



RSO Board/Executive Meeting – October 22, 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 | Regrets |
| 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 | |
| Derek Vincent | Guest (MLRC) | Yes |
| Stephen Deneka | Guest (SPDA) | Yes |
| James Drake | Guest (President, MLRC) | Yes |

Minutes

1) Approval of/additions to Agenda – Approved as amended – Gulliver \ Leonard.
 Unanimous vote in favour.

2) Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (August 27) – Approved as written – Haywood \ Leonard. Unanimous vote in favour.

3) Treasurer's Report – Pete. Sent in advance. Approved as presented – Gulliver \ MacGillivray. Unanimous vote in favour.

A GIC is coming due. Pete will discuss options with the bank and report back to the Board. Ray commented that our region is very well run financially.

4) CARS update – Ray.

(a) Has ASN responded to CARS about charging a per-car rate for test days rather than paying a flat rate of \$800/day?

ASN has not responded to Ray at all.

(b) Are dual affiliations (CARS and CASC-OR) required for 2013?

ASN has refused to take a side and CASC-OR does not respond.

ACTION: RAY WILL TRY AGAIN AT FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS IN APRIL.

The CARS office is closed from October to November 4. Urgent matters should go through regional rally directors.

Tom McGeer will not be running again for the position of CARS President. The CARS Board would like to get nominations in before October 31 so a new incumbent can be chosen and shadow Tom before he steps down.

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. Ray's contact was to be at Targa.

ACTION: THE CONTACT DID NOT ENTER TARGA. RAY WILL TRY AGAIN.

(b) New provincial legislation will affect RSO clubs – Ray. Derek Vincent is leading an RSO committee to examine this legislation and identify our response. Peter Watt (PMSC club rep), Pete Gulliver and Ross Wood are confirmed participants, and Alasdair Robertson is lending his legislative expertise. Update from Ray / Derek.

Derek says that July 1, 2013, is now the earliest date of enactment, with an additional three years for conversion. If no action is taken by clubs, under provincial legislation, their new rules will supersede the clubs' existing rules.

(c) Electronic timing report – Ross.

Ross helped at the Pacific Forest Rally, and shared an exchange of information with their timing crews. They have made some minor improvements to the hardware, and Ross shared his best practices.

(d) Planning re 2013 use of Timing Equipment for non-RSO events – Ross.

Update on Ross's examination of a revised fee structure for all non-RSO events, including special contract events.

Our discussion focussed on the cost structure of Ontario and Quebec rallies. It was agreed that we want to maintain the rates for Ontario events, and that we need to recoup our costs for Quebec events (especially Baie, which involves considerable driving). Our first step is to determine the cost for each Quebec event (Perce Neige, Défi and Baie). However, RSO needs some financial assistance so we can continue to provide this service to the Quebec events.

ACTION: ROSS WILL DETERMINE A COST THAT IS EQUAL AND FAIR TO EACH EVENT. HE AND RAY WILL DISCUSS AN ITEM TO PUT ON THE CARS AGENDA.

(e) Discussion item from the RSO AGM about separating role of RSO President and RSO representative to the CARS Board – Pete. Update on his discussion with Dennis Wharton.

We need input from club presidents and members of clubs before the Board makes a decision. We need to describe and define roles. There was a lengthy discussion and options were explored. It was agreed that we solicit opinions from the Board and RSO club reps before tweaking the document and sending it to all clubs for input.

ACTION: BOARD MEMBERS: GIVE INPUT TO PETE BY THE END OF THE WEEK. THE DOCUMENT WILL THEN GO TO CLUB REPS AND PRESIDENTS FOR COMMENT. GET FEEDBACK, TWEAK DOCUMENT, SEND OUT TO CLUBS FOR INPUT BY END OF NOVEMBER. TAKE FEEDBACK, INCLUDE, MAKE A DECISION ON IT.

(g) Develop a regional OPRC organizer's checklist – Jeannie. Work in progress; Jeannie to have it ready for Shannonville Stages. She will be consulting with Ross and Peter Watt.

(f) Improvements to the RSO Web site – Pete. Opal Gamble had delivered a proposal to improve the RSO Web site. Pete said that we do not have funds at this point in time, but we need to discuss improvements to the Web site. We will make a wish list and solicit proposals.

Pete queried Opal about some of the elements of the proposal, to see what would be most useful and thus reduce the cost. One comment was that it is not easy to post on our site. The RSO Web site has had a free hosting service, which was down for a couple of days. There was some discussion as to whether

we should look for another host, as well as making our Web site look good on a mobile device.

James Drake asked what we wanted our website to be, and had some comments and observations. Ray asked if James could recommend a company that could do it cheaper. James will investigate and get back to us on it. Someone could canvass people at Tall Pines for their opinions as to what our Web site should provide.

ACTION: RAY AND JAMES TO MEET TO DISCUSS OPTIONS.

6) ORRC Report – Bruce.

Most info is in his latest “Car Zero update” email. He mentioned some of the good ideas that Stephen Deneka is sharing with the clubs to promote TSD rallies. A contact of Opal Gamble’s volunteered to look at some of our visuals. Bruce suggested spicing up the ORRC logo, especially given its new name. (Please see Item 11) (c), where the name change is approved.)

7) OPRC Report – Warren.

(a) RSO rule set for BOD approval – Warren. Rules were sent to BOD for comments. The Performance rally rules were revised in 2012 and are now final, awaiting BOD approval. It is a living document and will be modified in response to any changes that may come from CARS in the future. Update.

We’ll have to change it to conform to the CARS class changes.

