



Final Minutes

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Oct 27th, 2014 Minutes

LOCATION – Teleconference – Meeting @ 7:30pm

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
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	
Vacant	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Yes
Mike Koch	MCO Club Representative	
David Maynard	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Eric Brunner	St. LAC Club Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	

Agenda

1. **Approval of/additions to agenda** – Approved as amended – Gulliver/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Sept 9th)** – Approved as written. Mathew/Haywood. 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

Oct. 8 – Canadian Association of RallySport Report to RSO Board

Items of possible interest to RSO from the CARS Board Meeting of Oct. 8, 2014 and since

a. Budgeting for 2015 has begun

b. 2015 AGM moved to Toronto

Toronto Airport West Hotel, 5444 Dixie Road, Mississauga, Ontario

January 10, 2015

All Region Rally Directors will be elected at this meeting. I encourage anyone interested in the Ontario Region Rally Director to submit their name to Martin Burnley, the CARS Office, or me before the end of November. (Ontario for two years - nominations not necessary)

Only the proxy holder of the Region's member clubs may vote for that Region's Director.

c. Sponsorship Committee has been formed and has met.

d. The position of **Communications Manager** remains open.

e. Media Stats updated

- i. continue great with growth in Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube stats.
- ii. TV Coverage began Oct18 on TSN with Perce Neige broadcast.
- iii. A US Company has signed a licensing agreement for CRC "footage".
- iv. Likely foreign sales in offing.

f. 2WD regulations to be opened up - committee is looking at rule changes

g. Bulletins:

- i. Speed Factor: Questions posed by competitors have been answered. Not 100% agreement
- ii. Event Documentation: Comments regarding two MLRC letters given lengthy response. Requirements will stand as presented but applicable only to CARS affiliated clubs for "Wheels Turning" activities. (I will try to provide outlines for documents to simplify process.) Procedures require little change for RSO beyond copying Region Rally Director on all necessary documents and Region Director issuing permits.

Note: Both these bulletins will be going back to the rules committee for review

h. CARS will contribute \$333 towards a test of **Rallysafe** at Big White in Dec.

i. Permanent Numbers: - Questionnaire to gauge competitors' support has been translated and will be e-mailed to all licence holders for input. – ***Has been emailed and 31 responses received on first day.***

j. Next meeting Thursday Nov. 8.

Respectfully Submitted

Peter Watt

5. Old Business –

- a. **OPRC Decals** – Warren researching price for OPRC decals. Expecting quote from company Tues Oct 28. Approx. \$1-\$2/ sticker. As the decals are not dated we can buy a larger amount and not worry that we will have excess at the end of the season.
- b. **OPRC Podiums** – Bruce was to contact Tall Pines organizers to ensure the correct OPRC podiums will be presented in November at the event. Warren will talk with BGilles re: Defi in the future.
- c. **Used timing equipment** – Ross - Update on quote received from Mark Williams with regards to the purchase of used timing equipment. Having received a buyer for the regular Timing equipment, Mark currently only has specialized equipment remaining. Ross to discuss remaining equipment with Mark & will report back to the Board as to how advantageous it would be for us to purchase it.
- d. **RSO AGM & awards banquet** - update on current situation with regards to combining CARS and RSO awards banquet in January. Including costs & ideas for RSO AGM
 - Costs for CARS AGM/Awards banquet \$50/plate
 - Costs for RSO AGM/Awards banquet in March 2014 (2013 season) approx \$26
 - One suggestion made was to subsidize a portion of the plate and have attendees pay the remainder.
 - We need to evaluate the number of award winners, and what it would cost to subsidize tickets.
 - RSO AGM – Suggestion was made to conduct the RSO AGM and then attend a meal elsewhere, with attendees paying for themselves.
 - Pete G suggested conference room at Bridgenorth Library. Would be approx. \$130 for about 6 hours rental. Lots of parking across the street.
 - Suggestion was also made to have pizza delivered to the meeting. Relatively inexpensive.
 - Discussion into date for AGM. Based on previous years, the date would be March 21 2015.

ACTION: BRUCE & PETE G TO LOOK AT NUMBER OF AWARD WINNERS AND FIGURE OUT COSTS & WHAT OPTIONS THERE ARE

ACTION: KELLY TO FIND OUT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE AT MARCH 2014 RSO AWARDS BANQUET

- e. **RSO Board members recusing themselves at events** – At the last RSO meeting it was decided that only the RSO President needed to recuse themselves at an event. Peter W forwarded an example to the Board of the letter CARS President John Hall posts when entering an event. Bruce will post a similar note for Tall Pines.

ACTION: BRUCE TO POST LETTER AT TALL PINES RECUSING HIMSELF AT THE EVENT

- f. **RSO 2015 Calendar** – Bruce has updated RSO 2015 Calendar to include all CARS and RA, events. NASA events still need inputting. Some RSO dates are inputted and waiting on confirmation of the remainder. (Work in progress)
- PMSC currently looking for organizers of all events
 - KWRC – all events in calendar
 - SPDA – No Winter Maintenance rally dates to be discussed at Wed Oct 29 meeting
 - LHFR finalized date May 2nd
 - Black Bear Rally – no date set yet
6. **ORRC Report – David**
Unfortunately the Fall Night Rally had to be cancelled which leaves us with one more event for the 2014 Ontario Road Rally Championship. Kitchener Waterloo Rally Club will host Northern Lights on December 6th starting in Tilsonburg. Each of the Novice, Intermediate and Expert Championships are still up for grabs so it should be a very interesting event!
7. **OPRC Report – Warren**
- Tall Pines work day took place Oct 25
 - Work is currently underway for Lanark Highlands Forest Rally 2015
 - Warren working with Peter MacDonald re: 2015 Media
 - Last event of the season Tall Pines should be very interesting with the championships down to the final event
8. **Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair**
9. **Scrutineer's report – Steve van Rees, Chief Scrutineer**

October 2014 Scrutineer's Report

-Planning for Tall Pines is underway. Volunteers are needed for Tech.

