



Approved Meeting Minutes

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Tues February 23, 2016 Agenda

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	
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
Robert Switzer	St. LAC Club Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	
Jeannie McGilliveray	LHFR Organizing team (MCO)	Yes

Agenda

- 1. Approval of/additions to agenda** – Approved as written. Gulliver/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Jan 19)** – Approved as written. Mathew/Gulliver. Unanimous. Carried
- 3. Treasurer's Report – Pete** Financial documents were sent out ahead of time. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Gulliver/Haywood. Unanimous. Carried

4. CARS update – Peter Watt

No meeting since the last RSO meeting.

Car to Car tracking was brought back up after Perce Neige but nothing new to report

5. Old Business – -

- a. Regional Steward for Tall Pines 2016** – Warren to recommend TP regional steward for Board approval

ACTION: WARREN TO RECOMMEND TP REGIONAL STEWARD FOR BOARD APPROVAL

- b. Ontario Stewards List** – Warren to send list to Peter W

ACTION: WARREN TO SEND LIST TO PETER W

- c. Pre-training Novice competitors** – No update

d. AGM –

- i. Award winner’s list & invitations** – Bruce will send out invitations to award winners and stewards/organizers/sweep team this coming weekend.
- ii. AGM Notification** – Already gone out – with the EGM notification also.
- iii. Directors Reports** – Need them to put on the website & into the Delegates package – email to Kelly ASAP

ACTION: BRUCE TO SEND OUT INVITATIONS FOR THE AWARDS LUNCH

ACTION: BOARD TO SEND DIRECTOR’S REPORTS TO KELLY ASAP FOR INCLUSION IN THE DELEGATES PACKAGE & THE RSO WEBSITE

- e. OPRC Competitor Survey** – Bruce to email to survey link to Jeremy. Jeremy to work with Bryce Baker on distributing the survey

ACTION: JEREMY TO WORK WITH BRYCE ON THE COMPETITOR SURVEY

- f. ECRC** – Has had good feedback from competitors. Results have been update since Perce Neige.

- g. CARS Regional Rep Committee** – Committee agreed they couldn’t agree. Pete Gulliver submitted a Motion to change voting to a Club vote in December & that would be the official nomination at the CARS election. An EGM has been scheduled before the RSO AGM on March 19th 2016. If the Motion passes, it will change the Bylaws and therefore the position of Regional Rally Director will not be elected at the AGM, and Peter Watt

will remain in the position until the vote at the end of the year. Clubs would then be sent a reminder 30 days out from the vote, giving them time to decide on their vote. Bruce will try to summarize this decision and forward to Clubs before the AGM.

ACTION: BRUCE TO SUMMERIZE REGIONAL REP COMMITTEE DISCUSSION TO SEND TO RSO CLUBS BEFORE THE AGM

- h. **RSO Scrutineers – Kelly** – talked to Steve Van Rees re: scrutineer list – Only 3 that he knows of. Would like clubs to put forward people who will train for this position. The list of stewards for the Pines may be helpful.

ACTION: ROSS TO LOOK UP THE PEOPLE WHO SIGN UP TO WORK ON THE TALL PINES SCRUTINEERING TEAM

- i. **TP Regional podium** – Warren contacted TP organizing committee.
- j. **OPRC Rule Changes** – need to be distributed & posted. OPRC Event organizers contact re OPRC eligibility (RSO club membership needed)

ACTION: OPRC 2016 RULE SET TO BE POSTED AND DISTRIBUTED, ALONG WITH UPDATES ON THE RSO WEBSITE.

ACTION: OPRC EVENT ORGANIZERS NEED TO BE CONTACTED TO REQUEST THEY ADD A REMINDER TO COMPETITORS RE: RSO CLUB MEMBERSHIP NEEDED FOR OPRC ELIGIBILITY

- k. **HAM course – Ross** – confirmed date of the HAM course is June 4/5 in Lindsay. Instructors are confirmed and Ross will start getting the word out. The Tall Pines committee will subsidize accommodation if you complete the course and sign up to work TP 2016.

