



Approved Minutes

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Dec 11th, 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	regrets
Vacant	Growth Committee	-
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	-
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	-
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	regrets
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 – Watt/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried.
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Oct 27)** – Approved as written. Mathew/Watt. 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**

Dec. 11 - Canadian Association of RallySport Report to RSO Board

Items of possible interest to RSO from the CARS Board Meetings of Nov 6, and Dec. 3, 2014.

There is a meeting scheduled for Dec. 10 that Warren and Ross will be able to report on if I do not see minutes.

- a. **The Starting Order based on Speed Factors** has been ratified by the board and will be included in the 2015 rule book. Basically all Seed 1 through 4 will be started in speed factor order. All drivers with a speed factor greater than 85 will be included in the start draw and will receive a 2 minute window if that number exceeds 5.
- Seeds 5A and 5B will be seeded separately and Seed 6 by order of receipt.
 - Drivers with a 4WD speed factor will have it reduced by 10 if they move to 2WD.
- b. **Two Wheel Drive regulations for 2015** have been opened to be more inclusive. In summary the major changes are as follows:
- i. *Naturally Aspirated Engines:*
Up to 4000 cc –No Minimum Vehicle Weight.
 - ii. *Forced Induction Engines:*
Un-Restricted Induction Up to 2500cc –Vehicle Minimum Weight 2900lbs
Restricted Induction Up to 2000cc –No Minimum Vehicle Weight
Restricted Induction 2001cc to 2500cc –Vehicle Minimum Weight 2500 lbs
Forced induction over 2500cc not permitted
 - iii. *Rotary Engines:*
restricted to twin rotors. Peripheral porting is not permitted
No Minimum Vehicle Weight

I believe this makes all current Group 5 cars eligible for Open 2WD The 2015 Rule book should have these rules with the detail and proper numbering and hopefully the weights given in kg.

- c. Because of additional **CRC television advertising** sales, CARS is projecting a small profit for 2014.

- d. **Club representatives should remind their respective organizers of the new listing requirements.** A bulletin will be issued soon but all TSD events must submit the required paperwork to the Region Rally Director who will then issue a permit.
- e. **Insurance rates for 2015** will show a 5% increase

We need to remind event organizers of this. The increase is a CARS decision. Any ASN changes in insurance rates will be announced APR 1st & further rate changes will be made if necessary. First event on RSO calendar is ORRC Frostbite Rally Jan 31st. Martin & Dennis need to be aware of this increase.

ACTION: DAVID TO FOLLOW UP WITH MARTIN & DENNIS TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE INCREASE IN INSURANCE RATES.

- f. CARS board has approved the use of **Organizer Provided Route Notes** prepared by Warren Haywood & Kelly Mathew for the 2015 Lanark Highlands Forest Rally.

If I receive any additional information from the Wednesday CARS meeting, I will include it. Otherwise the attendees will fill us in.
Merry Christmas to All Peter Watt

5. Old Business –

- a. **OPRC Decals** – Warren. 500 OPRC decals have been ordered, produced and sent to Warren. It was hoped they were ready for Tall Pines, but unfortunately didn't arrive until after that date. @ \$0.63/decals the cost is lower than original estimate.
- b. **Used timing equipment** – Ross – Having received a buyer for the used timing equipment, Mark Williams only had specialized equipment remaining. We will not be purchasing this equipment.
- c. **RSO AGM & Awards Banquet** – Update on costs associated with combining CARS AWARDS/AGM with RSO AWARDS banquet & RSO AGM.
- i. **RSO Awards banquet:**
- Attendance in March 2014 for the 2013 RSO awards:
53 attendees: 8 paying 'guests' (\$20), 3 sweep (subsidized), 5 club guests (subsidized by specific club), 18 award winners (subsidized), 19 organizers/stewards/BoD (subsidized)
 - Bruce & Pete G are working on the list of invitations. Currently 50 on list. Bruce to send out invitations by the weekend to give enough notice. CARS AGM/Awards banquet is Jan 10th.
 - Warren to forward list of OPRC winners to Bruce ASAP.
 - Trophies – Our usual supplier is going on vacation. Bruce will talk to Martin Loveridge & see if he can assist with this. Need to retrieve Overall OPRC Driver trophy from 2013 Winner Ryan Huber before the awards ceremony. Need to look into 2WD Driver trophy also.

ACTION: WARREN TO FORWARD BRUCE FINALIZED OPRC CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS & AWARD WINNERS

ACTION: BRUCE TO EMAIL INVITATIONS TO THOSE INVITED TO THE CARS/RSO AWARDS BANQUET ON JAN 10TH 2015 ASAP.

