



RSO Board/Executive Meeting – January 15, 2013
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
Vacant	Treasurer	
Pete Gulliver	Bookkeeper	Yes
Ross Wood	Administrative Assistant / Equipment Manager	Yes
Paul Henshall	Executive Assistant	
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	
Steve van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	Regrets
Vacant	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Regrets
Rob Shotton	MCO Club Representative	Yes
Ross Wood	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Regrets
Rob McAuley	TAC Club Representative	Regrets
Derek Vincent	Guest (MLRC)	Yes

Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda** – Added new items. Agenda approved as amended. Haywood / Leonard. Unanimous approval.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (December 3)** – Approved as written. Leonard / Haywood. Unanimous approval.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report – Pete.** Financial documents were sent in advance to the BoD and club reps. Financial Management Report and Balance Sheet RSO 2013 were approved as presented – MacGillivray / Leonard. Unanimous approval.

4) CARS update – Ray.

(a) Update on the CARS AGM held in Toronto on January 11-12.

The new CARS president is John Hall, from western Canada. He will be fully assuming his duties in early February, and will be supported in the transition by outgoing President Tom McGeer.

Next year's CARS AGM will be held in the Province of Quebec, but which city is not yet known. It will take place on the second weekend, January 10-11, 2014.

Insurance levies for performance rallies have been adjusted downward, in some cases, so that CARS does not run a surplus. There is no increase in cost to insure performance rallies (national or regional) or rally sprints, and one-road events are decreased to \$40 for the first 50 km and \$1 for every km after that. There is no closed-course insurance so for Shannonville Stages, the stage length will determine the cost of insurance. Test days remain at \$775, regardless of the number of cars.

CARS has initiated a trial run with a new production company. It will incorporate social media and TV, with its first event being Rallye Perce Neige–Maniwaki. It will equalize coverage across the classes. The CARS Marketing Manager, Keith Morison, will be at PN, working hand-in-hand with the producers. If the trial run is successful, CARS will continue with this approach. The goal is to popularize CRC even more.

The Board looked at spec fuel but did not come to a decision. Research is ongoing.

Class separations, new classes. There was more discussion on 2WD and 4WD and assigning separate podiums, separate outcomes. This would mean no more overall championships.

(b) The Canadian Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. KWRC President Martin Loveridge has agreed to head up the CARS NFP legislation committee, giving us an RSO voice.

(c) CARS updates – Bulletins. The 2013 CRC schedule is on the CARS Web site.

(d) CARS Organizer representative – Ross. Ross confirmed that he will be continuing for 2013 as the national organizer rep.

(e) CARS Competitor representative – The new competitor rep is Chris Martin.

(f) CARS Safety Guidelines Review – Ross. There is a core committee of four in place. Ross is inviting participants to join this committee, which will review and update the safety guidelines.

5) Old Business –

(a) Rally car insurance – Ray. A major motorsport insurance company is considering providing insurance for rally cars. The coverage would provide general liability and property damage insurance in transits.

(b) The requirement to have dual affiliations (CARS and CASC-OR) – Ray. The ASN meetings will be held in April, at which time Ray will meet with them face-to-face.

(c) New provincial legislation on non-profits re RSO clubs – Ray. Derek Vincent sent an email to his group to get it kicked off. Pete thinks we're in good shape; it's more to make sure we don't miss anything. We need to make sure our by-laws are in order and adjusted for any new requirements.

(d) Electronic timing report – Ross. Newell Enterprises want to return to work with us, and Ross wants to have them. They need to meet and sign an agreement, possibly at the same rate. They will be testing a new antenna system that should be an improvement.

(e) Planning re 2013 use of Timing Equipment – Ross. RallySport Ontario is again offering to rent our electronic timing equipment to all CRC events in eastern Canada. This will include Tall Pines (Ontario), and the Baie des Chaleurs, Défi Ste-Agathe and Perce-Neige events (Quebec). The rental rates will be increased for 2013 to \$60 per car for CRC events and \$35 per car for OPRC events. Rates for contract events will continue to be set on an individual basis. The new rates include a component to cover depreciation and replacement of equipment.

(f) RSO elections. Discussion as to whether any candidates have stepped forward. It was decided that Ray would make some phone calls but would like some assistance. The President/CARS rep, Treasurer and VP Performance are up for election, and we will possibly create a new position for Rally Director. Anyone, at any time up to the day of the RSO AGM, can express an interest in being elected to one of the positions of the Board.

