



RSO Board / Executive Meeting – June 3, 2013
Minutes

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

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Bruce Leonard	President	Yes
Jim Morrow	CARS Rally Director for RSO	Yes
Warren Haywood	Vice-President – Performance Rally	Yes
David Maynard	Vice-President – Navigational Rally	Yes
Jeannie MacGillivray	Secretary	Yes
Pete Gulliver	Treasurer	Yes
Ross Wood	Executive Assistant / Equipment Manager	Yes
Ray Felice	RSO Past President	
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	
Steve van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	
Vacant	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Regrets
Rob Shotton	MCO Club Representative	
David Maynard	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Rob McAuley	TAC Club Representative	

Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda** – Items added. Approved with changes – Gulliver / Morrow. Unanimous. Carried.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (April 8)** – Approved as written – Gulliver / Morrow. Unanimous. Carried.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report – Pete.** Financial documents were sent in advance to the BoD and the club rep on the call. Pete answered questions to clarify the financial information.

Moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted – Gulliver / Maynard. Unanimous. Carried.

4) CARS update – Jim.

- The CARS Speed Factor Committee was tasked with putting together the specs for a speed-factor system. They will look at integrating the CRC approach with regional speed-factor systems; they will be talking to Warren about RSO's. They have several factors to consider before a prototype system is ready for presentation to the CARS Board.
- A proposal is being worked on for sponsorship and marketing.
- CARS is looking at championship awards for both 2WD and 4WD.

Items carried over from last meeting:

- **Insurance coverage for workers:**
Ross will put together his list of concerns before meeting with Terry Epp and John Hall.
- **Possible insurance package for competitors:**
N/A as Ray was absent.
- **Identify an RSO Steward for Tall Pines:**
Warren is waiting to hear back from some potential stewards.

5) Old Business –

- (a) New provincial legislation on non-profits re RSO clubs – Bruce.** Derek is working on RSO's behalf, Martin on the CARS side. Nothing new to report.
- (b) Improvements to the RSO Web site – Bruce / Warren.** OPRC standings will be updated. Car Zero Report now available on website. Make it more prominent.
- (c) Photos for RSO poster – Bruce / Ray.** Update on photos. N/A. Ray absent.
- (d) Triangle rule – Ross.** Discussed at the CARS committee. No change to the triangle rule but need to look at tighter enforcement for failure to comply. All in-car is now the property of CARS and can be used to verify rule infractions. This information will be covered in the competitor meeting at Black Bear Rally in July, along with a reminder of the need to observe the triangle rule.
- (e) Vehicle tracking – Ross.** The CARS admin rules committee is continuing to pursue testing of the RallySafe system. They are considering testing at three locations in different regions, with the goal of developing a demonstration or test system.
- (f) CASC-OR affiliation – Bruce.** No word yet on whether CARS has reconsidered whether all clubs must continue to affiliate with CASC-OR as well as RSO, even if they only have rally events. The current cost of affiliation with CASC-OR is about \$300/year, which is not exorbitant. If the funding formula stays the same, no real need to pursue this. RSO has only two rally-only clubs.

6) ORRC Report – David.

There was a successful Blossom Rally (11 teams) and Blossom SNATR (7 more). A good event. There was also a really good fundraiser for Girls Inc. of Halton. More information is available in “12) Club News – (b) KWRC”.

- Update on a possible RSO Facebook page and/or links to the clubs' Facebook pages from the RSO contact page.

ACTION: DAVID WILL LOOK AT CREATING AN RSO FACEBOOK PAGE.

- General consensus of the board is there is a need for a Touring class with simple distance-to-turn and tulip instructions. A competitor request for a Touring class was made at the MLRC winter rally. Trevor has agreed to add Touring class instructions to the No Winter Maintenance Rally. The Touring class will be promoted at upcoming Discover Ontario, KWRC's Saturday Night at the Rallies (SNATR) and the Mini-Monte.

ACTION: DAVID TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES AND SEND TO ORGANIZERS. OTHERS TO PROMOTE WHEN AND WHERE POSSIBLE.

- Any update on volunteers for the Growth Committee. Ray has the TV, VCR in his crawl space so we can get that. Nothing solid but agreed that it needs to be going again. Can start with websites, etc. Still need volunteers for this committee.

ACTION: JEANNIE TO KEEP ON THE AGENDA.

