



RSO Board / Executive Meeting – December 9, 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	Regrets
Vacant	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Yes
Mike Koch	MCO Club Representative	Yes
David Maynard	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Eric Brunner	St. LAC Club Representative	Regrets
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Rob McAuley	TAC Club Representative	
Peter Watt		Regrets

Agenda

- 1) Approval of/additions to Agenda** – Approved as amended – Gulliver / Morrow. Unanimous. Carried.
- 2) Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (October 28)** – Approved as written – MacGillivray / Morrow. Unanimous. Carried.

3) Treasurer's Report – Pete. Financial details were sent in advance to the Board and the club reps on the call. Discussion of the RSO Budget 2014 and Appendix A (Affiliation, Levies, etc.).

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

Motion to approve Version 2 of the budget as presented. Gulliver / Morrow.

Lengthy discussion of fees in relation to the budget. Club reps discussed the affiliation and listing fees, followed by comments from each Board member. (Agreed on \$100 affiliation fee = \$1200, 8 clubs @ 100 + \$50 from CARS for each club.)

Vote: unanimous – for affiliation fee, levy, listing fees

Examined budget for trophies, timing equipment, etc. Discussion and clarification of items on the budget, e.g. growth, advertising.

We have approved Appendix draft B with affiliation fees of \$100 and increase of listing fees while keeping OPRC levy at \$50, version 2 of the budget – all agree on that. Upped meeting and travel to \$1000.

Also approved Appendix A, affiliation fees, draft 2.

Motion to approve – unanimous. Carried.

Motion to approve the fees as we approve the budget.

4) CARS update – Jim.

(a) CARS AGM in January 2014. Schedule will be discussed and finalized at the next CARS meeting. CARS will send the AGM and EGM those notices to us after that. Clubs are encouraged to sign proxies. The RSO rep for next year must attend. The 2014 Board will be presented on the Friday. Some discussion as to whether the RSO President needs to attend; no administrative requirement. Jim to ask if CARS will cover the cost of the incoming RSO representative to attend.

EGM: to present, vote on and approve the new organizational structure in response to Not-for-Profit legislation.

5) Old Business –

(a) New provincial legislation on non-profits re RSO clubs – Bruce. No update until the CARS bylaw changes are effected.

(b) Photos for RSO poster – Bruce. No update.

(c) Insurance issue – Bruce. Per-event insurance for rally cars. No update.

(d) RSO Bylaws – Bruce. The RSO bylaws have been updated and the 2013 version posted on the website.

(e) RSO business cards – Bruce. The required business cards have been ordered.

(f) New website to support growth of the sport – Bruce / Warren.

Warren was unable to get an update on the website, www.oprca.ca, being developed by Jeremy Norris and Paul Cullen. He will forward to the Board when he gets one.

(g) Calendar dates for RSO 2014 calendar – all.

CRC events are known, as are dates of ORRC and OPRC events. The RSO First Aid course is confirmed for January 18. The date of the Ham radio course is outstanding.

Warren: We have 13 active Stewards, and another school is a good idea.

ACTION: WARREN TO FOLLOW UP WITH ALASDAIR AND ARRANGE ANOTHER SCHOOL.

(h) RallySprint rule-change proposal – Ross.

This proposal is with the CARS Admin Rules Committee. The needs of various provincial organizations will be considered, and input is needed from the Technical Rules Committee. Discussions have begun, but there is more to do.

(i) Changes to one-event CARS licence – Bruce.

Update on the writing of a proposal by Bruce, on behalf of RSO, regarding one-event licensing, mainly for co-drivers who are needed to step in for a single event.

ACTION: BRUCE TO WRITE A PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION IN THE CARS AGM PACKAGE.

(j) No Winter Maintenance Rally incident – Bruce. Bruce contacted the team affected by the incident to let them know of the result, and sent Trevor more info.

(k) RSO Representative to CARS – Ross.

A two-year term is confirmed for Region representatives on the CARS Board.

(l) OPRC organizer's checklist – Jeannie. Checklist to go Ross for his comments.

ACTION: SEND CHECKLIST TO ROSS.

(m) Conference-calling system – Bruce. Discussion of the fine print of the contract and the attendant cost. Bruce has discussed with the provider.

6) ORRC Report – David. December 9, 2013.