ACTION: JEANNIE: IF ANYONE COMMITS TO RUN FOR A POSITION, I WILL WRITE A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF THEM AND DISTRIBUTE IT TO THE MEMBERSHIP (VIA CLUB PRESIDENTS AND REPS, AND ON OUR WEB SITE).

ACTION: JEANNIE TO ENSURE THAT NOTICE OF MEETING IS POSTED AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE.

(g) Discussion item from the RSO AGM about separating role of RSO President and RSO representative to the CARS Board – Pete.

There was discussion re the wording of a motion to be presented at the RSO AGM in March that would provide for the separation of the roles of RSO President and CARS Rally Director. The CARS Rally Director would be an elected position and would be a sixth RSO Board member with full voting power. It would likely allow for the same person to hold both positions, should the situation arise. In such a case that Board member would get one vote. In order to assure good representation of RSO's interests at the CARS Board level, it would be an expectation that the CARS Rally Director attend all RSO Board meetings. It was noted that all other CARS Regions have already separated the two roles.

ACTION: BRUCE TO WRITE A DRAFT MOTION FOR BOARD DISCUSSION. THE BOARD WILL HOLD A CONFERENCE CALL TO FINALIZE THE WORDING.

(h) Improvements to the RSO Web site – Ray. Board members were asked to list wished-for elements so that potential suppliers can give us a quote and provide their proof of ability to deliver. Warren to collate the replies.

To date, Bruce has done a Google calendar and the ORRC standings are in Google. Bruce and Roger have access and can do same thing for the OPRC spreadsheet.

ACTION: WARREN TO SEND OPRC SPREADSHEET INFO TO BRUCE TO MAKE IT INTO A GOOGLE DOC. TEMPLATE FOR 2013 TO GO TO BRUCE.

- (i) **Format for poster cards – Ray.** Ray got four sponsors to pay for costs of poster, one-sided. Bruce suggested putting photos of three cars on the photo.

ACTION: RAY TO SEND PROOF TO THE BOARD. BRUCE WILL SEND THE WORDING WRITTEN BY WARREN AND HIM ON THEIR DISCIPLINES. NO RALLYCROSS INFO WAS SUBMITTED.

6) ORRC Report – Bruce.

- The January Jaunt (TAC) was held on January 12, with 18 entries.
- Coming up on January 19 will be the Frontenac Winter Rally (MCO).
- Bruce laid out the Maple Leaf Winter Rally (MLRC) route last weekend. It will go over to Minden and back.
- The RSO Rally School will be held in March and April, and Bruce is looking for a venue to book for the schools.
- Good news: Maple Leaf Rally Club will probably be starting up the mini-rallies again.

7) OPRC Report – Warren.

(a)

- The RSO First Aid course is ready to go with eight participants for January 19.
- Warren sent timing levy info to Peter Watt for Shannonville Stages. He has received the Supplementary Regulations for SS.
- CARS need more regional stewards to choose from. RSO needs to put on a school.

ACTION: WARREN TO ASK ALASDAIR IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO PUT ON THE STEWARDS' SCHOOL.

- (b) **RSO rule set for BOD approval – Warren.** Update on 2013 OPRC rule changes, to include two new elements (see (b) and (c), below).

ACTION: LOOKING FOR OVERALL COMMENTS TO DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICALLY TO THE NEW ADDITIONS.

- (c) **OPRC Exhibition Class – Warren.** The board previously approved Nick Narini's idea of creating a non-scoring Exhibition class so that drivers could run and score but not get points in rallies and rallycross events. New wording was submitted to the VP Performance for approval and he is seeking comments (action item is above in (b)).

- (d) **Review of OPRC Points Scoring – Warren.** The board previously approved James Drake's idea of compensating a competitor, or both members of a team, who choose to take on a significant role or roles (e.g., organizer, Clerk of the Course) on an OPRC rally. New wording was submitted to the VP Performance for approval.

The Board now needs to revise and update the OPRC rule set before Perce Neige. It will then be posted on the Web site for RSO members to review and comment on before it goes to licensed competitors. The revision would include changes to the classes, organizer points, the number of events to be counted toward your championship score, and some minor tweaking.

