



Draft Minutes

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Monday September 21, 2015 Minutes

LOCATION – Teleconference – Meeting @ 7:00pm

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	Regrets
David Maynard	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Robert Switzer	St. LAC Club Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	

Agenda

- 1. Approval of/additions to agenda** – Approved with additions – Gulliver/Haywood, Unanimous.
Carried

Add 2016 RSO Calendar, CARS Regional Rep Committee, RSO Website

- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (July 20)** – Approved as written. Mathew/Maynard.
Unanimous. Carried

- 3. Treasurer's Report – Pete** Financial documents were sent out in advance of the meeting. Some discussion with regards to the information. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Gulliver/Haywood. Unanimous. Carried

No payment yet received from Rallye BDC with regards to timing equipment. Nothing from Rallye Defi yet either, but only been a week since the event ran.

4. CARS update – Peter Watt

Report from the CARS Board meetings of July 22, Aug.9, & Sept. 16, 2015.

a. July 22:

Short meeting since nothing has been done on various initiatives as mentioned in previous reports.

- i.** New business included a proposed trial of RallySafe at Defi. Ross to coordinate.
- ii.** Discussion of Baie des Chalurs hosting leg of NACAM

b. August 9:

Lacked Quorum so no official business.

c. September 16:

- i.** AGM bookings in Calgary moving ahead.
- ii.** Some discussion of 2016 CRC schedule. More details to follow, but Big White will be invited to join for 2016
- iii.** Additional advertising from Subaru and Yokohama unlikely due to budget freezes.
- iv.** Web Site progressing – first views will be ready soon.
- v.** Ross's report on RallySafe previously distributed.
- vi.** RSQ and CRQ contract still unsigned as parties are far apart.
- vii.** Baie request to be part of NACAM Championship discussed. CARS supports Baie in this endeavour, but it cannot be in conjunction with CRC. ASN Canada FIA now negotiating with Baie des Chaleurs organizers.

That is pretty much it for this month. There is some other discussions that must remain confidential at this time, but details will be available soon, hopefully by next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Watt, RSO Region Rally Director.

5. Old Business –

a. OPRC Sponsorship – Warren – No new updates

b. Vehicle Tracking –

i. RallySafe Trial @ Rally Defi – Ross

Mixed response from competitors. RallySafe recommended that there be two fully trained personnel (1 in Western Canada, 1 in Eastern Canada) that fully know how to use the equipment. Must also be very experience rally competitor themselves. Biggest complaint from competitors was in 'car to car' communication. Currently no decision from CARS to go forward with the system.

Likely that 2015 RMR & PFR events will use the system

ii. EZ Track – Pete – No update on system itself

iii. Tall Pines Vehicle Tracking

1. Tall Pines Committee request – The Tall Pines committee requested that we distribute a survey to competitors past & current with regards to event participation. RSO already had plans to do this. The TP committee also announced that due to entry levels being so low, the additional cost of using the RallySafe tracking system at this year's event would not be in their best interests. Currently RSO will take the letter received from Tall Pines under advisement and if we need to address the issue further in the future we will at that point. RSO will support the Tall Pines Committee's position on this.

2. EZ Track System at Tall Pines – At the start of the 2015 season we discussed with Mark Williams that we would provide a 3 event test of the EZ Track system. With the cancellation of GCFR the test has only covered 2 events.

Motion: It was moved that RSO supplies EZ Track system to the Tall Pines Rally – subject to the Tall Pines Committee accepting it. Gulliver/Haywood. Unanimous. Carried.

'As GCFR didn't run, Mark William's will transfer the previously agreed rental to Tall Pines Rally, but this will not include delivery of the units, or monitoring costs. Mark will be present at the Pines in another capacity and therefore RSO/Tall Pines will have to provide a volunteer to monitor

the tracking equipment at HQ. Someone who is interested in this would have to undergo training on the equipment.

The Supplementary regulations would have to include the fact that all competitors are required to carry the equipment in their rally cars for ongoing testing. – Ross Wood to make sure this happens

Pete Gulliver will notify Mark Williams (under acceptance from TP Committee) that testing will go ahead at the Rally of the Tall Pines of the EZ Track system.