ACTION: BRUCE TO CONTACT MARTIN WITH REGARDS TO TROPHY SUPPLIER

ACTION: NEED TO RETRIEVE OVERALL OPRC DRIVER TROPHY FROM 2013 WINNER RYAN HUBER

ii. **RSO AGM**

- Board agrees that the Peterborough area is a central location for the AGM.
- Decision made to hold AGM then following the meeting have lunch at a different location with everyone picking up their own tab.
- Pete G to check with township on availability of conference room at Bridgenorth Library, preferably for Mar 21st 2015.

ACTION: PETE G TO RESERVE MEETING ROOM AT BRIDGENORTH LIBRARY IF AVAILABLE FOR MAR 21

- d. **RSO 2015 Calendar** Up to date. No Winter Maintenance Rally (SPDA) has now been added for Oct 3 2015. Black Bear Rally date not set yet.
- e. **Re-start rule & OPRC 2015 Rules** – Open discussion on 2014 rules to make adjustments prior to 2015.
 - i. **Re-start Rule** – Warren will put together the incidents where the re-start rule was used this season. Of the top of his head: SSR (3 restarts), LHFR (2), BBR (1), GCFR (2). Items to address via email discussion on 2015 Rule Set to include: Was the restart rule effective? Was it done safely? Did competitors finish higher in the results than they should (was it a reasonable penalty for the level of competition?), was there sufficient time for cars to be re-scrutineered? Important to take note of Stewards Reports where the restart rule was used.
 - ii. **Overall 2015 Rule Set** – Warren to start an email discussion into the complete Rule Set for 2015. It would be preferable to have any possible changes discussed and the rules agreed upon before the start of the season - Essentially Feb 2015.

ACTION: WARREN TO INITIATE 2015 OPRC RULE SET DISCUSSION VIA EMAIL

- f. **Electing Region Rep** – Regional Director for RSO in CARS will be elected at the AGM in January. Deadline for submitting candidates is December 12 2014. Peter W submitted his name to CARS as a candidate, but no other names had been forwarded to him for submission. However, there is still time to submit candidates.

- g. **CARS Prop 7 (Event Reporting)** RSO's thoughts were sent to CARS Rules committee who were meeting on a date following Oct 27 RSO Meeting to further discuss Prop 7. Although there are quite a few changes, it's not a huge impact for Ontario as events here already conform to many of the proposed new event reporting rules. For Navigational Rally, Clubs will be required to send in a list of TSD events for the year and this will be crosschecked with insurance applications. If it all matches, event permits will be issued to be displayed at the event. For both the Navigational and Performance events, the VP's of each division will no longer be responsible for issuing permits – This is now the responsibility of the Regional Rep.

6. **ORRC Report – David**

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The 2014 Ontario Road Rally Championship came to a conclusion last Saturday in Tillsonburg at KWRC's Northern Lights rally. Northern Light's class winners were Novice: Amy and Darin Mayes, Intermediate: Guy and Ryan Boudreau and Expert: Stephen Deneka and David Maynard. KWRC put together a great route with interesting and challenging instructions.

The final championship results have been updated on the RallySport Ontario web site.

Novice:

	Driver	Navigator
1st	Chris Armstrong	Bryce Deathe
2nd	Darin Mayes	Amy Mayes
3rd	Gord Olmstead	Phil Hooper

Intermediate

1st	Guy Boudreau	Ryan Boudreau
2nd	Sheryl Lusk	Alanna Yetming
3rd	Roger Sanderson	Lynda Connolly

Expert

1st	Stephen Deneka	Dennis Wharton
2nd	Jane Leonard	Bruce Leonard
3rd	Trevor Hancher	David Maynard

Next ORRC event Frostbite January 31,2015 Milton, ON

7. OPRC Report – Warren

Great competition all season. Hopefully we will see an increase in participation for 2015.

Tall Pines Rally – A number of championships were down to the final event, with 3 contenders for the Overall OPRC Driver Championship. Martin Donnelly taking an OPRC win at the event claimed his 2nd OPRC Driver Championship.

8. Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair

9. Scrutineer’s report – Steve van Rees, Chief Scrutineer – Report to follow

10. Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood

Some routine purchases – a couple of new lights. No invoice received from Doug Edwards as of yet.

Tall Pines Rally – Everything went well. No issues.

11. Growth Initiatives – Suggestion was made that we should have some new promotional postcards produced for 2015 to include Rally Sprint. Bruce can contact his supplier about them.

12. New Business –

- a. **Media review CDNrally partnership** for 2015 adjustments and sponsorship – Warren Warren to meet with Peter MacDonald next week with regards to the 2014 media partnership and upcoming 2015 season.

