



**RSO Board / Executive Meeting – September 23, 2013**  
**Minutes**

LOCATION: Teleconference – meeting at 7:34 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	Regrets
Steve van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	
Vacant	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Yes
Rob Shotton	MCO Club Representative	
David Maynard	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Eric Brunner	St. LAC Club Representative	Regrets
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	
Rob McAuley	TAC Club Representative	

## Agenda

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

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

#### 4) CARS update – Jim.

- CARS has a broadcast deal in place, a seven-show series to be shown on TSN, TSN2 and RDS.
- CRC 2WD – still doing research on attractive trophies for the 2WD class.
- The 2014 CRC schedule was discussed and will be official soon. No changes in venues or time of year for 2014.
- CARS is looking for a replacement for Darryl Malone as Technical Director. The matter will be reviewed at the October board meeting.
- Affiliation fees – there was a suggestion that the 2014 fees may need to be increased slightly.

#### CARS Report re Federal Not-for-Profit legislation and implications for RSO.

- Martin Loveridge did a fantastic job in his report describing the NFP legislation and how it would affect cars.
- Implications: Any changes would be driven by federal NFP Act. CARS needs to hold a special EGM at the AGM weekend.

**CARS directors** are elected by the members, which are the clubs. Each club gets one vote. The Directors will be confirmed at the CARS AGM. RSO doesn't have to do anything at this point; however, the procedure for electing the Region Director will have to be worked out, as the Directors must be elected at the CARS AGM.

CARS items carried over from the previous meeting:

- **Insurance – coverage for workers – Ross.** Some progress has been made. A proposal for change from the CARS Safety Guidelines Review Committee will be presented at the October CARS Board meeting.
- **Insurance – possible insurance package for competitors – Ray.** Ray absent.

#### 5) Old Business –

(a) **New provincial legislation on non-profits re RSO clubs – Bruce.** Not passed yet.

(b) **Photos for RSO poster – Bruce / Ray.** Ray absent.

(c) **Vehicle tracking – Ross.** Update on CARS' possible testing of the RallySafe vehicle-tracking system. The CARS Admin Rules Committee has a new leader (John Hall) and expects to be moving forward on this.

(d) **CASC-OR affiliation – Bruce.** Update on whether CARS has reconsidered whether all clubs must affiliate with CASC-OR as well as RSO. The current cost of CASC-OR affiliation is about \$300/year. If the funding formula stays the same, no real need to pursue this. RSO has two rally-only clubs; the others need both affiliations. Please see next item (e) for update.

(e) **Affiliation fees for clubs to operate in Ontario – Pete.** ASN Canada set up the agreement in the first place. CASC is grandfathered (re affiliation). ASN has ruled that

it's up to RSO to work it out with CASC-OR. It's a per-club levy but they are looking to go per-member. MLRC and KWRC, the two rally-only clubs, might want to work together to present their case to CASC-OR.

- (f) **Communications from CARS – Bruce.** CARS President John Hall had wanted to send updates directly to clubs and club presidents and solicit their feedback on any issues. The Board agreed that such input should be coordinated by RSO in Ontario.

**Update:** Bruce thinks the posting on the CARS website is working well. He will take the opportunity to have an informal discussion with John at Tall Pines.

- (g) **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, and how to apply the proposal on a one-day rally.

**Update:** This is with the CARS Rules Committee as a work in progress and should be dealt with soon.

- (h) **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.

**Update:** The report has been well received and Bruce removes the names of any who ask to opt out. Some subscribers pass it on to their club members. Bruce will leave it as it is.

- (i) **Discussion of how we are using the terms “General Reserve Fund” and “Road Damage Fund” – Pete.** As per last meeting's discussion, the Treasurer recommends that we refer to the first as the “General Fund” and the second as the “Road Damage Levy.”

**Update:** Pete is using those accounting terms for reporting purposes. RSO has a target of \$25,000, which includes money in all funds. Pete is still discussing this with Dennis Wharton.

- (j) **Provider for RSO conference calls – Ross.** BACKGROUND: CARS signed on with a company called Global Meet Community. They chose a program that charges about \$50 a month for 10,000 minutes. It works very well and has additional features, such as the option of recording the call, etc. Maybe we should set up an account for RSO and RSO Club use.