ACTION: ROSS WOOD TO CONTACT THE TALL PINES COMMITTEE TO SEE IF THEY WILL ACCEPT THE USE OF THE EZ TRACK SYSTEM AT THE RALLY OF THE TALL PINES IN NOVEMBER

ACTION: UPON AGREEMENT FROM THE TP COMMITTEE TO USE EZ TRACK SYSTEM AT THE EVENT, PETE G WILL NOTIFY MARK WILLIAMS

ACTION: ROSS WOOD TO MAKE SURE TP SUPP REGS INCLUDE MANDATORY USE OF EZ TRACK SYSTEM IN ALL COMPETITION VEHICLES

- c. **RSO Job descriptions** - Still being worked on. Still looking for President, both VPs and Equipment Manager.

ACTION: KELLY TO EMAIL THOSE POSITIONS THAT STILL NEED TO UPDATE THEIR JOB DESCRIPTION

- d. **Road Damage Costs @ LHFR** - Bruce – No further action taken with regards to LHFR road damage costs. In future we need to ensure that event organizers are advising RSO treasurer about road damage costs in advance of an event. The Treasurer will then advise the RSO BOD if necessary. This way we can track unusual RD costs & deal with them before an event if necessary.
- e. **Stewards Reports – LHFR & BBR – Warren** – Black Bear Steward's report has been circulated. Sent very quickly after the event itself. LHFR Steward's report is still missing. David M will forward his half of the report, Warren H to contact Chief Steward at the event Alasdair Robertson for his report.

ACTION: WARREN TO CONTACT ALASDAIR WITH REGARDS TO THE LHFR STEWARDS REPORT

ACTION: DAVID TO FORWARD HIS STEWARD REPORT TO RSO BOARD

- f. **OPRC Facebook page – Kelly** – Facebook page is up and running. Currently only Kelly and Warren are contributors so that the page doesn't get over run with posts. We have 147 likes & so far its been mainly event results and up coming dates etc. More will start to get posted as we go along. Tall Pines worker notice along with Supp regs release date etc need posting when released

ACTION: KELLY TO POST TALL PINES WORKER NOTICE ON OPRC FACEBOOK PAGE

- g. **TSC Hypermeet – August 23rd – Kelly** – Went very well. We had 16 people sign up to get more information. Tall Pines committee gave us a shakedown ride to add to the raffle prizes & event organizer will forward the winner's details. There was a huge amount of people at the event, with a lot of interest in the sport. 2 entrants in last weekend's SNATR event heard about it through the Hypermeet, along with 3 volunteers that just signed up to help at the Tall Pines. (Including a medic).
- h. **Pre-training of Seed 6 drivers** – Ross/Warren – Nothing been done yet, but will be in place before TP. TP would be a good event to debut such a mentoring scheme, and once we know the Seed 6 competitors that may be entering the event Ross & Warren will work together to introduce them to experienced competitors that can give them some coaching/tips/advice with regards to the preparation and event itself.

ACTION: WARREN TO SEND OUT AN EMAIL TO A HANDFUL OF EXPERIENCED COMPETITORS TO GET AN IDEA AS TO WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH SUCH A PROGRAM.

6. **ORRC Report – David**

Next event is October 3rd – No Winter Maintenance Rally (SPDA) based in Primrose this year. 280km event. Trevor to finish up instructions this week, and will be green crewed on the weekend.

Ross & David volunteered to help out with the event.

November 14th – President's Prize Rally run by Len Arminio. David to contact Len to see progress

ACTION: DAVID TO CONTACT LEN ARMINIO TO GET PROGRESS REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S PRIZE RALLY

7. OPRC Report – Warren

- a. Updated standings have been sent to Bruce for addition to RSO Website
- b. Rally Defi – 6 Regional entries. 1 DNF. No OPRC podium (will be discussed later in minutes)
- c. Rally of the Tall Pines – Worker notices went out this past week.
- d. Rallye Perce Neige – Need to contact to ensure they are still planning on being on the OPRC calendar for 2016

ACTION: WARREN TO REACH OUT TO PATRICK RAINVILLE - PERCE NEIGE ORGANIZER TO ENSURE THEY ARE STILL PLANNING ON HAVING PN ON THE OPRC CALENDAR FOR 2016 AS WE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HAVE THEM THERE

8. Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair

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

10. Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood

- a. **PMSC Event that requested equipment rental** – No further action was taken by the event organizers requesting equipment.
- b. **New timing equipment for the future** – Currently not a need for it.
- c. **Tall Pines Prep** – Ross will be going through the equipment trailer next weekend assessing supplies for the Tall Pines: repairing arrows etc that may have been damaged at event s throughout the year.

