



Draft Meeting Minutes

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – April 11th, 2016 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
Darin Mayes	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	
Jeremy Norris	Growth Committee	Yes
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Yes
Mike Koch	MCO Club Representative	
Derek Vincent	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Robert Switzer	St. LAC Club Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	

Agenda

- 1. Approval of/additions to agenda** – Approved as written. Gulliver/Watt. Unanimous. Carried
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Feb 23)** – Approved as written. Mathew/Watt. 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

**Report to the RSO Board of CARS Meetings and Activities
For February and March, 2016**

a. Feb. 25 Meeting:

- i. AGM Travel costs were higher than expected due to attendees booking flights late.
- ii. 2016 Media vests have been ordered
- iii. RFP for “Official Tire of the CRC” proposals were approved and will be sent out to various manufacturers
- iv. Other sponsorship proposals are out – more later
- v. Rally Cross Rule proposal to close loophole in vehicle description to be sent out for two week review
- vi. New CARS Web Page now in testing stages
- vii. Vehicle tracking discussion continues strong desire by some for car to car comms
- viii. Exemptions for GCFR to allow unlicensed and uninsured vehicles (*rally cars*) was approved
- ix. Exemption for GCFR to utilize an electronic route book was approved provided hard copies were available for those who requested.
- x. Discrepancy between Rally Sprint insurance cost and Single Road insurance cost was discussed

b. March 7 Meeting:

- i. Single agenda item regarding the developing situation between Rally Sport Quebec (RSQ) and the private promotor of the Championship Rally du Quebec (CRQ)
- ii. A meeting scheduled between the promotor, his sponsors, some competitors and two RSQ/CARS officials was discussed and directions were endorsed by the CARS board

c. March 30 Meeting:

- d. Dirtfish Rally School signed as 2016 Official Rally School and purchased a TV ad spot
- e. Subaru purchased an additional TV ad spot
- f. The above closed 66% of the revenue lost from Yokohama sponsor contract termination
- g. Perce Neige stewards’ report received
- h. CRAB and ASN have a signed agreement for the NACAM event
- i. CRAB /CARS and CRAB / NACAM contracts not yet finalized because of media rights still being negotiated
- j. Finalized Rally Cross rules were presented and adopted

- k. Web page continues to be tested. Preliminary look released to the CARS board - still lots of data to be linked
- l. CRQ still hopeful to resign a contract with RSQ and continues to promise modifications to the contract
- m. Request to simplify the non-speed / club insurance application & certificate was denied as current system deemed desirable

Respectfully submitted : Peter Watt

5. Old Business –

a. Stewards

- i. **TP 2016 Steward – Warren** – Martin Loveridge
- ii. **2016 Stewards – Peter W** -We need to nominate all RSO stewards for the year. Warren now has a list of those qualified but there are new rules etc. that have been added since the last school. CARS would like new stewards that completed the steward school to get some experience this season so that CARS can also call upon them to steward in the future
 - 1. **LHFR** - Martin Loveridge & David Maynard
 - 2. **BBR** - Senior steward has been assigned (not named at meeting), still organizing 2nd steward
 - 3. **GCFR** – Dennis Wharton is Senior Steward, still organizing 2nd steward

b. **Pre-training Novice competitors – warren** – No update. Very important we get this up and running. Warren will start to put more time into it.

c. **AGM – Follow up comments** – EGM & AGM went as well as can be expected. AGM draft minutes have been distributed to members of the BOD and executive & will be posted on the RSO website once thoroughly checked.

Suggestion was made to move the AGM to another part of Ontario for 2017. It was suggested that similar to how the CARS AGM is conducted; the RSO AGM could be held in a location that alters each year, rotating between Toronto, Ottawa, Kitchener & Peterborough. ***THIS TOPIC TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT RSO MEETING***

ACTION: AGM DRAFT MINUTES TO BE POSTED ON RSO WEBSITE ONCE ANY ALTERATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE

d. **OPRC Competitor Survey** - Hoping to get it distributed to competitors after LHFR. Bruce to help out Jeremy with this.

ACTION: BRUCE & JEREMY TO WORK ON COMPETITOR SURVEY FOR DISTRIBUTION AFTER LHFR

e. **RSO Scrutineers** – Ross has a list of Pines scrutineers that he will send to Bruce

- f. OPRC Rule Set 2016** - Very important we have this distributed before LHFR. Changes that were approved earlier this year are to be made and posted on the RSO website in the next couple of days
 - g. First Aid Course** – Was Sunday April 10th, with 6 attendees (4 returning competitors and 2 new ones) – all passed
- 6. ORRC Report – Darin**

Not much to report right now. Next ORRC event is Spring Run Off Rally April 23. Everything is ready to go.