- The Fall Night Rally hosted by MCO on November 2 – 12 teams enjoyed the twisty roads around Perth. The instructions were simple distance to turns. It was a contest of who could keep up to speed and do the most accurate timing. The winning Experts were Hancher and Leonard, Intermediate winners were Maynard and Maynard, and the leading Novice team was Harvey and Harvey.
- Northern Lights Rally hosted by KWRC – 18 teams tried to decipher Dennis Wharton's instructions in the St. Jacobs area. Hancher and Leonard were the winning Experts, and Boudreau and Boudreau won the Novice class.
- The 2013 ORRC champions are:
 - Expert Driver – Trevor Hancher
 - Expert Navigator – Bruce Leonard
 - Intermediate Driver – Sandra Maynard
 - Intermediate Navigator – David Maynard

- Novice Driver – Sheryl Lusk
- Novice Navigator – Alanna Yetming
- 2013 was a successful year for the ORRC with 8 events. The average car count was 16, with the largest turnout of 26 at the No Winter Maintenance Rally in September.
- The first event of 2014 will be the Frostbite Rally, hosted by KWRC, on February 1.
- Alan Ockwell's co-driver school, held at Humber College on November 9, had about 20 attendees. Two of the students competed at Tall Pines.

7) OPRC Report – Warren.

OPRC Performance Rally rules –

ACTION: WARREN WILL SEND OUT SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION, TO GET MORE QUALIFIERS FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

ACTION: WARREN WILL UPDATE THE STANDINGS AND SEED LIST FOR THE RSO WEBSITE, AND BRUCE WILL POST.

- **Sponsor plaques.**

Ross / Pete: Update on how long ClearWater Design has been a sponsor. Ian wasn't sure; Ross thinks 8-10 years. (Post-meeting: ClearWater confirmed as an RSO sponsor since the 2006 season.) Discussed creating a long-time sponsorship award to thank them.

ClearWater Design have confirmed that they will be carrying on for 2014 as a series sponsor.

ACTION: BRUCE TO CONTACT RAY TO FIND OUT WHETHER RSO MARQUE PLAQUES ARE DISPLAYED.

- **RSO Standard First Aid course** — Warren has confirmed the date of January 18, 2014.

Mike Koch (MCO) confirmed the dates of two events. The Lanark Highlands Forest Rally (OPRC) will be held on May 3, with early registration and recce available on the Friday. The Fall Night Rally (ORRC) will be held on November 1. Mike is looking for organizers for both events. MCO will be offering a three-event TSD series, plus the Fall Night Rally ORRC.

Some discussion on different schedules for a regional rally, and what Quebec and Alberta do. We could get some ideas from other regions.

Martin Loveridge (KWRC) commented that the RSO Board have done a super job this year, and he really appreciates our efforts.

8) Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair.

9) Scrutineer's Report – Steve van Rees, Chief Scrutineer. December 13, 2013.

Two more cars have been log-booked. One was at Tall Pines, the other we'll hopefully see next year. That brings the total of six this year.

Tall Pines was a success again this year. Scrutineering had lots of help, and I would like to say a big thank you to all who volunteered. I would also like to thank Lawrence of L'Amable Public Storage for the use of his building. It was nice to be in out of the weather. There were no major issues during the event. A few people had "offs", but no major damage occurred.

10) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood.

- Financial report for timing equipment for year confirms that we were in the clear.
- New budget for 2014 won't change much; won't change the fees.
- Had to renew and replace equipment for Tall Pines. The last of the new cables were built for the Pines; almost zero issues with the equipment. It worked out really, really well.

11) New Business –

CASC-OR AGM report – Bruce. Bruce attended with motion to free rally clubs from having to belong to CASC-OR. Terry said it would be resolved in 90 days. Only two RSO-member clubs are rally-only, and Bruce thinks CASC-OR affiliation should be optional in their cases.

Ross suggested that we track down the agreement and that the Board review it. We could invite the ASN rep, Terry Epp, to fill us in on the details.

12) Growth initiatives for the Rally community –

Bruce will work on the posters with Ray, and also something for bulletin boards for grocery stores, etc. Warren to follow up on www.OPRC.ca website.

Ross; entries are down in the OPRC series and that's not across the country. Big White Rally and Quebec series are doing well. Atlantic is getting moving. Our regionals are dropping. We need to look at it closely.