Some thoughts from the Board on the production so far:

- We need to promote the Sponsorship packages more (only GCFR & SSR bought packages for the events),
- Everyone thinks the videos are excellent but could possibly be longer? (Warren to discuss program length with Peter & YouTube guidelines)
- Very well done, much better than we have had before
- Relies heavily on ‘sharing’. We need to encourage clubs, organizers, CARS etc to share the footage on social media. We have a great product but we’re not doing justice to it if we don’t share it as much as possible.
- We need to remind competitors to mail memory cards of in-car footage to Peter for event coverage, we need to have a solid process for this.
- On behalf of Bruce, Warren will pass along the message to Peter that: “On behalf of RSO you are doing a fantastic job & please carry on”

ACTION: WARREN TO MEET WITH PETER MACDONALD FROM CDNRALLY.COM AND WILL REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

- b. **Vehicle Tracking – Ross**

- i. RallySafe – A full test of the system was carried out at the 2014 Rocky Mountain Rally. There are a couple of people very much sold on the idea. However, obtaining an accurate quote from the company has proved difficult due to current insurance issues.

ii. Mark Williams Tracking System – Demonstrated at the 2014 Tall Pines Rally, the system seemed to work very well & received a good report from Terry Epp. CARS wish to investigate it further and will test it again at Rallye Perce Neige in February 2015. The current set up is strictly a tracking system and proved to work well at Tall Pines with a \$15 cost per car. Mark has indicated he can add other features to the system but the cost will increase. Promoted strictly as a tracking device and not a 'safety device', the system is cellular (not satellite) monitoring all providers. For the Rally of the Tall Pines it had 99% coverage of the rally.

RSO continues to support CARS's investigation of more vehicle tracking options but especially Mark's system.

c. **CARS Rallycross/Rallysprint Rule Changes** – Ross

CARS gave unanimous approval to the changes, bringing Rally Sprint to a mid-ground between Rallycross and Performance Rally.

Significantly under the cost of Performance rally, we are hoping to introduce more people to the sport. Competitors will be able to save money due to the cage requirements being not as high as performance rally requirements, certain equipment have no expiry date (race seats & belts), with other equipment having less restrictions (helmets). Although the exact wording of the rules is still under discussion several clubs are already discussing the introduction of rally sprints for 2015. To keep the costs down further, RSO & Clubs need to look at events that can be run on closed roads, therefore eliminating the need for cars to be licenced or insured.

d. **RSO Road Damage Budget for 2015** – Ross

Firstly, there was no road damage for 2014 Tall Pines Rally as the roads were hard. Ross has been trying to save expenses for events through less grading. However, it was noted that events such as the Black Bear rally were considered rough by competitors and we need to make sure we set aside enough funds to allow the grading of these events to happen.

LHFR for 2015 should be in good shape as the new road being introduced is in good condition – however, for 2016 there could possibly be *another* new road which will need attention before we can use it.

GCFR's new road was also considered rough by competitors and although the local snowmobile club is currently upgrading the first few kilometres of the road for the upcoming snowmobile season there is potential for it to need more work before the 2015 event.

Therefore there is potential for the distribution of pre-event damage funds for LHFR, BBR and GCFR.

e. **RSO Budget for 2015** – Pete G

Financial details of the 2015 RSO Budget were sent in advance to the Board and Reps on the call.

Moved the budget to be accepted as submitted. Gulliver/Maynard

Discussion into the 2015 Budget

- OPRC & ORRC events need to be reminded that there is budget available to the Green Crew. ORRC especially.
- A number of changes/variables for the 2015 season so it's difficult to estimate 2015 budget.
- Reserve fund is currently on target.
- Suggestion made to change line item 39 from 'Road Damage' to 'Road Damage & Maintenance'
- Change to be made to 2015 Road Damage Budget. Proposed that 2015 Road Damage Budget be \$6500. Consensus is that all agree.
- Suggestion was made to remove 'Rally Schools' from Budget as individual Clubs run these events and there are no costs to RSO. All agreed.
- Rally Sprint to be kept at Club level for 2015 therefore no specific items added to 2015 Budget to account for this introduction. We will have to look into this for 2016 if a Championship develops.
- Vehicle tracking pilot system may be introduced at some point in 2015 to see how accurate it is during some OPRC events. Warren curious to know if we need to allocate funds for this potential pilot project? It was decided there is enough flexibility in the budget to allow for funds to be allocated if necessary (eg. Awards dinner costs is based on 50 attendees, this will likely not be the case & therefore costs will be less)

Vote for approval of budget as amended with regards to Road Damage item. 5 for, 1 against. Budget Carried.

f. **Review of Affiliation fees, Levies, listing fees etc for 2015** – Pete G

Motion to use the same figures from Appendix A – RSO Fees 2014 for 2015 & change the name. Watt/Gulliver. Unanimous. Carried.