**Update:** We tried it for this RSO meeting and found that the system works well for most of us, but not for all. Good value for money. It could be used by MLRC for Tall Pines meetings.

- (k) **RSO Bylaws – Bruce.**

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

## 6) ORRC Report – David.

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

**Update:** David has created an RSO Facebook page.

- Develop guidelines for a new Touring class with simple distance-to-turn and tulip instructions.

**Update:** David has developed guidelines and sent them to organizers, who are beginning to use this class. SPDA's No Winter Maintenance Rally has included a Touring class.

- RSO Growth Committee – update on possible volunteers.

**ACTION: BRUCE TO ARRANGE A CONFERENCE CALL FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, AND INVITE RSO MEMBERS TO SHARE THEIR IDEAS FOR INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN RALLY EVENTS IN ONTARIO.**

### **ORRC Report – September 22, 2013**

- The Facebook page is up and running. Search for 'RallySport Ontario' and post your upcoming events, pictures, comments, trash talk . . .
- **June 22 – Discover Ontario Rally:** 12 teams, 9 Novices, 1 Intermediate and 2 experts. Brooke Jacobs prepared a good route for the drivers with challenging instructions for the navigators.
- **July 28 – Mini Monte/Rally School:** 10 teams at the Rally School. Bruce Leonard's instructions were well received. The winning driver of the Caledon leg was a first-time competitor who attended the school. A total of 12 teams started in Caledon and 10 started in Kitchener. The Rally finished with a picnic prepared by KWRC.
- **August 24 – KWRC Saturday Night at the Rallies (SNATR) event #5:** 14 teams, great roads and run with the usual KWRC efficiency, even with the route being blocked by a fire.
- **September 14 – KWRC Saturday Night at the Rallies event #6** started in Brantford. The route was prepared by first-time organizers, Liisa and Alex, and won by Alanna and Sheryl with a total of 1.0 points through 13 checkpoints.
- **The next ORRC is SPDA's No Winter Maintenance** starting at The Flying Spatula Restaurant in Flesherton on September 28. Trevor Hancher, Stephen Deneka and SPDA put on a great event.
- **November 2 – MCO's Fall Night Rally** has changed its location and will again be running out of Perth. Start time is TBD, but expect to leave in the afternoon. Robert Roaldi has taken over as organizer.

- TAC does not currently have an organizer for the **2014 January Jaunt**. Rob McAuley is currently looking for someone to fill the role, as the people who normally organize the event have family commitments.

## 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. Update from Jim.

**Update:** Jim got back to CARS and this has been fixed.

### 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.

**Update:** Warren has done this.

- **2014 Championship Scoring.** Warren wants to change the number of events required for the championship, but needs feedback from the competitors. A notice to competitors at the end of March garnered only one response.

**ACTION: WARREN WILL TRY AGAIN.**

- **Sponsor plaques.** Ray to advise on their value to our key sponsors. N/A. Ray absent.
- **OPRC Stewards' Report** – Warren sent the Board the Stewards' Reports from Black Bear Rally and the Galway–Cavendish Forest Rally. The Bear had 16 entries and Galway had 11. Défi Ste-Agathe had 11 entries in the OPRC segment, and overall OPRC results have been updated since that event.
- **OPRC championship points** – Warren has put the letter “Q” beside the names of those competitors who have met the criteria for OPRC championship awards.
- **First Aid course in January** — Warren needs the dates of CARS events before booking the course.

**ACTION: JIM TO FORWARD THE CARS 2014 DATES TO BRUCE. THE CARS AGM WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 11.**

#### (a) Increasing participation in OPRC events – Ross / Warren.

Warren: This item ties in with the next item to encourage growth. We have agreed to hold a meeting dedicated to this topic on October 7.

**ACTION: ALL TO SEND BRUCE THEIR IDEAS.**

#### (b) Growth of Performance Rally – Rallycross and Rallysprint – Ross. Update on whether a rule-change proposal has been submitted to the CARS Rules Committee. The idea is to change Rallysprint rules back similar to the pre-2003 rules to provide a better

progression from Rallycross to Rallysprint to Performance Rally, which hopefully would improve participation.

