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**RSO Board/Executive Meeting – September 9th, 2014 Minutes**

LOCATION – Teleconference – Meeting @ 7:30pm

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
Bruce Leonard	President	Yes
Peter Watt	CARS Rally Director for RSO	Yes
Warren Haywood	Vice-President – Performance Rally	Yes
David Maynard	Vice-President – Navigational Rally	Yes
Kelly Mathew	Secretary	Yes
Pete Gulliver	Treasurer	Yes
Ross Wood	Executive Assistant / Equipment Manager	Yes
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	Regrets
Steve van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	No
Vacant	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	No
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	No
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Regrets
Mike Koch	MCO Club Representative	No
David Maynard	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Eric Brunner	St. LAC Club Representative	No
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	No
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	No

**Agenda**

- 1. Approval of/additions to agenda** – Approved as amended – Gulliver/Haywood. Unanimous. Carried
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (July 28th)** – Approved as written. Mathew/Gulliver. Unanimous. Carried.
- 3. Treasurer’s Report – Pete G** Financial documents were sent out in advance. Some discussion with regards to the financial information. Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Gulliver/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried.

#### 4. CARS update – Peter Watt

##### **Sept. 8 - Canadian Association of RallySport Report to RSO Board**

Items of possible interest to RSO from the CARS Board Meeting of Sept. 8, 2014

- a. **Serious budgetary shortfall in CARS 2014 financials.**
- b. **2015 AGM** will be moved to Toronto  
Toronto Airport West Hotel, 5444 Dixie Road, Mississauga, Ontario  
January 10, 2015.
- c. **Eastern Canadian Rally Championship** has been given CARS approval.  
Organizers will flesh out details. – ***More information & updates after next meeting.***
- d. **Media Stats updated** - great growth in Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube stats.  
TV Coverage to begin in Oct running through to Sept. 30 2015 on TSN and RDS  
Likely foreign sales in offing
- e. **Minimum age** for hot zone workers and media/shakedown rides set at 16 as per safety guidelines.
  - ***The hot zone in question is defined as Flying finish, Shutdown & Finish Control Zone***
  - ***Underage workers will still be allowed (supervised) at TC's (behind tape/safe locations) & at start line.***
- f. **A number of rule-book issues were dealt with including:**
  - i. Legality of course notes - section 14 will be updated via bulletin; - ***Immediate***
  - ii. 2015 Rule book will include a preamble with enhanced information; - ***Immediate***
  - iii. Event guidelines will be distributed for community input; -**2015**
  - iv. Draft bulleting to be sent to competitors for input on speed factor use; - ***Immediate***
  - v. Clarification of restart rule for immediate implementation; -***Immediate***
  - vi. Timing of podiums and event postings has been clarified. - ***Immediate***
- g. **Rallysafe** has given a quote for costs to track cars at Big White in Dec. – ***Nothing to add at this time.***
- h. **Two new clubs** will be joining CARS - one in RSQ, and one in Rally West.
- i. A "**Rally Moto**" discussion took place regarding the possibility of an event in Quebec. Considerably more info regarding insurance and sanctioning need to be provided, but concept may have merit. Not likely a CARS issue.

***Notices will be sent re: rule changes immediately***

This was a considerably busy and lengthy meeting, running from 7:00 pm to 10:40pm. The issue of the NARC championship was not discussed but I will be sure that it makes the Oct. 8 agenda. I am currently soliciting information from the originators for details in response to your, and other's questions.

Respectfully Submitted

Peter Watt

## 5. Old Business –

- a. **RSO Website** - Bruce to post promotional poster online.

**ACTION: BRUCE TO POST PROMOTIONAL POSTER ONLINE**

- b. **Competitor rep- Warren** No update on remainder of season with regards to competitor rep. Will re-launch in 2015

- c. **OPRC Novice championship points – Warren** Novice points were updated prior to the meeting

- d. **Toronto Subaru Club Hypermeet – Bruce/Kelly**

In attendance: Kelly, Bruce, David, Peter W, Alan Ryall, Nigel Mathew, and Volunteer Stacy & her son Jacob. RSO booth at TSC Hypermeet was very well received. We took 2 performance cars and one Nav car. Lots of interest from meet attendees with 23 people signing up for more information on spectating, volunteering or competing, and MANY more taking RSO info cards and talking to someone at the booth with regards to rally. Lots of interest into volunteering at Tall Pines. Bruce was also able to present the award to Subaru for winning the 2013 Marque Championship.