7) OPRC Report – Warren.

On the CARS website there are active links to the RSO member clubs but not to the RSO web page itself.

ACTION: JIM TO TAKE A LOOK AND GET BACK TO CARS.

Warren:

- inserted into the rules – 2 podiums.
- will contact the 2WD winners (LHFR).
- will contact organizers about this.
- **Lanark Highlands Forest Rally, May 4** – had 24 entries, 3 DNF's. Aside from a problem with the podium, the event seemed to go pretty well.
- **Black Bear Rally, July 12-13.** Derek Vincent (organizer) is doing a great job; Safety Steward's feedback on Safety Plan has been received. Plan a lot like last year, so changes are minor. Senior Steward is Dennis Wharton, Safety Steward is Patrick Rainville. So BB is coming along quite well.
- **Seed list** – Warren to send the updated version that incorporates Lanark to Deb Dyer (CARS) and Bruce Leonard.

- **Galway–Cavendish Forest Rally, August 10.** The Safety Plan is tight and the Safety Steward has approved it. Martin Loveridge is the Senior Steward. Safety plan and supp regs are at CARS now for review. Extra stage km in the quarry may be possible.

OPRC PERFORMANCE RALLY RULES – updates on:

- **Classic Division.** Warren to circulate the rules to competitors for comments re removing 4WD vehicles from this class.
This division was never intended for 4WD and they cannot be included. This needs to be clarified to organizers and competitors.
- **Open Championship.** Warren advises that CARS does not use the word “Open” when referencing championships. “Open” exists only for classes. Overall is 2WD and 4WD.
- **2014 Championship Scoring.** Warren to advise what competitors think about the number of events to be scored.
Warren sent a notice to competitors at the end of March, and received only one person’s feedback. He will try again.
- **Sponsor plaques.** Ray to advise on their value to our key sponsors.
N/A. Ray absent.

8) Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair. No report.

9) Scrutineer’s Report – Steve van Rees.

June 2013 Scrutineer’s Report

The Lanark Highlands Forest Rally was a successful event. Scrutineering went smoothly and there were only a few small problems found during scrutineering.

For the Saturday appointments, I asked the competitors to leave their equipment on the seats, and the logbook/tech sheet on the dash. We then went around and checked the cars when the competitors were away on recce. I believe this worked well and helped the competitors who had no service crew. It is something I will try to continue to do in the future at Regional events.

I would like to thank Chris and Nick M, and Darryl M for their help at Tech, and Christopher M for his help when I checked dB levels.

A sound check was performed at the turn-around between Stages 1 and the check was the one described in the CARS rule book. Three cars exceeded the maximum of 85 dB, but were in the error factor of the meter. The results are being forwarded to Darryl.

There was only one incident during the rally. Car 11 rolled on Stage two. I had a look at the car and found no structural damage. I talked to the driver who said it rolled straight. In fact, he drove it into the trailer. The other 2 retirements were mechanical. Car 8 broke third gear, and Car 19 bent a rim that sheared off the brake line.

There were 2 logbooks issued in April. I have inspected 2 others and am awaiting a few changes. I know of another that should be ready for an inspection in a while. It’s nice to see more cars being built!

Steve van Rees
Chief Scrutineer

10) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood.

- RSO purchased a new course-car light, which was used at Lanark.
- RSO purchased a reel of high-quality cable to be used over time to replace all the cables used in the electronic timing equipment. The lower quality cable that came with the equipment has proven to lack flexibility in the cold and has caused numerous issues.
- August 28 – special contract day at Mosport.
- Rally in West Virginia – fell through, maybe next year.
- Plans in place for Rallye Baie-des-Chaleurs. Four timing people are going.

11) New Business –

(a) Growth of Performance Rally – Rallycross and Rallysprint – Ross.

The current Rallysprint rules do not offer a smooth progression in course and vehicle preparation requirements from Rallycross to Rallysprint to Performance Rally. This has led to a lack of Rallysprints in some areas and lack of compliance with the rules in others. A proposal will be submitted to the CARS Rules Committee suggesting changes to offer a smoother progression. If approved, this should lead to more participation in Rallysprints across the country, which in turn should lead to more participants in our performance rallies.

(b) Communications from CARS – Bruce. CARS President John Hall would like to send updates directly to clubs and club presidents and solicit their feedback on any issues. Some discussion on how to ensure that RSO is kept in the loop. Agreed that when the CARS President seeks input, it should be coordinated by the regional organizations.