**UPDATE:** The proposal is in French, and Ross has not seen the English version. He will pass on the info as it becomes available.

**8) Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair.** No report.

**9) Scrutineer's Report – Steve van Rees.**

Scrutineer's Report – September 2013

The Black Bear and Galway–Cavendish Forest rallies have both run since the last report. There were no major incidents in either rally, though there were many mechanical DNF's at Black Bear.

Two more Logbooks have been issued since last report. That brings the total issued in 2013 to four. One car has already been in competition, and the other should not be far behind.

Planning is underway for the Rally of the Tall Pines. Many volunteers will be needed as this is usually a large-entry rally.

CARS is looking for a new Technical Director. Anyone interested should contact the CARS board.

Steve van Rees  
Chief Scrutineer

**10) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood.**

There is nothing new to report concerning equipment. We are currently under budget.

There was an excellent Electronic Timing crew at Défi Ste-Agathe. There were no issues; no inquiries on timing.

**11) New Business –**

**(a) Granting exemptions to rules – Ross.**

Ross suggested that all exemptions to the CARS Rules at events should be approved by the RSO Board and, preferably, by the CARS Board, to avoid any negative implications re insurance coverage.

**(b) Tall Pines road repair – Ross.**

Our source of low-cost road grading has disappeared, so Ross is anticipating higher costs for grading the Pines roads.

**(c) Business cards – Ross.**

Ross suggested that board members without business cards should get some made. Ray Felice has the template for the cards.

**ACTION: BRUCE WILL CONTACT RAY FOR THE TEMPLATE.**

**(d) Expense payment policy – Ross.**

RSO has transportation expense agreements in place for essential services, such as the Chief Scrutineer and the Electronic Timing crew. Ross suggested that coverage be expanded to include RSO Board and Executive members on RSO business. He suggested 25 cents per km, which is less than other non-profits.

Motion to set the mileage policy for RSO business at 25 cents per km to be added to Appendix A as part of the December meeting. Leonard / Morrow.

Amend motion to include: "and that all RSO mileage policies be added to Appendix A." Gulliver / Haywood.

Amended motion: Motion to set the mileage policy for RSO business at 25 cents per km to be added to Appendix A as part of the December meeting, and that all RSO mileage policies be added to Appendix A.

**Vote taken as amended: Unanimous. Carried.**

**(e) Report from trip to St. LAC – Pete.**

Ross Wood, Bruce Leonard and Pete Gulliver travelled to Kingston to meet with five members of the St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) executive. They had a discussion with St. LAC about possible events they could host, including ORRC and OPRC events. St. LAC said they are currently working on an autocross event.

Ross mentioned that a St. LAC volunteer has signed up to work the Pines. He, Bruce and Pete said it was a very worthwhile visit, and it was suggested that a visit from Bruce or another member of the Board would be well-received by other clubs.

## **12) Club News**

**(a) British Empire Motor Club (BEMC) (per Bob McCallum)**

**(b) Kitchener–Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**

KWRC has been busy with the final events for the 2013 Toyo Tires Saturday Night at the Rallies series. The penultimate SNATR # 5 was organized by Roger and had 14 cars. Alex organized SNATR #6; it had 10 cars and ran out of Brantford, and had pizza and cake at the finish. We've been very happy with the turnout for the series and are grateful to Toyo Tires for their sponsorship.

There will be a draw for the two sets of Toyo Tires (one set for competitors and one set for workers) at our regular club meeting on October 10. The award will be presented at our annual banquet, which will probably be on January 18.

On Sunday, October 6, we're organizing a charity event for the Rotary Club of Cambridge North. The structure of the rally requires several times our usual complement of workers and we've got a great response in our call for help from other clubs. If anybody else can help, contact [Dennis](#) and he will be glad of the help.

Many of our members are involved with performance rally as competitors and workers. KWRC will be supplying workers and officials to all six national events this year and all the OPRC's.

Black Bear was in July and 9 of the 15 cars entered had KWRC members in them. There was a large pool of workers from us as well. Congratulations to Ian Crerar for 3rd. OA, Eric Vlastic in 4th. OA, 1'st Prod 4WD, Alan Ryall in 5th OA, Donal Crooke co-driving to 6th OA, Gary Sutherland, 7th OA and 1'st 2WD and Zoltan Kovacs for 9th OA. Michelle Laframboise, Andrew Kulikowski and Ryan / Dan Nichols all had some challenges and failed to finish.