Was a very productive event and we will definitely do it again in the future.

Derek – (event organizer) has offered to set up a forum thread specifically for Ontario Rally for free on the TSC Forums, to keep the chatter going. If we want to do this Kelly has the info how to.

- e. **Proposed championship fee – Peter W**

After only negative feedback was received for this idea the decision was made not to progress any further with it. However, suggestions are needed to improve and assist the 2015 championship, to both encourage competitors and give estimates of minimum entries for organizers.

- f. **CDNRally.com Program for 2015 – Warren**

Suggestions needed on ways to integrate CDNRally.com media program for 2015.

Draft OPRC video for GCFR currently available. Peter MacDonald lost commentator just before completion of video & is currently working on signing a British commentator to finalize GCFR video. Peter Mc to keep Warren posted on contract with commentator.

- g. **RSO & OPRC Decals – Warren**

Bruce now has RSO decals. Warren has quote on OPRC decals and will forward to the Board.

**ACTION: WARREN TO FORWARD QUOTE FOR OPRC DECALS TO BOARD**

## 6. ORRC Report – David

- Since last RSO meeting KWRC have held a SNATR event.
- The No Winter Maintenance event scheduled for September 27 – all ready to go
- September 20<sup>th</sup> – another SNATR event taking place
- January Jaunt – Previously been run by TAC, yet in 2014 the event didn't take place and KWRC stepped up with Frostbite rally. David has

contacted TAC to see what their plans are for 2015. So far no response. KWRC may step up again if 2015 January Jaunt is not happening.

- David will contact MCO with regards to their Fall Night Rally to check details and progress (scheduled for Nov 1<sup>st</sup>)
- President's Prize Rally – date TBD (PMSC) – Not an ORRC event, Just a club event fun rally.

## 7. OPRC Report – Warren

- a. **Results** – All up to date. Warren will send to Bruce & will be updated on RSO website
- b. **GCFR Steward's Report** – Sent to all Board members before meeting. Alasdair produced a great report. Some informative comments with regards to the new Re-start rule that was used at the event by a competitor. When looking at revising rules for 2015 we should take a good look at the comments before we rework them.
- c. **Rallye Defi (September 5-6)**

Good RSO turnout, the OPRC is clearly important to the top spots. Of the 9 RSO starters, there were 8 finishers. Well done to those that finished!

Good restructuring of the regional event by BGilles.

Championship is now heating up with just Tall Pines left to go.
- d. **Re-evaluation of Rule set** – Now that the stand-alone events are completed we should start to re-evaluate the rule set for 2015. Warren would like to conduct another brainstorming session to bring updates to the Board for consideration/discussion. Re-start rule & remaining rule set discussion to be added to next agenda (Oct 27).
- e. **Podiums – Bruce**

There were issues at Defi with regards to Regional championship podium. Only 1 'Saturday only' regional podium was announced, including all regional only entries. This excluded Donnelly and Walter from the result as both teams had competed in the national event as well, running stages on the Friday.

There was no separate OPRC or CASDI podium.

Event organizers are told by CARS which podiums they have to present with regards to National competitors, but the other podiums are at the discretion of the organizer.

Warren, who was present at the event, was disappointed at the lack of OPRC podium: the event is on the RSO calendar, they've always had an OPRC podium, and we now have media following the Championship so an OPRC podium is important.

After some discussion on the subject it was agreed that it's the RSO's responsibility to dictate what podiums an event should be presenting if they request to be on the OPRC calendar.

Discussion on how to dictate this included suggestions such as: upon review of event's Supp Regs we should request podiums be announced in regs – **not usually done in regs**; send generic list of requirements for an event to be on OPRC calendar including podiums; send podium request to event organizers upon their application to be on OPRC calendar.

