requirements. More track

journalists have been introduced to the e-timing system and are writing about it in their stories. A budget was submitted for the event.

- **The “green” event in Montreal:** The client did not come up with a firm contract until far too late, so we were unable to do the event.

ACTION: BUY NEW TRANSMITTERS.

- (e) **Document about disabled vehicles – Warren / Ross.** Document on triangle procedure for a disabled vehicle left on a stage road.

The document was sent to the RSO Board and changes made. The document was finalized and the procedure was in place for Black Bear and GCFR.

- (f) **Discussion item from the RSO AGM about separating role of RSO President and RSO representative to the CARS Board – Ross.** Pete Gulliver said in advance of this meeting that he has asked Dennis Wharton (who was RSO founding President and helped create our by-laws) to work with him on creating a proposal to take to the club reps. Pete will address this when he returns from England in late September.

There was some discussion as to whether separating the roles would adhere to the CARS by-laws. It was pointed out that Rally West separated the roles four or five years ago. RSO Board needs to read the CARS by-laws prior to any discussion.

ACTION: RAY TO SEND RSO BOARD MEMBERS THE CARS BY-LAWS FOR THEIR REVIEW.

- (g) **Develop a regional OPRC organizer’s checklist – Jeannie.** Regional rally organizers could benefit from the development of a regional checklist. Ross created a first draft and has offered his support, along with Peter Watt. Update from Jeannie.

The checklist is a work in progress and is expected to take several months.

ACTION: JEANNIE TO CONTINUE WORK ON IT AND WILL CONSULT WITH PETER AND ROSS WHEN SHE’S FURTHER ALONG.

6) ORRC Report – Bruce.

- (a) **The future of the ORRC series and recap.**

Recent ORRC events: **Discover Ontario** (June 16) had five entries. **Blossom** on May 12 had eight. Some of the challenges are green crews: we’re losing the experienced teams that we need to green crew the events. We have competitors who are organizing so can’t compete. Other experienced non-competitors are getting tired of organizing and not competing. We need a green crew for **No Winter Maintenance** (September 29).

The Mini Monte (All-Ontario Monte Carlo Rally) on July 22 went well, with good publicity from motorsports writers in various publications. Lesley Wimbush pulled in other journalists from the Autotrader, Globe and Mail, etc., so there was good coverage. There were 31 entries spread over 3 start locations. Thanks to Trevor, Martin and Dennis, Opal for the website, and Alan Ryall, the co-ordinator. We will do it again next year. The only downside was that it tied up so many workers who were also potential competitors. Ross asked, Could we do a similar type of event throughout the year?

Upcoming: PMSC's ORRC, the President's Prize, will run from 6 - 10 p.m. on November 17. It is about 250 km, 4 ½ to 5 hours, and has a rest stop.

With ORRC's sometimes attracting fewer than 10 entries, PMSC is looking at not doing it next year if interest does not pick up for their events.

Following this, the board had a lengthy discussion of ways to attract people to navigational rallying. These ideas are contained in a document called "Nav Rally Ideas for the RSO Growth Committee." It is available upon request from the Secretary, at secretary@rallysport.on.ca.

Nav rallying needs enthusiastic people on board the RSO Growth Committee to explore these ideas and put them into action. If anyone is interested, please contact Bruce Leonard at vpnavigational@rallysport.on.ca. The sport needs you!

7) OPRC Report – Warren.

(a) Approval of safety plans – Warren. Update on whether separate documents are needed for insurance and the safety plan.

Two separate documents are required. Warren explained that ASN Canada and CARS have some overlap in their requirements, but they are quite different. They would have to agree on a form that incorporates both their needs.

The form for insurance purposes is not adequate to run the event on. Pete is going to work on a form that highlights the insurance-specific information; right now, two separate documents need to be produced.

(b) RSO rule set for BOD approval – Warren. Rules sent in advance to BOD. The Performance rally rules were revised in 2012, and it is now its final form, awaiting BOD approval. Warren pointed out that it is a living document and will be modified in response to any changes that may come from CARS in the future.
ACTION: BOD TO REVIEW AND GET COMMENTS BACK TO WARREN BY SEPTEMBER 4.

(c) Black Bear Steward's Report – Warren. Discussed by board members.

(d) GCFR Steward's Report – Warren. Discussed by board members.

8) Legislative Affairs Report – Ray spoke with Alasdair about some changes to legislation in Quebec re HAM radios (handhelds). This change has just come in. HAM radio people lobbied to get handhelds legal in Quebec. Does RSO want Alasdair to look into this for Ontario to lobby for an exemption for us? All agreed that we would like Alasdair to investigate this.

9) Scrutineer's Report – Steve van Rees. Discussed the Black Bear Rally and the GCFR. Only routine issues. Steve has transferred the logbook registry information, and created a digital copy for himself and for CARS.

10) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood. Update, including any progress on painting the back of some arrows black to prevent driver confusion in one-road regional rallies.

The painting of the back of several one-way arrows has been done.

11) New Business –

- (a) **Role of the Chief Scrutineer – Ross Wood.** We should clarify whether or not Steve feels there is any conflict for Chief Scrutineer for RSO and also Chief Scrutineer for the event.

Steve says he hasn't been pressured and does not feel there is any conflict. He sees his role at Tall Pines as advisory – answering questions, etc.

- (b) **Proposal to update the RSO Web site – Pete Gulliver (absent).** Opal Gamble delivered a proposal to improve the RSO Web site. Pete said that, while we certainly do not have funds at this point in time, we will need to improve the Web site in the near future. Opal's proposal is at least a starting point for discussion, and should, at the very minimum, be accepted via the Minutes at the August 27 meeting.