ACTION: ROSS TO START PUTTING THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE HAM COURSE

- l. **First Aid Course – Warren** – looking at April 9/10 in Newmarket. Details to be confirmed.

ACTION: WARREN TO CONFIRM DETAILS OF COURSE WITH JAN & THEN ADVERTISE THE COURSE

6. ORRC Report – David

Bruce Leonard summed up the first event in the 2016 Ontario Road Rally Championship in the latest edition of the “Car Zero Report”:

Frostbite recap

KWRC's Frostbite Rally didn't really live up to it's moniker - it was more like the Mud Rally. During the second leg, organizer Dennis Wharton took us up to the excellent roads north of Georgetown, where the mild weather melted the snow that was there, leaving the 27 entered cars looking like they had actually been in a rally! 8 of the 27 entries ran the Beginner class, with Wood and Foryna taking that win. Skurski and Blackman won Novice class with a score of 4.5 (over 24 checkpoints). Mayes and Mayes have moved up to Intermediate this year from Novice, and gave notice with a win in that class. Cabardos and Cabardos bested 3 other Expert teams with an event-low score of 2.5. Well done, all!

Polar Bear Rally

The Next ORRC event is the Polar Bear Rally on Feb 20/21. Unless the organizer, Bruce Leonard's wish comes true it might be the Brown Bear Rally. Again from the Car Zero Report:

A foot of fresh snow would be wonderful, thank you very much. Just in Bancroft, and in time for next weekend's Polar Bear Rally on Feb 20/21. That would be awesome if that could happen. I know the teams will still have a great time on the roads with the snow that's there now, but what they really want is a good challenge. Even six inches of snow, like last year, would help, if it's not too much to ask. The teams will be finding the instructions to be really, really easy, plus the print will be readable (unlike last year, when someone chose to use a pretty small font). The easy instructions will leave the navigator free to hang on to the grab handle with one hand, and point out snowbanks and deer to the driver with the other hand. When not pointing out the scenery to the driver, the navigator can be feeding him or her chocolate covered coffee beans and Red Bull to make it through the night. The mandatory snow tires that the cars must be shod with will ensure they can get up the steep hills on that (in)famous cottage road, and that they can make it back to HQ for the included breakfast. So, please sir, I want some more (snow). and more entrants. Details, supp regs and entry form. (p.s. Murray D., an experienced Novice class driver, is looking for a nav.)

Upcoming Events:

April 16th - Saturday Night at the Rallies Event #1

April 23rd – ORRC Event #3 Spring Runoff Rally – Peterborough

7. OPRC Report – Warren

Rallye Perce Neige – 10 OPRC entries – 9 finishers. A lot of good reviews. First time studded tires had been used at the event. Standings will be updated soon.

Lanark Highlands Forest Rally (Jeannie) Next event on the calendar – not much to report. The Winter Rally Sprint that MCO were organizing had to be cancelled as the roads weren't frozen enough. The township had asked that LHFR be moved to a winter event but as the weather and road condition can't be guaranteed, this likely will not happen. Also competitors agree that LHFR should stay a gravel event. There is talk of running a Rally Sprint in conjunction with the performance rally but nothing has been decided yet. Still have to meet with key township people to obtain road permission. HQ will be at the same location as last year. Minimum 2 weeks before event for the insurance & safety plan needs to be sent into CARS & the Stewards. No Stewards appointed yet. Jeannie will try to keep RSO updated.

ACTION: WARREN TO SELECT STEWARDS FOR LHFR FOR BOARD APPROVAL

8. Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair

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

10. Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood

- a. Perce Neige – we recruited a pair of highly experienced Quebec marshals to fill out the RSO Expert Timing Team. With close coaching they did fine. One tripod/beam combination was punted into the woods by a rally car that went off right at the Flying Finish, damaging the tripod, but the beam was unharmed.
- b. Race Lab has rented some RSO equipment so far for three of its events.
- c. Two or three clocks need to be sent back to the manufacturer in England for repairs. We are looking for someone who can deliver them for us to save on shipping costs.
- d. An RSO member has volunteered to refurbish the RSO Equipment Trailer to make more efficient use of space and to improve security of certain items. He will submit a proposal with cost estimate.
- e. We will soon be placing a large order to replenish our supply of caution tape

11. Growth Initiatives –Jeremy

- a. **CDNRally.com** – Contract needs signing and returning to Peter MacDonald. There are a few requirements that need to be communicated to organizers with regards to event information, notifications re: purchasing video footage, podium ceremonies etc. Sponsorship has been obtained to cover \$500/event costs for CDNRally.com. CDNRally will invoice RSO.

