



RSO Board / Executive Meeting – October 28, 2013
Minutes

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

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Bruce Leonard	President	Yes
Jim Morrow	CARS Rally Director for RSO	Regrets
Warren Haywood	Vice-President – Performance Rally	Yes
David Maynard	Vice-President – Navigational Rally	Regrets
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	Regrets
Rob Shotton	MCO Club Representative	
David Maynard	MLRC Club Representative	Regrets
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	
Eric Brunner	St. LAC Club Representative	Regrets
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Rob McAuley	TAC Club Representative	

Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda** – Approved as amended – Gulliver / Haywood. Unanimous. Carried.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (September 23)** – Approved as written – MacGillivray / Gulliver. Unanimous. Carried.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report – Pete.** Financial details 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 / Ross.

Martin Loveridge has recommended changes to respond to the NFP legislation, which CARS has approved. The document will be translated, distributed to the clubs and will be voted on at the CARS AGM in January.

CARS approved Darryl Malone's continuation as Technical Director. He will be working on rule-change proposals, but no longer attend all CARS events throughout Canada. He is authorized to appoint local people to work some rallies.

The Rules Admin Committee is considering allowing cars to re-start a rally, after missing a stage. Ongoing discussion amongst the committee.

5) Old Business –

(a) **New provincial legislation on non-profits re RSO clubs – Bruce.** Nothing to add to this right now.

(b) **Photos for RSO poster – Bruce / Ray.** Nothing to add at this time.
ACTION: BRUCE TO SEARCH FOR PHOTOS.

(c) **Insurance issue – Bruce / Ray.** Ray has been talking to some motorcycle riders whose street bikes were covered when run on the track. Still some hope for per-event insurance for rally cars.

(d) **RallySafe vehicle-tracking system – Ross.** This has been put on the back-burner.

(e) **RSO Bylaws – Bruce.**
ACTION: UPDATE THE RSO BYLAWS AND POST THE 2013 VERSION ON THE WEBSITE.

(f) **RSO business cards – Bruce.** Ray does not have the template, but Ian Wright may.
ACTION: CONTACT IAN WRIGHT.

(g) **RSO conference call on October 7 to encourage growth of the sport – Bruce.**
New website to be developed: www.oprc.ca, by Jeremy Norris and Paul Cullen – get it up and running, hopefully for Tall Pines. Rallyists could go to one location for videos and photos.

ACTION: WARREN TO FOLLOW UP WITH JEREMY AND PHOTOGRAPHER PETER MACDONALD REGARDING THIS SITE.

ACTION: JEANNIE TO ADD "GROWTH" TO THE AGENDA TEMPLATE SO THAT WE DISCUSS IT EACH MEETING.

6) ORRC Report – David.

Ontario Road Rally Cup Report – October 28, 2013

- The **No Winter Maintenance Rally** on September 28 had 26 teams! Great roads, great event, well promoted by SPDA. Promoted with its own website, Facebook, club message boards and the "Car Zero Report".

- One team was disciplined for aggressive and dangerous driving, earning a DNF for the team and a one-year suspension from ORRC events for the driver.
- There was one complaint about excessive traffic and speed from a local resident. This was addressed by the RSO President.
- Next up: MCO's **Fall Night Rally** in Perth on November 2. Car Zero at 4:00 p.m.

7) OPRC Report – Warren.

The Tall Pines work day was held on October 26, with some 27 people showing up to help. Ross said the roads are in good shape and do not need to be graded.

A couple of OPRC teams competed in Pacific Forest Rally, and one will be entering the Rocky Mountain Rally.

OPRC PERFORMANCE RALLY RULES – updates on:

- **2014 Championship Scoring.** Due to negligible feedback, we are going to continue with the status quo: teams need to compete in a minimum of 50% of RSO standalone events and 4 of the 6 regionals count.
- **Sponsor plaques.** Discussion that we need to recognize our valued series sponsors, ClearWater Design and Rally/Race Developments. Observations on where dealership plaques are displayed.

ACTION: BRUCE TO GET CLARITY ON THIS AND WILL CALL RAY CONFIRM THAT THE MARQUE PLAQUES ARE BEING DISPLAYED.

ACTION: ROSS OR PETE TO DETERMINE HOW LONG CLEARWATER HAS BEEN A SPONSOR.