13. Club News –

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

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

"Much to my amazement it's already December, the past year seems like a bit of a blur.

The competitive season for navigational wrapped up on Saturday night with Steve's Northern Lights rally and for performance with Tall Pines last weekend. It's been a great year for KWRC from both a competition and organizing perspective.

There is a lot to cover so I'll work backwards in time. After **Saturday's Northern Lights** here are the way things shake out with regards to KWRC members:

- In expert class, Sanderson/Wharton came second in the rally, but that was enough to give Dennis the Ontario championship as expert navigator. Dennis says he's won rallies and championships in each of the last six decades! Stephen Deneka drove to first place in the rally.
- In intermediate, Guy and Ryan Boudreau finished first and took the championship for both navigator and driver. An interesting note is that they won every ORRC event they entered. If Roger and Lynda had entered instead of Roger driving Dennis to expert glory, they would have ended up second instead of third.
- In the novice class, Darin and Amy Mays handily won the rally but were squeezed out of first place in the ORRC by one point. They had two wins and two seconds, the competition had two wins and three seconds, so close. Third in the class both at the rally and the championship was the ever friendly Gord Olmstead and Phil Hooper.
- Steve put in a huge effort to organize the rally, and he had extra pressure since we couldn't enlist Dennis and Roger to help as they were competing. Did I mention he was chief scrutineer at Tall Pines the weekend before? Club members did come out to help with Northern Lights; 10 of the 11 people working checkpoints were KWRC, as were 12 of the 34 competitors which means we turned out 22 members one week after Tall Pines. Everybody give yourselves a pat on the back.

A week ago was Pines and the entry list had 11 of 33 cars with KWRC drivers, 33%! Unfortunately, two of them had to withdraw with last minute mechanical issues leaving 9 of 31 cars, still a great turnout. Add that to all the people working the event my tally is we had 40 of our 59 members at Tall Pines in one capacity or another. So, how did our members make out?

In the national portion all the KWRC cars finished the event, that's probably a record.

- Ian Crerar came eighth overall, 6th 4wO
- Eric Vlasic came 10th overall, first in Production 4 wheel drive- More Seed Points!
- Michelle Laframboise came 11th overall

In the regional:

- Ian Crerar was third overall,
- Eric Vlasic fifth OA and first 4wP,
- Gary Sutherland was second 2wO,
- Zoltan Kovacs with Guy Boudreau (him again) were third 2wO
- Michelle Laframboise was 8OA
- Alan Ryall took 11th OA and 2nd 4wP
- Unfortunately, Matt Follett & Stephen Robertson suffered an engine failure and Andrew Kulikowski had an off which kept them out of the results.

So in the OPRC

Andrew Kulikowski takes second overall driver and first 2wd driver

Alan Ryall takes third overall driver and first production 4 wheel

Gary Sutherland gets third 2 wheel driver and first novice driver

Altogether; a really good effort by everybody.

I'd be amiss in not recognizing the help and support we've had this year from RSO and clubs like SPDA. The sponsorship of our SNATR series by Toyo Tires is greatly appreciated.

In closing I want to reflect on the entire year. We've organized 10 navigational rallies, three of them in the ORRC. We've had workers and competitors at most of the national rallies and all the OPRC. KWRC is a major supplier of workers to all the Ontario events. "

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

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

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The Can-Jam Rallycross championship wrapped up on October 26th 2014 champions were:

Class 1

1st Steve K 2nd Rod F 3rd Andy F

Class 2

1st Ian G 2nd Jay P 3rd Justin S

Class 3

1st Riley S 2nd Zoltan K 3rd John K

Class 4

1st Nigel M 2nd Alex D 3rd Neil M

Each of the five events had over 40 competitors tackling the Golton course.

Rally of the Tall Pines – 2014

31 teams started 20 finished the roads were fast and hard. Overall winners were Antoine L'Estage and Alan Ockwell . The complete results can be found here:

<http://rallyscoring.com/results/2014/TallPines/TallPines2014Press0.htm>

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

Slight change to report: Doug Armstrong has retired as secretary and Kevin Devries has taken over the position.

TSD rally this Saturday (Dec 13) President Prize Rally

Ice racing starts last weekend of January.

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

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

Nothing to report since last RSO meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at: 10:15pm

14. Next Meeting - January 22nd @ 730pm via teleconference