ACTION: BRUCE TO SPEAK WITH JOHN ON THE MATTER OF COMMUNICATIONS.

(c) A “restart” proposal for performance rally events – Ross. This matter is still at CARS for discussion. It involves issues such as penalties, where to restart, how to apply the proposal on a one-day rally.

(d) Car Zero Report email privacy concerns – Bruce. Some discussion about options to guard privacy while expanding email lists. Lists should not be shared without the knowledge and agreement of those on the initial list.

ACTION: ALL BOARD MEMBERS TO PROVIDE BRUCE WITH FEEDBACK ON HOW BEST TO GROW THE CAR ZERO REPORT WHILE RESPECTING PRIVACY CONCERNS.

(e) Affiliation of a new Ontario club with RSO – Bruce / Jim.

A new club, a solid club, wants to join RSO but had approached CARS first. Some discussion as to how we proceed with their affiliation.

Motion to approve the affiliation of St. LAC (St. Lawrence Automobile Club) with RSO. Morrow / Gulliver. Unanimous. Carried.

ACTION: BRUCE TO PHONE THE ST. LAC PRESIDENT AND WRITE AN OFFICIAL LETTER OF WELCOME. IF ST. LAC IS HOLDING A CLUB MEETING ON JUNE 20, SOME RSO BOARD MEMBERS WILL TRAVEL TO KINGSTON TO MEET THEM.

(f) Discussion of how we are using the terms “General Reserve Fund” and “Road Damage Fund” – Pete.

Clarification of these terms. “Reserve” means you have to put so much money aside, but Pete says the intent was to maintain a general fund of \$25k. Special purchases could be considered once the \$25k mark was reached.

“Road Damage Fund” means the money has to go to a certain area and be kept separate. But all our money now goes to a general fund.

The Treasurer recommends that we refer to the first as the “General Fund” and the second as the “Road Damage Levy.” He will verify with Dennis Wharton.

ACTION: PETE TO CHECK WITH DENNIS WHARTON ON THE CORRECT WORDING.

(g) Conference calls in the future – Bruce.

We need to find an alternative provider for our conference calls as our current arrangement has come to an end.

ACTION: PETER AND BRUCE WILL BE CHECKING VARIOUS OPTIONS.

ACTION: BRUCE TO UPDATE RSO BYLAWS AND POST 2013 VERSION ON THE WEBSITE.

12) Club News

(a) BEMC (per Bob McCallum)

(b) KWRC (per Martin Loveridge)

KWRC news includes a successful Blossom and Blossom SNATR and a really good fundraiser for Girls Inc. of Halton. Alan Ryall headed up the charity rally and members from KWRC, MLRC and SPDA all helped in the preparation and execution of the event. There is a great group of people in navigational rallying and it's wonderful to see the clubs working together. Our next SNATR is June 15 running from Tillsonburg, and don't forget the Mini-Monte and school with the BBQ at the finish on July 28.

On the performance side, I understand we had about 20 members working or competing at the Lanark Highlands Forest Rally, and many are signed up for Black Bear.

(c) MCO (per Rob Shotton)

(d) MLRC (per David Maynard)

(e) PMSC (per Pete Gulliver)

PMSC hosted the Spring Run-Off Rally. This year the Rally started and finished at the Forum Restaurant near Newcastle. The hope was that being closer to Toronto would improve entries. The opposite happened, with only 7 entries — an extremely disappointing turn-out. However, those that did enter were treated to the usual Cabardos Family great route and Rally.

On June 1, PMSC hosted a Gymkhana that had 20 entries for the Toronto Triumph and Toronto MG clubs, who visited Peterborough area for their Annual Spring event. Over 70 British cars toured the Peterborough area over the June 1/3 weekend with Tours, Gymkhana, fine meals and a car show on a blocked-off Hunter Street all day Saturday.

PMSC has in the past hosted Rallies and Solos for this group.

Next up rally-wise is GCFR on August 10. Sups have been approved and will be posted shortly. We are also looking for a large number of workers to help with this rally. Visit www.pmsc.on.ca and follow the links to GCFR.

(f) TAC (per Rob McAuley)

(g)SPDA (per Trevor Hancher)

Meeting adjourned at: 10:20 p.m.

13) Next Meeting – Monday, September 23.