Next was the Monte and it went well and the weather co-operated just enough. This was a great effort between three clubs to put on the rallies, school and BBQ and I'm really impressed how much the various clubs and members all help each other out.

Instead of the August meeting we went karting in Hamilton. There are fancier facilities around (some even with better karts!) but everybody had a fun evening which was the whole point. We had over 30 people attended, which was great.

Next up was Galway–Cavendish Forest rally run by PMSC. The entry was low, 11 cars, but KWRC members helped fill out the ranks. Michelle took fourth OA, Zoltan 6th and Donal 8th. Karoly and Eva Toth had engine troubles in the Peugeot 205, but it's a neat car to see. As usual, lots of KWRC people helping the organizers.

Défi was early in September and Jeremy Norris came an impressive 9th OA and first P4WD. Unfortunately, Michelle had an off and Karoly and Eva had more motor troubles.

Anyway, lots to keep us all occupied as we go into the marathon of events: No Winter Maintenance, Rotary Rally, Pacific Forest Rally, Fall Night Rally, Rocky, Tall Pines and, finally, Northern Lights.

I'm sure we'll see everybody out there somewhere.

**(c) Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (per Rob Shotton)**

**(d) Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per David Maynard)**

- **Black Bear Rally** on July 12-13 – first-time organizer Derek Vincent. 16 teams started, 9 finished.
- **MLRC Can-Jam Rallycross Series** – Next event is on Sept. 29. More volunteers are needed. Please contact James Drake at [rallycross@mlrc.ca](mailto:rallycross@mlrc.ca). Event #5 is on Oct. 27.
- **Rally of the Tall Pines** workday will be on October 26, and the rally on November 29-30. Volunteers are needed for both. Please sign up at [www.tallpinesrally.com](http://www.tallpinesrally.com). Volunteer for workday on Saturday, and then stick around for Rallycross on Sunday!

**(e) Peterborough Motor Sports Club (PMSC) (per Pete Gulliver)**

The Peterborough Motor Sports Club is 60 years old this year and we wanted to cap the year off with an anniversary celebration.

**The 2013 PRESIDENT'S PRIZE RALLY will be Saturday, November 9.** It will be a simple instruction navigational event of about 130 km and about 2-1/2 hours. Final details



are being worked out, but it will start and end at a local restaurant and, depending on the location, will be an afternoon or early evening event.

Prizes of gift cards and automotive "swag" will be awarded to the top PMSC team, the top PMSC "Alumni" team and the top non-member team. There will also be additional draw prizes.

Best of all, the entry fee will be FREE to all current and past PMSC members, while non-members will be charged \$10 per team.

**And . . . ALL participants will be given a \$10 meal voucher at the end of the rally for the post-rally meal and awards ceremony.**

So . . . past clubbies . . . call or email any other past members you know and get them out to celebrate 60 years of motor sport.

More details in a few days.

Feel free to contact me at: [lenarminio@gmail.com](mailto:lenarminio@gmail.com) or 705-745-0685.

Len Arminio  
PMSC Communications Director

**(f) St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Eric Brunner)  
Report for St. Lawrence Auto Club (St. LAC) — Oct. 2, 2013**

Probably as our first report to RSO, I should make some comments about the history of St. LAC. We're quite proud of the fact that organized motor sports began with a meeting in Kingston in June of 1951 between St. LAC, OLLC (Ottawa Light Car Club which later was replaced by MCO) and BEMC (British Empire Motor Club of Toronto). Out of that meeting began the initial national governing body CASC which eventually was replaced by ASN-Canada FIA.

Also, one of the St. LAC members present at that meeting was Jack Luck, an extremely talented industrial designer, who devised our club logo which spells out the letters of the club in the outline of an early sports car. The CASC logo, which is similar in concept, was also created by Jack.