Ray asked that this item to be on the Agenda for the next meeting, when Pete is back. We want to have a discussion about improving the RSO Web site. We will make a wish list and then solicit proposals.

ACTION: TO BE AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

- (c) **Planning re 2013 use of Timing Equipment for non-RSO events – Ross Wood.** Currently fees are set the same for CRC events, whether in Ontario or Quebec. It is proving to be significantly more expensive to service the Quebec events, to the point that the Tall Pines and even the RSO Regionals are subsidizing the Quebec CRC events. In addition, it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit Timing Experts to attend the Quebec events, especially the Baie.

Ross recommended that we continue to offer our services to the Quebec CRC events, but that a revised fee structure will have to be adopted for 2013 for all non-RSO events. This would include special contract events. Ross will present a proposal to the RSO Board at the next RSO meeting.

ACTION: ROSS TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD.

- (d) **Tall Pines Green Crew – Ross.**

Peter Watt has agreed to be part of the Green Crew for Tall Pines.

12) Club News

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

- (b) **KWRC (per Adam Dowsett)**

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

The Doppelganger TSD rally series has been bringing out a number of new competitors, but some of the regulars have been missing. The turnout has been 5 teams per event, but the August event showed promise with 8 teams. Next event is on September 15. Work for the Fall Night Rally ORRC is underway in the capable hands of Robert Roaldi. The low turn-out is discouraging but we hope for a good turn-out for the September event.

We are looking for new organizers for both the TSD series and for the Lanark Highlands

Forest Rally. The MCO rally group will be restarting monthly meetings in September and filling these positions will be the main topics.

Labour Day weekend sees MCO hosting the Ted Powell race weekend at Calabogie Motorsport Park. It's not a rally-related event but the rally people will be helping at the event.

(d) MLRC (per Ross Wood)

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

As I write this, the 4th Can-Jam Motorsports Rallycross is about to occur on September 23. The July Rallycross was a great success organizationally and competitively, but due to the hot, dry summer, it created a lot of dust, which caused some discontent with the neighbours. We have taken steps to prevent a recurrence by deciding to run the summer RX in June rather than July in future and to have a water truck on site, if it is dusty. As lots of rain is predicted in the next days, there certainly should not be a dust issue anyway for this weekend's event. Competitors, please register online in advance at <http://www.mlrc.ca/rallycross/>.

MLRC's Regional OPRC event, the Black Bear Rally, was held on July 14 and was highly successful. Ryan Huber and John Vanos (Subaru Impreza) emerged victorious by a huge margin, with Andrew Kulikowski/Ryan Nichols (Ford Focus) placing second overall and first in Group 2. In third overall and first in PGT was Alan Ryall/Bruce Leonard (Subaru WRX). Thanks to Donna Huber for acting as Coordinator of the event once again.

The Mini Monte Rally, a new three-club event, was a total success with over 30 cars entered. The three routes started in different locations, but all finished at the same spot for a great BBQ and party. Looks as if this event will have to be repeated next year.

Organization of the Rally of the Tall Pines is now in high gear as we near the home stretch. The route and schedule are finalized with 200+ km of stages, volunteer names are pouring in and the Supp Regs are about to be posted. Everyone, please mark November 23 and 24 on your calendar; we will need all the help we can get. Check out details on the Pines website at www.tallpinesrally.com.

(e) PMSC (per Peter Watt)

PMSC continued with their busy summer schedule. While solo and social seem to be the events that draw PMSC members the most (add ice race as well), there is still some rally activity. First the social: Somewhat rally-related was the well supported July "Poker Run" organized by Jack Hannah. Most competitors had a pleasant evening following the clues, collecting cards. The event finished on the scenic shores of Rice Lake. August brought a Go-Cart night at "Wild Water & Wheels" in Peterborough. Attracting both solo and rally members, the intrepid racers banged and bumped their way around the track. Most displayed huge grins by the end of the evening.

From a rally perspective, the Galway–Cavendish Forest Rally, ably coordinated by Peter Gulliver, ran August 11. While the 17 entries were below what was budgeted, the competitors that did appear not only experienced the usual impeccable Fire Road, but also got to experience the newly added quarry section. Threading their way through the rock piles flummoxed at least one individual, but no rock piles suffered irreparable damage.

Work on the President's Prize Rally, slated for November 17, has begun. The first section has been completed and the next two legs will be laid out soon. Given the pitiful entries in ORRC events this year, some PMSC members are questioning the "return on investment" of hosting an ORRC championship round. This event could very likely be a determining factor in that regard.

(f) TAC (per Dietmar Seelenmayer)

(g) SPDA (per Trevor Hancher)

SPDA has been very active in the summer months, hosting Ontario Time Attack events at CTMP in July, the ATTS lapping day in early August, and assisting TLMC with the 2012 National Autoslalom this past weekend.

Our involvement in the Mini-Monte Rally in July was greatly enjoyed by both organizers and competitors, and came with some much-needed attention from local media, with Lorraine Sommerfield, Jim Kenzie, Lesley Wimbush and Jonathan Yarkony all providing coverage. Hopefully, this draws out some new competitors.

It's a little more than a month before the 2012 No Winter Maintenance (NWM) Rally, and preparations are almost complete. We are once again starting at the Flying Spatula restaurant in Flesherton, Ontario. This is a two-leg rally, with Car 0 starting at 11 a.m. We've scouted some new roads, talked to municipalities, and even made contact with a snowmobile club (not so easy in July) to provide a great driving route following some interesting driving instructions.

The NWM Road Checklist includes:

- dry lake bed
- drive at own risk
- decommissioned snowmobile trail
- "no exit" roads with exits
- steep hills
- unmaintained town lines
- scenic bridges
- narrow roads
- No Winter Maintenance roads

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

12) Next Meeting – Monday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m.