ACTION: WARREN TO POST ON RSO WEB SITE.

(b) OPRC records update – Warren.

Someone asked about stage times dating back to early rallies. Warren pointed out that stages have to be identical before comparisons can be made. He wants to update the historical records.

He is dealing with licensing documents for Tall Pines, and working with Ian and Donna. He is waiting for confirmation of the RSO First Aid date. (N.B. It is now confirmed for January 19, 2013.)

(c) Discuss new CARS class structure and how it affects RSO class structure – Ray.

There are still some changes to be made, primarily to the 2WD – Group 5 and Group 2. CARS is trying to make this split fair for everybody. Restrictors on 2WD will probably change. CARS is considering creating a Historical class no sooner than 2014. Regions can still have their own classes for stand-alone rallies, and CARS will have its own rules.

Once the CARS the rules are finalized, RSO and the other clubs will have an opportunity to discuss the changes. RSO can then ask drivers for their input and hold a separate call with them, if needed.

8) Legislative Affairs Report – Ray. Update from Alasdair about getting handhelds made legal in Ontario, following the Quebec example.

Alasdair is monitoring the situation; stay tuned.

9) Scrutineer’s Report – Steve van Rees. Nothing to report this month.

10) Equipment Manager’s Report – Ross Wood.

Ross is having a work session with helpers to do an inventory of all the equipment in the RSO trailer. He is getting new pylons and putting in a sizeable order of tape that will be sufficient for all RSO events next year.

11) New Business –

(a) RSO calendar – Jeannie. Responses from clubs are coming in on their OPRC and ORRC’s, rallycrosses and snowcrosses, as well as dates of RSO-sponsored events. Need to set a calendar meeting date to finalize. Deadline: November 7.

(b) Format for calendar: cards and/or electronic? – All.

James suggested hero-card size to give out and posters. Pete questioned the value of hero cards, calendar cards or posters, and said he believed they were an unnecessary expense. Ray thinks we should look at posters. Stephen asked for a photo of a nav rally competitor (sans helmet) and car to use as a promotional tool.

ACTION: RAY TO LOOK INTO THE COST OF A ONE-SIDED POSTER, AND POSSIBLY HERO CARDS, WHICH ARE NOT NEARLY AS EXPENSIVE AS CALENDAR CARDS.

(c) Discussion of the name "Ontario Road Rally Cup" to be tied to the ORRC marketing. Possible alternative names are Ontario Road Rally Challenge and Ontario Road Rally Championship – Bruce.

The preferred word was “Championship”, so the ORRC acronym will stand for the **Ontario Road Rally Championship**. Leonard \ Gulliver. Unanimous vote in favour.

(d) Review of OPRC Points Scoring – Ross.

James Drake suggested implementing organizer points for OPRC events, and explained that it would be easier to get an organizer if a competitor could step in. Such an organizer would score the highest points he had won in a season. If the driver and co-driver co-organized, they would both accrue points in OPRC events. Discussion followed as to which “best” event should be chosen, and how to do it fairly.

ACTION: JAMES WAS ASKED TO WRITE A DOCUMENT TO CLARIFY WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR POINTS, AND HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE, AND SEND IT TO A BOARD MEMBER.

(e) Tall Pines spectator guide – Ray.

RSO was contacted by *Inside Track* about placing a half-page ad at a cost of \$450. They do the artwork and design and will send it to us to proof. The Board agreed it was money well spent.

(f) Office of the President – Ray. Ray emphasized that he will not be running again for the job of President of Rallysport Ontario. He will be stepping down in March 2013.

12) Club News

(a) BEMC (per Bob McCallum)

(b) KWRC (per Adam Dowsett)

(c) MCO (per Chris Pye)

(d) MLRC (per Ross Wood)

(e) PMSC (per Peter Watt)

(f) TAC (per Dietmar Seelenmayer)

As far as club news, there is not much. We finished the Time Attack events with an event at Grand Bend. Upcoming we have our annual banquet on November 30. So far, there is no conflict with anyone. We are working on the January Jaunt, which will start from the same location in Waterdown. Info will be on the web site as well as Facebook.

(g) SPDA (per Trevor Hancher)

On September 29, SPDA hosted the second running of the No Winter Maintenance Rally in Flesherton, Ontario. The 2012 event was a success with 20 teams attending, including three teams in Expert won by the Leonards, four in Intermediate won by Chris W. and Yevgeniy G., and 13 Novice with a good number of competitors new to the ORRC series.

Many teams were caught up by a few tricks and a few instructions caused more difficulty than I expected. Some teams were lost more than once and others were running beyond max late, but everyone finished.

Attendance was down from last year, but this was one of the better attended events of the season. We feel this event is growing in popularity with the great roads and colourful Fall scenery being a major attraction.

A lot of effort is put into marketing the NWMR, and we see that as being a big part of making people aware of the event and raising interest. Our advertising text included a list of road descriptions leaning toward the more adventurous side of driving, which apparently worked for us rather than against us.

Steve D distributed a document on our marketing activities as a guide to other organizers in the hopes of improving attendance. He continues to provide assistance to other organizers, and is actively advertising other events for this season. Stephen took an additional step with the NWMR and sent out a post-rally survey, but there have been few responses to this so far.

A full write up of the NWMR with results, photos and route notes can be found at <http://nwmr.caslube.com/>.

SPDA will be returning to Flesherton in 2013, with a planned date of Saturday, September 28.

Trevor Hancher
SPDA Rally Ambassador

Meeting adjourned at: 11:01 p.m.

1) Next Meeting – Monday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. by teleconference.