11. Growth Initiatives –

- a. **Post cards** – Bruce has some good photos put together that he would like to use for 2016 promo postcards including Nav and Perf. Rally. Will keep working on this

ACTION: BRUCE TO KEEP WORKING ON PROMOTIONAL POSTCARDS

12. New Business –

a. OPRC Podiums for 2016 – Warren

Again Rallye Defi did not have an OPRC podium at the event. In future we should have someone responsible for making sure that each event has an OPRC podium. It can be added as a note at the beginning of the year when events are invoiced for listing fees, but then we must follow up with each event to ensure it is written into the Supp Regs etc.

- b. **GCFR** - Rallysprint was very successful.

- c. **2015 AGM Location** – As discussed in the April 20 RSO meeting, the AGM location is up for review. This year it will be AGM and Awards. Will add it to agenda for next meeting. One option is to move the location over a 3 year span. 1 year close to Ottawa, 1 year, Peterborough, 1 year close to Kitchener area. This way local clubs could also be involved in helping to organize the AGM/Awards event.

ACTION: ALL TO THINK ABOUT LOCATION IDEAS FOR AGM/AWARDS BEFORE NEXT MEETING

- d. **OPRC Competitor survey – Bruce**

We need to send a survey out to current and past competitors to try and find out why they aren't competing, what would bring them back, ideas etc.

Warren has a list of competitors that was used for the roundtable discussion 2 years ago that we can start with. Plan is to send out a survey, then follow up personally with each competitor, and afterwards hold a meeting where all competitors can be involved. This way, we can spark up interest, give them time to prepare their answers & questions they may have, as well as give us some time to put together some of the issues we are facing etc.

Mainly focus on the performance aspect of the sport RallyX, Rallysprint and Performance Rally

The question ideas will be posted on Google Drive and distributed to the Board members for editing

ACTION: BRUCE TO START WORKING ON THE SURVEY QUESTIONS. THEN POST TO GOOGLE DRIVE FOR INPUT FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Ideas of questions – What have you participated in during recent years? Why did you stop? Why haven't you competed this season? What would it take to bring you back? Do you see a value in the CDNrally promotional coverage & would you be willing to pay towards costs?

- e. **Ad for Inside Track for Tall Pines fan guide**

\$450 for RSO advertisement. Inside Track produce the TP fan guides for free. The \$450 cost goes to inside track, but the guide itself is very important for the rally. RSO will support it.

- f. **2016 CDNrally plans – Warren**

Warren met with Peter MacDonald from CDNrally.com on the weekend to discuss plans for 2016. Everyone agrees that the CDNrally coverage/production is excellent.

However, they need to be able to cover their costs for an event. We are hoping we can extend similar coverage to 2016 that we had for the 2014-2015 seasons, but we may have to get a little 'creative' with a plan to help cover costs.

It was discussed to add in a promotional fee to entry fees. This is a good area to discuss on the survey as to the competitors views on the subject.

We need numbers from Peter MacDonald then we can see what it would possibly cost competitors.

ACTION: WARREN TO CONTACT PETER MACDONALD AT CDN RALLY WITH REGARDS TO COSTS FOR 2016

g. ECRC – Warren

Warren was supposed to meet with Max (RSQ reg director) with regards to the East Canadian Rally Championship but was unable to. We would like to get Max's thoughts on whether the ECRC would be interested in having an OPRC as part of the championship. More details needed on the championship

ACTION: WARREN TO FIND OUT MORE DETAILS FROM MAX WITH REGARDS TO THE ECRC

h. 2016 RSO Calendar

Jan 9	January Jaunt – TAC (not confirmed yet)
Jan 8,9,10	CARS AGM
Jan 23	KWRC Banquet – Tom Burgess is guest speaker
Jan 31	Frostbite Rally – KWRC (not confirmed yet, waiting for TAC)
Feb 6	Rallye Perce Neige (CRC, OPRC)
Feb 20-21	Polar Bear Rally – MLRC (not confirmed yet – probably best weekend)

We need to fit the RSO AGM into the start of the year, probably going to be around similar time as last year (mid march) – Need to finalize next meeting.