ACTION: JEANNIE: CHECKLIST FOR THE AGM THAT WE HONOUR OUR SPONSORS.

- **First Aid course in January** — Warren is looking at January 18, 2014, for the Standard First Aid one-day course. Alternate date is January 25. Will advise.

8) Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair.

9) Scrutineer's Report – Steve van Rees. Scrutineer's Report – October 2013

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

I have become aware of another car being built. I look forward to seeing this car on the stages.

The CARS Technical position has been filled. Darryl Malone has agreed to a revised role description. I look forward to continuing working with Darryl and the other Regional Scrutineers.

Steve van Rees

Chief Scrutineer

10) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood.

(a) Renewal of Timing Equipment Maintenance contract for 2014.

Discussion on whether we should tender the contract; decided this was not required. We are confident in the service being provided and want to renew the contract.

General information:

- Ross carried out his annual fix-up repair for Tall Pines, and purchased 10 new cones.
- Electronic timing equipment: The equipment arrived very late and set-up was rushed for the September MLRC rallycross. Some of the equipment was not properly prepared. Recommendation from Ross that RSO charge MLRC a reduced fee for that event. Discussion followed.

Bruce declared a conflict of interest.

Gulliver: Moved that RSO reduce the e-timing equipment fee by half for that MLRC Rallycross. Gulliver / MacGillivray. Unanimous. Carried.

11) New Business –

- (a) **Calendar dates for RSO 2014 calendar – all.** CRC events are known. We need dates for ORRC and OPRC events. Discussion on whether to allow uncaged cars to run a TSD-type event at the Shannonville Stages Rally. Need to discuss with CARS.

ACTION: PETE TO TALK TO TERRY EPP ABOUT AVERAGE SPEEDS FOR TOURING.

ACTION: WARREN TO CONTACT MIKE KOCH ABOUT LHFR DATE.

RSO AGM to be held on March 22, 2014, in Peterborough.

ACTION: PETE TO CONTACT THE VENUE AND SEE IF IT'S AVAILABLE.

ACTION: CALENDAR DATES: BRUCE WILL CONTACT THE CLUBS WHERE EVENTS ARE MISSING FROM OUR 2014 SCHEDULE.

RSO Steward's school: Warren to organize a one-day school.

ACTION: WARREN TO DISCUSS WITH ALASDAIR.

ACTION: JEANNIE TO ASK CLUB REPS GIVE US THEIR INTENTIONS.

- (b) **RallySprint rule-change proposal – Ross.**

This proposal, which is also an RSO Growth item, is with the CARS Admin Rules Committee. They will consider the needs of various provincial organizations. The Technical Rules Committee will also be involved. The proposal won't be dealt with immediately. Stay tuned.

- (c) **Changes to one-event CARS licence – Ross.**

Should we be pushing for less expensive licensing? This proposal was to help with RSO growth. An example would be a driver who is looking for a one-event co-driver for Tall

Pines. If RSO wants to see this happen, we'd have to put together a proposal to CARS. Some discussion as to how the U.S. system works.

ACTION: BRUCE TO WRITE A PROPOSAL.

- (d) **No Winter Maintenance Rally incident – Bruce / David.** Trevor thinks it was a successful rally, but not without problems. One team was disciplined for aggressive and dangerous driving, earning a DNF for the team and a one-year suspension from ORRC events for the driver.

Definitely, speeds will be lower next year. A complaint from one resident will result in his road not being used in future events. Some Novices moving up from the SNATR found it difficult. However, some of the Novice teams had very good results, as did the Intermediate and Expert teams. The Touring Class, aimed at introducing people to the sport, had seven entries.

ACTION: BRUCE TO CONTACT THE TEAM AFFECTED BY THE INCIDENT TO LET THEM KNOW OF THE RESULT AND WILL SEND TREVOR MORE INFO.

- (e) **RSO Representative to CARS – Ross.**

One of the changes required by the new NFP Federal Legislation is that the Region Representatives to the CARS Board will have to be officially elected at the CARS AGM, not at the Regional AGM's. CARS is looking at ways to do that while allowing each Region to continue to choose its own representative. A two-year term is being suggested for Region representatives on the CARS Board.

- (f) **OPRC organizer's checklist – Jeannie.**

Ross thinks it's a good idea to have the list, particularly for new organizers.