St. LAC was originally a rally club being able to use the roads north of Kingston which many people considered among the finest rally roads in Canada. St. LAC hosted "The Thousand Islands Rally" for many years in the 1960's and 70's, which was a Canadian Rally Championship event of a point-to-point type over the Thanksgiving weekend. The beautiful fall colours were a bonus. Some very fine club navexes by St. LAC, as well as by the Queens University Car Club and the Quinte Auto Sport Club of Belleville, were held throughout the year on these same roads.

However, as the northern area began to be populated with many cottagers, rallying fell out of favour and the club instead focused on auto slaloms. In fact, St. LAC was the first to introduce fast-forward direction slaloms into the Ontario Region Championship, which was then a driving-skill test involving driving slowly around obstacles, and backing into simulated garages.

A few years ago, the club tried to introduce vintage rallying using those same roads north of the city, although they were now paved. All the Ontario marque clubs were contacted, but the interest was limited and stopped after the second year.

However, this year, the Executive decided that we should resume supporting rallying by joining RSO/CARS to complement our affiliation and involvement in CASC-OR.

I should also mention that, in the club, there are at least 15 – 20 members who road race in either current or vintage/historic classes. St. LAC organizes the CASC–OR-sanctioned Race School, as well as “Spring Fling” (test & tune and scrutineering day) at SMP each Spring.

At present, we are finishing off a very successful club auto-slalom 12-event championship whereby we use the Shannonville Race Track (SMP) and Picton Air Field for venues. Also, we host a highly regarded two-event weekend at Picton for the Ontario Region Auto Slalom Championship in early June, with a Lapping Day on the following Monday at SMP. Last winter, for the first time, we plowed a slalom course in the deep, soft powdery snow at Picton and, with support from the Kingston Subaru dealer, had a very successful event! We’re planning to do that again this winter.

At our September meeting, Bruce, along with Pete and Ross, attended and got us interested in the SMP Rally Stage normally held in the Spring. Perhaps St. LAC can get involved with that event. Also, the Picton Air Field is available to use and maybe an event could also be scheduled there.

Our last slalom, incidentally, is being run this Sunday (October 6) at the Picton Air Field and will involve using all three air-strips (each about 2500-ft long). It would be an interesting event to see how it would adapt for a rally stage.

— Eric Brunner (President, St. LAC)

**(g) Subaru Performance Drivers’ Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)  
SPDA Club Report — October 2013**

SPDA, in conjunction with Toronto Subaru Club, hosted the Huntsville Speed Weekend. After the SnowKahana we ran earlier in the year, the town responded favourably to further motor sports and requested we host another event to coincide with a yearly Classic Car show weekend that runs in town. The event featured a CASC-OR Autoslalom Series event Saturday on the Deerhurst airstrip, a Show and Shine and social event in Huntsville Saturday Night, and a Pro Shootout slalom event Sunday, again on the airstrip. The event was very popular, and will likely become an annual event.

SPDA hosted the 3rd annual No Winter Maintenance Rally on Sept. 28, running from Flesherton, Ontario. The event attracted 26 teams, including several first-time competitors and a few trying their first ORRC, moving up from KWRC's excellent SNATR series. The participants included 1 Expert, 1 Intermediate, 17 Novices and 7 Touring class entries. All Touring class entries finished and had fun, though we had 5 novices drop out for various reasons (sickness, lost, difficulty). The event was a success, but we received feedback that the pace was too challenging, and that some novices (moving from SNATR) were surprised by the difficulty of Novice instructions, so we'll be dialling back both the pace and difficulty next year.

With seven entries, offering a Touring class seems to have a positive effect on attracting new participants, and should be considered by other event organizers to bolster event entries and participation. I'd also recommend Touring class for competitors who've been out of competition for many years, and yearning for more of a drive-ex style of notes rather than current navigational notes.

**(h) Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Rob McAuley)**

TAC is trying to find someone to run the January Jaunt. Kurt is willing to help out, but does not have the time so close to Christmas to put something together. I will let everyone know one way or the other.

Rob McAuley

Meeting adjourned at: 9:45 p.m.

**13) Next Meeting – October 28 at 7:30 p.m. for our regular meeting.**

**We will hold a special Growth meeting on October 7 that is open to all who are interested in sharing their ideas. Contact Bruce at [president@rallysport.on.ca](mailto:president@rallysport.on.ca) to get in on the call.**