ACTION: ALL COMMENTS TO WARREN ASAP. HE WILL INCORPORATE THE COMMENTS AND RE-SEND FOR BOARD APPROVAL. HE WILL THEN SEND IT OUT TO ALL COMPETITORS FOR THEIR RESPONSE. GOAL: FINAL RULE DOCUMENT FOR 2013 TO BE IN PLACE BY SATURDAY, JANUARY 26.

8) Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair. No report.

9) Scrutineer’s Report – Steve van Rees. Steve’s December report got lost in cyberspace, but he was good enough to re-send it:

Scrutineer’s Report, December 2012

There haven’t been any cars log-booked since the last report.

The Rally of the Tall Pines went well. I was busier than I had hoped. There were several bent cars. Hopefully, next year there will be snow!

I had an adequate number of volunteers helping at scrutineering. A couple more people would have been nice, but we made do with the number we had. The cars were weighed so the competitors have an idea where they stand in reference to the 2013 rules.

I would like to thank Chris and Nick M., Chris K., Sylvain and Eriq G., Peter B., Steve C., Dave E., Doug E., Darryl M., and Erin R. for all their help.

Darryl Malone and I discussed sending a memo to the competitors reminding them of the proper wearing of the shoulder belts over the HANS. We observed several competitors wearing the adjusters too high. I will do more research and write a memo to be sent out. We also helped a first-time team who were having trouble with their belts. I informed the team of the problem when I returned to Service and they immediately started to formulate a plan to resolve the situation.

Steve van Rees
Chief Scrutineer

10) Equipment Manager’s Report – Ross Wood. RSO has purchased 42 control board signs to replace signs that have been broken or lost over the years. The signs will be delivered to Ross at the Perce Neige, thus saving delivery cost.

11) New Business –

(a) **Setting the RSO calendar for 2014 – Ross.** Discussion as to whether we should go back to holding a conference call to set dates. Bruce suggested publishing dates in our Google calendar when they’re known. Once we have the dates for CRC events, we can set the OPRC dates and then slot everyone else in. ORRC events typically have a preferred time-slot.

ACTION: ADVISE CLUB REPS THAT THEIR EVENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 1, AFTER WHICH WE WILL HAVE OUR AGENDA MEETING.

(b) RSO AGM – Jeannie / Pete.

Publication of financial records – Pete. If clubs want an early copy before the AGM, we will release them electronically. The request must be sent from the club President to Pete at treasurer@rallysport.on.ca.

What the Secretary needs – Jeannie. Tips to speed up AGM registration and planning the banquet.

- **Club reps:** I'll need your up-to-date membership lists for 2012.
- **Club reps:** If you'll be carrying proxies, please email me the name and club affiliation of each person (secretary@rallysport.on.ca).
- **Club reps:** Please arrive early enough to register these proxies before the meeting starts.
- **VP – Navigational, VP – Performance:** Please copy me on invitations to award-winners (whose meal is free), and let them know that their guests' meals must be paid for. Ask all invitees to include me in their RSVP.
- **VP – Navigational, VP – Performance:** Make sure all invitees know that I need to know how many banquet tickets they need for themselves and their guests.
- **All members of the Board:** We need to have our annual reports written and posted on the RSO website by March 2.
- **Post the notice of the RSO AGM by February 12.**

(c) **Triangle rule – Ross.** There was discussion about a suggestion from a competitor at the Open Forum on the CARS AGM weekend to add another sign to reduce ambiguity in triangle situations that do not require any medical assistance, but where competitors should stop due to the road being blocked or assistance being required. The suggestion was for competitors to have a STOP sign to display in such situations. This would be in addition to displaying the triangle. The red cross would continue to be used only in situations requiring medical assistance. This suggestion will be discussed further by the CARS Board.

(d) **Vehicle tracking – Ross.** Discussion deferred to the next RSO meeting.

ACTION: JEANNIE TO PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA AND SEND A REMINDER TO ROSS.

(e) **Treasurer / Book- keeper.** For personal reasons, Peter Gulliver has submitted his resignation as Treasurer of RallySport Ontario, effective December 31, 2012. He has agreed to provide book-keeping services to the Board until the March 2013 Annual General Meeting and elections. Motion approved. Leonard / Felice.

(f) **New HAM Radio Examiner – Ross.** Justin Cohen VE3UDP wants to help get more people licensed. He offered to support MLRC and it's been approved. He's a licensed tester for Ham radio and is willing to coach people.