- b. **AGM Presentation** – Jeremy would like to give a 10 minute presentation at the AGM with regards to OPRC Growth.
- c. **Speed Academy** – Speed Academy came out to the KWRC RallyX 2 weeks ago & posted a video of their experience at the event. There are plans for them to do an OPRC promotional video with Chris Martin and his rally car.
- d. **Other Sponsors** – looking into other ideas for sponsors. Team O’Neil was put out there as a business we should perhaps contact to see if they wanted to be involved with sponsorship of the OPRC in some form.

12. New Business –

- a. **Training video re: triangle rule – Ross** After a number of incidences at rally perce neige it was suggested that a Triangle Rule safety video be produced. Peter MacDonald has offered his help in this and Max (RSQ) was looking to head up this project.

ACTION: ROSS TO CONTACT MAX WITH REGARDS TO HAVING PETER’S HELP IN THIS PROJECT

- b. **Ontario Rallycross Championship – Bruce** There was interest from MLRC start an Ontario RallyX Championship combining the MLRC rallyX competitions and the KWRC events. Currently KWRC don’t have a permanent location for their events so it wouldn’t work for 2016. However, if they could lockdown a permanent location it could be possible for 2017.
- c. **EZTrack - Update for 2016** – Pete G has talked with Mark Williams about implementing EZTrack in the OPRC for 2016. In the past it’s been an event by event agreement, but we should put together something more formal. Pete will follow up. There was discussion into the Car To Car function that has been suggested. This will increase the cost of the system. It was general consensus that competitors should receive better training when it comes to safety procedures during an event & be more accountable for their actions.

ACTION: PETE G TO CONTACT MARK WILLIAMS WITH REGARDS TO USING EZTRACK IN THE OPRC FOR 2016.

- d. **Nominating Committee** – AGM elections – There are 4 positions up for election at the AGM – VP Navigation, Secretary, Regional Rally Director & a trustee position.
 Kelly will run again for Secretary.
 David is not running again for VP Nav.
 RRD – not decided
 Trustee – Ray is willing to run again

- e. **Insurance** – Ross - Possibly good news in the future with regards to decreasing the cost of insurance on rally cars. Currently the guy looking into it is very keen to help out if he can. Hopefully more updates soon.

13. Club News –

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

KWRC club news.

January 23rd was our awards banquet which went well with 55 people in attendance. Our guest speaker, Tom Burgess was appreciated by the audience with his rally stories from the '50s to the present day. He was driving in the Thunderbird Rally on February 6th. He won last year, just like in 1963.

January 30th was Frostbite with 27 cars running, eight in the beginner category. Everything went well and half of the beginners even carried on to leg B with the novice instructions, Thanks to Dennis and Roger for organizing, Teresa and Andrew for all the social media and all the workers who made the event successful.

February 6th was Rallye Perce Neige with KWRC members Jeremy Norris and Eric Vlassic both driving. Eric finished an impressive 10th overall in the '91 Legacy, Jeremy unfortunately had a couple of off-road excursions, the second one damaging the car and shaking Jeff and him up a bit. Both are OK although no doubt a bit sore. Prior to the off, Jeremy set some very good stage times, 3rd. on the 16km Eagle Forest and 4th on the 33km Kitigan Zibi.

February 11th was our regular club meeting which was mostly about the upcoming rallycross and Jeremy's experience at Perce Neige. A snowstorm in London kept a few people away so attendance was 28 people including some new and potential members.