Although this may increase the number of podiums at an event, our concern is the OPRC podiums & we should be requesting that at an event on the OPRC calendar, event organizers need to present both an OPRC Overall podium and an OPRC 2WD podium.

Further discussion needed with regards to where the Podium request should be: part of rule book? Part of policies & procedures? General consensus is that it should be in 'policies & procedures'.

Peter W will work on a 'list of expectations' for the event organizer's handbook that he is developing and add podiums to it.

It was suggested that we touch base with Tall Pines organizers to ensure 2 OPRC podiums will be presented. Supp Regs for Pines schedule for 2 OPRC podiums, stating OPRC AWD and OPRC 2WD podiums. We need to clarify that these will in fact be OPRC *Overall* and OPRC 2WD.

**ACTION: PETER W TO ADD PODIUMS TO "LIST OF EXPECTATIONS" IN ORGANIZER HANDBOOK THAT HE IS WORKING ON**

**ACTION: BRUCE TO TOUCH BASE WITH TALL PINES ORGANIZERS TO CLARIFY OPRC PODIUMS AT THE 2014 RALLY OF THE TALL PINES**

**ACTION: NEED TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO EVENTS BEFORE SEASON 2015 STARTS THAT IN ORDER TO HAVE AN EVENT ON OPRC CALENDAR THEY MUST PRESENT OVERALL AND 2WD PODIUMS FOR OPRC COMPETITORS**

**8. Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair**

**9. Scrutineer's report – Steve van Rees, Chief Scrutineer**

**10. Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood**

- a. **Opportunity to purchase more timing equipment** – An opportunity has arisen to purchase some of Mark Williams' used timing equipment. Some of the clocks go through batteries quickly but ECM says this can easily be fixed by changing a chip at minimal expense. ECM no longer sell the equipment but they will continue to service it. Ross will get some quotes for the equipment and get back to the Board with prices

**ACTION: ROSS TO GET QUOTES FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE TIMING EQUIPMENT AND REPORT TO BOARD**

- b. **Timing at Rallye Defi** – Only 1 issue with a start light. Didn't really have an impact on the start for competitors. Ross advises that a couple of new cables are needed. They will be done before Tall Pines.

**11. Growth Initiatives** – The TSC Hypermeet was well worth the time & effort to get out and meet new people and encourage more involvement in rallysport in Ontario.

Are there any other shows/meets that we should go to? Warren suggests VW has a huge following, are there any other brands with similar meets? Mitsubishi etc?

Lachute in Quebec have a Subaru Festival, with no RSQ presence, should be have RSO presence there? The same basic format we had at the Hypermeet would work well for other shows/meets.

**ACTION: LOOK INTO SUGGESTIONS OF OTHER SHOWS & MEETS (FOR 2015) THAT RSO COULD ATTEND WITH AN INFORMATION BOOTH SIMILAR TO OUR PRESENCE AT THE TORONTO SUBARU CLUB HYPERMEET THIS PAST SUMMER**

**12. New Business –**

**a. RSO AGM & Awards Banquet** CARS invited RSO to hold 2014 Awards banquet in conjunction with the CARS awards in Toronto.

Bruce to talk with John Hall with regards to costs.

CARS awards only happen in Toronto every 4 years, so we should take advantage of this.

All in favour of Bruce talking to John with regards to costs of the event to RSO and having the OPRC & ORRC awards at the CARS awards banquet.

Need to keep active on this item, won't know ORRC winners until Dec 6 & depending on date of awards ceremony, we may need to deal with ordering plaques etc very quickly.

First get a price then discuss via email.

**ACTION: BRUCE TO CONTACT JOHN HALL RE: COSTS OF INCLUDING OPRC/ORRC AWARDS AT CARS BANQUET**

**b. RSO Board members recusing themselves at events – Bruce**

It became apparent at Defi that with a number of the RSO Board members competing in both OPRC and ORRC events, perhaps they should be recusing themselves of items pertaining to that event.