A note needs to go out to all organizers – RallyX, Rally Sprint, Nav & Performance Rally – to organize the 2016 calendar.

ACTION: BRUCE TO SEND OUT AN EMAIL TO ALL EVENT ORGANIZERS WITH REGARDS TO DATES FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR

i. **CARS Regional Rep Committee**

The committee that was put together to discuss whether the CARS Regional Rep should be a voting member of the RSO Board will regroup and come up with some options to present to the Board. The committee can put together the ideas and run them past Alasdair. Pete G had an idea that he would forward to the Committee to look over. Very important to get this organized.

ACTION: COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS OPTIONS ASAP

j. **RSO Website**

The RSO website was hacked again, and although there is no sensitive information on there, Bruce will work with Roger on setting up an SSL cert on there to prevent this happening again. The certificate is approximately \$50.

ACTION: BRUCE TO ORGANIZE THE SSL CERT FOR THE RSO WEBSITE WITH ROGER

13. Club News –

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

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

KWRC has kept busy with multiple events over the last couple of months. We had the Mini-Monte and BBQ in July, the RallySprint and a Rallycross in August, and our last SNATR in September.

As usual the Monte and BBQ went well, and as usual it rained torrentially while the cooks were setting up. Everything cleared up by the time the cars arrived at the finish and all was well.

Galway-Cavendish turned into a rallysprint with the low entries for the rally, and the eight teams who took part enjoyed the relaxed day.

Our rallycross on August 29th went very well with the hard work of our team. We did encounter some dust and noise issues we will have to solve before hold another event there. The new online scoring system written by one of our members worked very well.

A couple of KWRC members were competing at Defi and Jeremy came sixth overall in the national, first in the OPRC.

Our final SNATR of the season was on September 19th and 17 cars ran, an excellent turnout.

Our next event will be Northern Lights on December 5th., the last event in the 2015 ORRC series.

The club currently has 68 members which is the most I can ever remember. A really great, active group.

Our annual banquet is planned for January 23rd and it looks like our speaker this year will be Tom Burgess. That will make for a great evening and we will probably have to limit attendance.

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

MCO is still planning a Lanark Highlands Rally in 2016 however we do not have a confirmed organizer at this time. We do have plans and an organizer (Darryl Malone) for a winter rallycross. We are also looking at a winter rallysprint however that currently seems unlikely for 2016 unless we get really lucky with our road owners. We will try for 2017.

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

Rallycross this coming weekend (Sept 27th)

Tall Pines Workday scheduled for October 24th

Rallycross the day after the workday on October 25th

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

PMSC have had a busy year outside of Rally but the final two events of the year are Rally based.

October 31st, Halloween Day, PMSC will host it's first RallyCross in perhaps 20 years. The as yet unnamed RallyCross will be held at Shannonville. The course is being carved out of the infield of the Fabi Track. With a dirt base of just a few inches rutting should not be a problem. The club will be limiting entry to 30 as it gets used to running a RallyCross again. PMSC of course has extensive experience with Autocross and will be bring some of that expertise to RallyCross. Organizer is Kevin deVries. Details can be found at <http://pmscrally.com/rallycross> the web site is currently under construction..

Next up as the final event of the PMSC Competition year will be Presidents Prize Rally (November 14th) organized by Len Arminio. Start and Finish will be at Marty Moo's located on the Old Keene Road just outside Peterborough. Details can be found at www.pmsc.on.ca PMSC elections will be held November 25th and three senior PMSC members currently on the club Executive (Peter Watt, Len Arminio & Pete Gulliver) have indicated they will be stepping down. The hope is some younger-newer members will step up and take on Executive roles.

f. St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Robert Switzer)

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

No Winter Maintenance Rally (ORRC) – Oct 3rd

Track day this coming weekend at Mosport DDT. More information on SPDA website

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

Meeting adjourned at: 9:51pm

14. Next Meeting – Tuesday October 20th @ 7pm