(g) **RSO Ham radio school incentive – Ross.** The RSO Ham Radio School will take place in Newmarket (Toronto) on March 9-10. The Board approved a motion that RSO sponsor part of the accommodation costs of students who travel over 200 km for the school. RSO will put in up to \$300 maximum, and Tall Pines will share equally in this

incentive. Successful students will be paid the subsidy after working their first RSO event. Ross agreed to manage this incentive. Felice / Leonard. Unanimous approval.

ACTION: ROSS TO LIAISE WITH HAM RADIO SCHOOL ORGANIZER.

12) Club News

(a) BEMC (per Bob McCallum)

(b) KWRC (per Martin Loveridge)

Here is the club news in brief:

The new executive for 2013 is:

President – Martin Loveridge
Vice-President – Steve van Rees
Treasurer – Dalton Russell
Secretary – Christina Chinn

Thanks to Adam Dowsett, outgoing president, and Dennis Wharton, outgoing treasurer, for a job well done over the last few years.

We are hosting nine rallies for 2013: two ORRC's, six SNATR's (one concurrent with the 49th annual Blossom Rally) and two contract charity events.

Our annual awards banquet is this Saturday, January 19, in Ingersoll. Our speaker this year is Martin Headland, who has great stories about rally and life in general.

(c) MCO (per Rob Shotton)

The Motorsport Club of Ottawa held its elections in November. Although a bit late, here is the executive for 2013:

President – Steve Greiner
Vice-President – Jeannie MacGillivray
Treasurer – Blair Hancock
Secretary – Dave Goddard

MCO's first TSD event is a night rally taking place on Saturday, January 19, out of Perth. It will be roughly three hours long with straightforward instructions. Four more events will follow later in the year.

Planning is underway for the MCO's one performance event, the Lanark Highlands Forest Rally, led by Mike Koch. It is likely to take place May 3-4, 2013, using the same stage road as in past years.

(d) MLRC (per Ross Wood)

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

Now you can keep track of dates lots of rally activities on our Google Calendar at:

<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=lcsa5mdtsp7ja5crt4450rqpbs%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Toronto>

or on the MLRC forums: <http://www.mlrc.ca/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.pl>

The first winter Rallycross will be run on Sunday, January 27 in Bancroft. Get full information at <http://www.mlrc.ca/rallycross/> and register online. Dates for the remainder of the year are – February 24, June 23, September 29 and October 27.

Then on the night of February 16-17, the Maple Leaf Winter Rally will run all night out of Bancroft. Come and drive the best imaginable winter roads or come and help run checkpoints. Check it out at www.mlrc.ca/MLWR/index.html or email us at mlwr@mlrc.ca.

The MLRC AGM will be held on Wednesday, February 6. All are welcome.

Plans are underway to revive the MLRC Mini Rallies. Tentative dates are April 15, May 13 and June 10. We'll keep you posted on details.

**(e) PMSC (per Pete Gulliver)
PMSC Report January 2013-01-15**

A major activity for PMSC is Ice Racing as part of the CASC-OR series in Minden. Hopefully, racing will get underway on January 26-27, after a one-week delay due to weather. PMSC-hosted races are scheduled for February 23-24. Over the years, a number of Rallyists have honed their skills competing in Ice races.

PMSC will be holding the ever-popular OPRC Shannonville Stages Rally on April 12. Registration and Scrutineering will take place at the ClearWater Design facility near the Shannonville track (thanks, Ian and Michelle). The Web site is currently under construction and can be reached through www.pmsc.on.ca.

The club's annual awards night will be held on Wednesday, January 23. All are welcome to attend Souvlaki Pit at George and Rink streets in Peterborough at 7:30 p.m. Members will be gathering to eat from 6:30 p.m. on.

(f) TAC (per Rob McAuley)

I can report that the turnout at the January Jaunt on January 12 was good, with 18 teams competing. The results are up at http://www.januaryjaunt.com/results_2013.html

**(g) SPDA (per Trevor Hancher)
SPDA Club Report**

Our 2012 AGM is planned for Sunday, January 27. We will have reports from the Executive Board, and reveal 2013 plans and sponsorship details.

AGM details are available at:
<http://www.spda-online.com/showthread.php?62948-2012-AGM-It-s-here!-Sunday-January-27th>

SPDA is hoping to host a winter snow-lapping date at a local track. Details will be announced when the weather cooperates enough to make this possible.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:04 p.m.

13) Next Meeting – Monday, March 4, 2013 – at 7:30 p.m. by teleconference.