John Hall recuses himself at events where he is competing (eg. Rallye Defi), should RSO Board members do the same? Or perhaps just RSO President?

After discussion on the subject it was decided that in order to avoid conflicts of interest it would be wise for the RSO President to recuse himself from items relating to an event.

Bruce states that for any RSO or CARS event that includes RSO, he will recuse himself from any items pertaining to the event. He will select an interim President for the duration of the event. This will only affect items related to that event, any other issues that arise at the time of an event, but not related to it, will still be his responsibility.

**ACTION: PETER W TO FORWARD EXAMPLE OF JOHN HALL'S STATEMENT AT EVENTS**

- c. **Clear definition of underage – From CARS ARC (Admin rules committee) – Ross**  
Minimum age for hot zone workers and media/shakedown rides set at 16 years old as per safety guidelines. The hot zone in question is defined as Flying finish, Shutdown & Finish Control Zone. Underage workers will still be allowed (supervised) at TC's (behind tape/safe locations) & at start line.

d. **2015 RSO Calendar – Ross**

Tentative schedule for CRC 2015 is-

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Days of competition</u>
PN	Feb 6-7	1 day
RBC	June 27-28	2 days
Defi	Sept 11-12	2 days
PFR	Oct 2-3	2 days
RMR	Oct 30-31	2 days
TP	Nov 20-21	1 day (option to change to Nov 27-28)

Tall Pines 2015 date will be decided on very soon.

RSO Calendar – in past each club has been emailed with a deadline for submission of an event date & 2<sup>nd</sup> optional date for each event.

Bruce will update calendar to send out to Clubs with RA, NASA (east) and CARS dates included to enable organizers to decide on their event date requests.

**Note: Since the meeting the CRC Calendar has been finalized. The 2015 Rally of the Tall Pines date will be November 27-28**

**ACTION: BRUCE TO UPDATE 2015 RSO CALENDAR TO INCLUDE RA, NASA AND CARS DATES. THIS CAN THEN BE FORWARDED TO EVENT ORGANIZERS TO ALLOW THEM TO SORT OUT THEIR EVENT DATE REQUESTS FOR 2015**

**13. Club News –**

- a. **British Empire Motor Club (BEMC) (per Bob McCallum)**  
b. **Kitchener–Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**

KWRC Report

We had a good turnout for SNATR #6 on August 23rd. and thank you to all the people that made it happen. Rallye Defi was this past weekend and Andrew Kulikowski showed his talent by taking first 2WD and second overall in the OPRC event, beating out Martin Walter by 6.7 seconds. Alan Ryall did well taking first P4WD only 36 seconds behind Andrew.

The next event coming up is our final SNATR of the year (#7) on September 20 and Roger could use competitors and another checkpoint crew if you are available. I can't make it to the event as I'll be away but Roger has a good route and a nice mix of instructions. Come out for the last

chance of the season for a SNATR and be eligible to win the tires from our generous sponsor, Toyo Tires.

The week after that is the not-to-be-missed No Winter Maintenance rally put on by our friends at SPDA. It's got some of the best roads from both a drivers and scenic perspective. Instructions available range from dead simple to expert and there are a couple of breaks in the 5 hour rally.

Steve is working on Northern Lights on December 6th, the CARS AGM is January 10th in Toronto, our banquet is January 17th.

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

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

Next MLRC event is September 27<sup>th</sup> with the Rallycross held at Fish & Game Club in Bancroft

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

PMSC Report September 2014

PMSC held the GCFR –OPRC Rally Aug 9th. A very disappointing turn out of 10 entrants. However based on comments from competitors most enjoyed the new stage setup which was comprised of stages on the previously used Fire Access Road, Parnell Quarry and an extension of Fire Access known as Loom Lake Road.

PMSC have not as yet had a review of GCFR but based on this years turn out a GCFR in 2015 is very much at risk. There is also at this time no Organizer.

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

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

**h. Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Dietmar Seelenmayer)**

Meeting adjourned at: 9:45pm

**Next Meeting – Monday October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 730pm via teleconference call**