The next day a group of us met in Cayuga to set up a rallycross at Toronto Motorsport Park. We were lucky the weather turned bitterly cold just in time to freeze the ground; we couldn't of run if that hadn't happened. However, the cold was hard on the dedicated workers. On the Saturday we had 43 cars take the start line (two of them were media just running in the morning in a borrowed car). We has a target of 40 cars as we wanted to keep things manageable and give everybody the maximum number of runs. Jeremy suggested we run two tracks and that effectively doubled the seat time for the competitors but spread out our volunteer resources. This being rally, a few dedicated spectators jumped in to help and things went smoothly from the competitors point of view. The two tracks were each roughly 1.5km long and turned in times of about 2:30 on average giving about 24 minutes of driving per competitor. The frozen fields were fairly smooth with almost no obstacles but the icy conditions made for slower runs.

Ian Wright, who most of you know as the mild mannered organizer of Tall Pines, was faster than a speeding bullet and swept the 2WD competition winning every run. His total time of 23:00.1 was faster then all but a handful of the AWD cars. Paul Cary was second 2WD, he really pedaled that Neon.

KWRC's Eric Vlassic won in 4WD Turbo and had several of the fastest runs. Nigel Mathew could of been a contender but for fuel pump failure on one run. In 4WD non-turbo the trick Impreza wagon of Danil Yegorov beat his teammate by 16 seconds for first place. Results are

here.

There is a possibility of running another rallycross in March but we'll wait and see what the weather does, I'm not very optimistic given the winter we've had so far.

Some of us are planning on being at Polar Bear this weekend and the RSO AGM in March. The SNATR series kicks off on April 16th.

Martin.

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

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

Rallycross this coming weekend in Bancroft (Feb 28th)

Rally Sprint – June 25 in Bancroft

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

Recently PMSC held its Ice Race weekend part of the CASC-OR series in Minden. Entry was down over the past few years, which has been the norm all season. Perhaps Ice Racing is in a cyclical low, which has happened many times over the years in all disciplines.

We have two rally events well along in the planning stages.

ORRC Spring Run Off Rally April 23rd. Start and Finish same as last year. Black Dog Pub 115 @ Taunton Road. Veteran Organizer Louis Cabardos organizing. I am sure other members of Clan Cabardos will be lending a helping hand. Louis advised the PMSC Board that instructions for Novice are written and will be route checked shortly. From these Intermediate and Expert devilish instructions will be created.

Another veteran organizer Peter Watt will be busy with two rallies. After a decline in club level rallies (SNATR type events) PMSC are bring back a couple of clubbies this year. Peter Watt will be organizing the first of these will be Watch Winder Rally May 29th. More details later.

To make sure he stays busy in retirement he will also be organizing GCFR part of OPRC & ECRC. GCFR will run out of Parnell's Quarry site of turn arounds in past years. Registration, service etc. are all in the same location. Due to this unique set up there are virtually no transits and what transits the event has are part of closed road sections. Result is we have received permission from CARS to allow unregistered and insured cars. So if your rally car has been sitting due to lack of funds to insure etc. now is the time to bring it out of storage. Peter reports that both sup regs and safety are 90% complete. Keep checking out <http://pmscrally.com/gcfr/> for latest details also Facebook Galway Cavendish Forest Rally (Official Site). GCFR has over the years tried many

new things. This year Routebook will be supplied electronically prior to the rally. Allowing competitors to load onto a reader or print their own copy. This is in response to a number of competitors requests.

- f. St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Robert Switzer)**
- g. Subaru Performance Drivers' Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)**

Our 2016 Annual General Meeting was held earlier this month, and was well attended by our membership. Elections were held with current standing execs maintaining their positions:

Vice President: Stephen Deneka

Financial Director: Ivano Di Pietro

Social Director: Melanie Lim

Our two planned Rally events for 2016 will have new route masters, with Ted Doig taking the helm for the No Winter Maintenance Rally route, and Bryce Deathe doing the same for the SPDA leg of the Mini Monte. Stephen Deneka will remain as Rally Organizer for both events, and Trevor Hancher helping both Bryce and Ted with their roles.

Regards,

Trevor Hancher

SPDA Rally Ambassador

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

Meeting adjourned at:

- 14. Next Meeting - AGM March 19th 2016. Next meeting after AGM will be decided either at the AGM after the elections or shortly after the AGM.**