13) Club News

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

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

This has been a very active year for the club and our members have been to every performance and navigational event in Ontario and every National performance rally. We've even had a pretty good showing at the Quebec regionals. Our vice-president calculates that with rallies and log-booking cars, he's had significant rally work on 26 weekends this year.

The club has grown in terms of active competitors and workers. About 25% of the cars at Tall Pines had KWRC members in them, and some good driving resulted. Unfortunately the attrition at the rally was high with the icy roads. By my count, KWRC had 39 of its 57 members participating at Pines. Considering that some of our members live far away, that's a great participation rate.

With the 10 navigational events we organized this year, we needed all the help we could get and the rally community responded. We've had new organizers put on a SNATR in a new location, really good turnout for the events and the Toyo Sponsorship for the SNATR series.

Everybody give yourselves a collective pat on the back; it was your efforts that made for such a great year. We really appreciated the support we got from the RSO committee over the past 12 months.

The last event for 2013 was Northern Lights on Saturday, 18 cars entered and most had a good time. Results are posted on the web site. In Novice class, the KWRC teams of Boudreau / Boudreau took first and Olmstead / Hooper came second.

Coming up in the New Year is the CARS AGM on Jan. 11, our banquet on Jan. 18 and Frostbite Rally on Feb. 1. Also, January is election month at KWRC.

Blossom, on May 10, 2014, is the 50th consecutive running of this rally. We want to make this special, not just the rally but a party afterwards. We need suggestions for locations and what kind of party or dinner to have afterward. Anything you can think of to make the event special would be good.

The national awards for 2WD that the club is donating to CARS are coming along well. Kirk is making the bases and the awards will be finally assembled over Christmas. We hope to show them to the club at the January meeting before driving them down to the AGM.

KWRC wishes everybody a great Christmas season and rally good New Year.

(c) Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (per Mike Koch)

**(d) Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per David Maynard)
MLRC Report – December 9, 2013**

Rally of the Tall Pines

- By holding the event one week later in the year, the Rally of The Tall Pines was held in the conditions the organizers were looking for.
- Due to the cold and icy conditions, the “winter roads and summer ditches” were a challenge for the competitors.
- 38 teams entered 35 started; 15 finished. The winners were:
 - National
 - 4WD Open – Chris Martin and Brian Johnson
 - 4WD Production – Alexandre Ouellette and David Lamarre
 - 2WD Open – Martin Walter and Ferdinand Trauttmansdorff
 - 2WD Production – Jeffrey Dowell and Emily Dowell
 - Regional
 - 4WD Open – Chris Martin and Brian Johnson
 - 4WD Production – Alexandre Ouellette and David Lamarre
 - 2WD Open – Martin Walter and Ferdinand Trauttmansdorff
- Paul Hartl and Chuck Storry finished 13th among the National competitors but had already won the National 2WD Championship. Paul has said this will be their last rally; nothing like going out while you are on top.

MLRC Can-Jam Motorsports Rallycross Championship

- The final 2013 event was on October 27, 2013, with 38 competitors.
- Overall 2013 results:
 - Class One – Steve K. in a 2002 Ford Focus ZX5
 - Class Two – Bert P. in multiple vehicles
 - Class Three – Michael A. in a 1998 Subaru Impreza
 - Class Four – Karl S. in a 1998 Subaru Impreza

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

PMSC held its AGM and Election of Officers on November 27.

Executive for 2014

President: Mike van Rees

Vice President: Peter Watt

Secretary: Doug Armstrong

Treasurer: Pete Gulliver

Competition Director: Dan Demers

Information Director: Len Arminio

Director at Large: Open at this time.

Next on PMSC's Competition schedule is Ice Racing in Minden on January 18-19, if the weather gods cooperate. Awards Night for 2013 will be held on January 22.

Season's Greetings to everyone, and we will see you at various events in 2014!

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

At this point, nothing has changed for St. LAC, as we are still planning to hold at least one winter slalom at the Picton Air Port sometime in the New Year.

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

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

The Discover Ontario Rally will run on Saturday, June 21. Dietmar is back as our Competition Director after taking the year off for health issues.

Motion to adjourn: Gulliver / Morrow. Meeting adjourned at: 9:50 p.m.

13) Next Meeting – Monday, January 20, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. by teleconference.