ACTION: JEANNIE TO SEND TO ROSS IN DECEMBER, AFTER TALL PINES.

- (g) **Conference-calling system – Bruce.** Discussion of the fine print of the contract and the attendant cost. CARS also uses the system.

ACTION: BRUCE TO DISCUSS WITH THE PROVIDER.

12) Club News

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

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

Another busy month for KWRC!

On October 6, Dennis and Roger organized a rally for the Rotary Club of North Cambridge. A total of 36 cars ran the event, many with more than two people in the car. Everything went smoothly and the people were happy. With the way the rally had to be structured, we needed a lot of workers. Not only did KWRC members respond to the call, we also had substantial help from MLRC and SPDA. I want to thank everybody who helped out; displaying rally cars, checkpointing and scoring. It was a great co-operative effort.

Before that was our final SNATR of the season, Brant County Trails organized by Alex and Liisa. Here again, a well-organized event was enjoyed by competitors and at the finish we had Pizza and a nicely decorated cake.

On the SNATR series awards, we made the drawing for the sets of Toyo tires that our sponsor, Toyo Tires, has generously donated. One set went to a competitor and one set to a worker. For each event you either entered or worked, your name went into the draw. Work all six events you get six chances; for competitors, everybody's name went into the draw, it doesn't matter whether you drove or navigated. We held the draw in October, and we'll make the formal presentation at our annual banquet in January.

Speaking of SNATR's, it's been proposed that we add a higher level set of instructions to next season so that people who have run a few of our standard ones have a bit more of a challenge.

Our annual Banquet is on January 18, 2014, in Ingersoll.

Several members were at Charlevoix this past weekend and, as always, it was a well-run rally. The weekend after Tall Pines is our Northern Lights rally running from Waterloo, the final event in the 2013 ORRC calendar. I measured the roads with Dennis and it will be a fun event. I hope we see everybody there.

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

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

- RallyCross on September 29 had 36 competitors
- RallyCross on October 27 had 39+ entries
- Course corner improvements were completed for the October 27 event
- Rally of the Tall Pines on November 29 and 30 needs more volunteers!

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

PMSC will be celebrating 60 Years of Motor Sport on Saturday, November 9, with the President's Prize Rally. Organizer Len Arminio is hinting that facets of Rallies of old will be incorporated in the PPR. The Rally will be followed by a meal and Awards and prizes.

Entry is free to current and former PMSC members and only \$10 to others.

However, the bonus is that each participant will receive a \$10 voucher towards the meal. What a deal??

Wednesday, November 27, will be the club's AGM and Election of Officers.

The club will then have a rest until the first Ice Race of 2014 on January 18-19 — if the weather Gods cooperate.

(f) St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Eric Brunner)

There's nothing rally-related to report from St. LAC. I don't know if any of our members have volunteered to help with the Tall Pines but will put out another reminder.

(g) Subaru Performance Drivers' Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)

SPDA recently hosted the third running of the No Winter Maintenance Rally in Flesherton, Ontario. Twenty-six teams entered what would be SPDA's longest rally to date, a 250-km route on mostly gravel roads.

Running a longer route with more checkpoints, we were challenged to find enough volunteers. We expected to drop a few checkpoints and be scrambling to crew the rest, but in the end we had just enough help to pull it off. I'd like to express a big thanks to our rally friends who showed up to help (some appeared unexpectedly) with checkpoints and scoring.

In addition to the normal classes, we provided instructions for a Touring class with very simple distance-to-turn instructions. This provided a great entry point to new competitors who may have found Novice instructions a bit challenging for their first event. With seven entries in this class, we certainly had enough entries to make this worth doing again. I'd recommend this approach to other organizers as well, but it's something you'll need to advertise to make people aware of.

In Expert class, Bruce and Matthew (Subaru) placed first for the third year in a row! In this case, their competitors were David and Sandra (Ford) in Intermediate running the same notes. In Novice, Alex and Andriy finished first Novice with a margin of 4.3 minutes. They were one of seven Novice teams that made all of the CP's throughout the rally. Adam and Melanie finished first in Touring with a margin of 9.5 minutes.

Rally Results: http://caslube.com/rally/nwm2013/nwm2013_results.htm

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

13) Next Meeting – December 9, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. by teleconference.