-Another car has been log booked.

Steve van Rees

Chief Scrutineer

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

See timing equipment update in 5c Old Business

11. **Growth Initiatives –**

- a. **Toronto Subaru Club Message Forums – Kelly** – TSC introduced a new Rally Sport Ontario section to their forum. Some interest so far. Have reached out to current competitors in all 3 disciplines to help 'monitor' it. Have to keep it active – Prefer it not to be just a list of events & worker requests. Not to be confused with an official RSO forum, it's just an area for us to encourage Subaru enthusiasts into the world of Rallying in Ontario & provide information for them. SPDA has had positive experience with the forum in the past.

12. New Business –

- a. **Re-Start Rule & remaining rule set** – Up for discussion to improve for the 2015 season. Warren to start email discussion on the re-start rule and any other items raised. Restart rule was used approx. half dozen times in 2014 season so far. Some issues were raised at GCFR. Need to look at when, where & how restart rule was used in each instance.

ACTION: WARREN TO CHECK NATURE OF RESTART IN EACH INCIDENT AND REPORT TO REST OF BOARD TO START RULE DISCUSSION VIA EMAIL

- b. **CARS Prop 7 (Event reporting)**

Discussion into CARS Proposition 7: *“establish a minimum requirement for consistent communication and minimum documentation for CARS to be satisfied that the events it is sanctioning are in accordance with the rules and guidelines set forth by CARS”*

Discussion into how the proposed documentation affects RallySport Ontario. Events in Ontario already have good practices when it comes to event documentation. A letter forwarded to Board members from Martin Loveridge (sent to CARS commenting on Prop 7) covers the same thoughts that were had in the discussion. It was decided to take Martin’s comments to the CARS meeting on Tuesday where the Bulletins will be going back to the rules committee for review.

- c. **Electing Region Rep – CARS AGM, RSO AGM**

Regional Director for RSO in CARS will be elected at the AGM in January. Discussion into how we are going to put forward a list of possible candidates. Peter W has already asked Club reps to spread the word encouraging anyone interested to come forward.

Discussion into moving the RSO AGM forward in order to elect a CARS Regional Director through Club members’ decision, concluded that there possibly wasn’t time to get this organized before CARS need the list of candidates.

We will work to get a slate of candidates for the Dec 11 RSO meeting and go from there. Further discussion on this subject to be had by email.

- d. 9:45 Moved/seconded Watt/Gulliver to go *in camera* to discuss a personal matter. Carried
10:05 Moved/seconded Watt/Gulliver to end the *in camera* session. Carried.

13. Club News –

- a. **British Empire Motor Club (BEMC) (per Bob McCallum)**
- b. **Kitchener–Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**
- c. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (per Mike Koch)**
- d. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per David Maynard)**

A successful work day to prepare for The Rally of the Tal Pines was completed on October 25th. A determined group notified area residents, set up the spectator areas,

performed hydraulic engineering, trimmed trees and cleared rocks from the rally route. The most concerted effort was applied to a rock at the inside of the corner of Mayo Lake and Quirks Rd. With the application of shovels, pry bar, tow straps and 4 wheel drive truck the one ton plus boulder was removed. Cutting the inside of this turn would still not be recommended. The only casualties for the day were one vehicle's engine and a ball joint that was miraculously repaired with zip ties.

The work day was followed up with the 5th and final event of the 2014 Can-Jam RallyCross Championship on October 26th. Series co-ordinator , James Drake, advised that there were 46 competitors entered. The event and championship results will be posted on the RallyCross website soon.

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

PMSC will be holding a Ice Racing Introduction Sunday November 9th Canadian Tire, Chemong Road Peterborough from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. An Ice Racer will be on display. Several Ice Racers and Officials will be available to answer any questions.

PMSC will be holding clubs AGM along with Election November 26th.

The club has had a record attendance Autoslalom year. Unfortunately the same can not be said for Rally especially OPRC event as both SSR and GCFR suffered along with other series events with low turn outs. The low turn out along with Organizer burn out puts both of these rallies in jeopardy for 2015. With low turn outs neither event is financially viable. PMSC would be willing to accept this however the biggest problem is the high amount of time required to organize events with a lack of entries; Very demoralizing. Currently PMSC has no rallies scheduled for 2015 due to lack of organizers.

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

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

SPDA hosted the 4th annual No Winter Maintenance Rally on September 27. Fifteen teams competed in 4 classes including Touring, Novice, Intermediate and Expert. This years' route ran 190 km that all competitors but one finished, with a mechanical DNF retiring one team early in the rally.

October 4th and 5th: SPDA hosted a two day Solo (Autoslalom) event in Huntsville at Deerhurst Resort. Saturday was CASC-OR Regional Event #8. Sunday was a Pro-Solo event with competitors competing against each other on mirrored tracks. This was the second year hosting this event and both days were well attended.

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

Motion to adjourn: Gulliver/Haywood. Meeting adjourned at: 10:10pm

14. Next Meeting - Thursday December 11th @ 7:30pm, via teleconference