The VP Navigational email address is currently not getting email to Darin, this will be changed immediately

Bruce will go over ORRC scoring with Darin via email correspondence.

ACTION: BRUCE TO CONTACT ROGER TO MAKE SURE VP NAVIGATIONAL EMAIL IS SET UP CORRECTLY
- 7. OPRC Report – Warren**

LHFR supp regs are up on www.lhfr.ca The workday is set for April 16 and the final check of the organizer provided notes will happen shortly after that.

MCO are also organizing a rally sprint to be run in conjunction with the performance event.

No volunteer email has been distributed yet – Kelly to contact Eric Sladic (Chief control officer)

GCFR – Calendar change now has the event in July. Rally sprint is unlikely if there will only be a few cars.

ACTION: KELLY TO CONTACT ERIC SLADIC WITH REGARDS TO VOLUNTEER SIGN UP FOR LHFR
- 8. Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair** – nothing to report. Alasdair helped out at the AGM with the correct wording of certain procedures, and is going over the AGM draft minutes.

The RSO Bylaws need to be updated to reflect the changes made at the 2015 RSO AGM in March, and posted on the RSO website – Kelly & Bruce to work on this

ACTION: UPDATE BYLAWS AND POST ON RSO WEBSITE
- 9. Scrutineer’s report – Steve van Rees, Chief Scrutineer** – no updates
- 10. Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood** – Midway thought putting together the timing crew for LHFR
- 11. Growth Initiatives** –

Sponsorship sorted so far for CDNrally.com production of the OPRC videos includes PN and LHFR. 2 other sponsors are in the works for GCFR and BBR. Jeremy to follow up.

Jeremy has also met with a couple of videographers to look into producing some 'how to' videos, for volunteer positions, co-driver tasks, and any other questions that people new to the sport may have.

12. New Business –

a. EZ Track

- i. **Computer for use with EZ track – Pete** – Package price from Mark Williams doesn't include a computer to use with the tracking system. Pete requests that we purchase a simple laptop to use. Derek Vincent (MLRC) has used laptops at work that he will donate 2 from his company to this.

ACTION: PETE TO CONTACT DEREK WITH REGARDS TO COLLECTING LAPTOP FOR USE WITH EZ TRACK SYSTEM

- ii. **EZ Track insurance** – need to add trackers to the insurance. Pete G to get pricing on this to send to BOD for approval

ACTION: PETE G TO SEND PRICING FOR ADDING TRACKERS TO INSURANCE

- iii. **EZ Track Rental Agreement** – Agreement hasn't yet been signed. BOD in agreeance with it. Pete G to go ahead and complete the agreement.

ACTION: PETE G TO DEAL WITH EZ TRACK AGREEMENT ASAP

- b. **New performance rally request – New Liskard area – Peter W** – Offer has been made from a municipality of roads we can use, along with a location for a service park. It was decided that it was too large a distance to have competitors travel.

- c. **LHFR Grading – Bruce** – Not much we can do about 2016. The township hasn't yet asked for the cheque in advance like last year, but there is still time. The township has suggested other areas we should look at roads, and remove Lavant Mill Road from the route. 2017 organizing committee will be looking into this.

- d. **Bibs – Bruce** The RSO Board approved the \$325 (along with Tall Pines paying the same) towards marshal bibs. CARS has been notified of our decision.

- e. **ECRC Historic Class – Bruce** ECRC events don't want to support this class. No plans to proceed.

- f. **OPRC Door Cards – Warren** 2 potential sponsors for OPRC magnetic door cards that will go over the top of the CARS door cards, without having to remove them. Discussion into cost for competitors – it would cost them something. Suggestion was made for decals instead. Consensus was that we don't want to put more cost onto the competitors. Hot Bits did something similar for a number of years. Pete G & Ross to find details on Hot Bits deal. Warren to talk to sponsors involved and see what other suggestions they have.

ACTION: WARREN TO TALK TO DOOR CARD SPONSORS TO GET IDEAS ON OTHER SUGGESTIONS THAT WOULDN'T INVOLVE COST TO THE COMPETITORS

- g. **Triangle Training video – Ross** – need to organize a time & crew to do this. Peter MacDonald is willing to assist with production of the videos. We have everything we need, cars, locations etc, we just need to write the script. Warren will talk to Peter M

with regards to timeline. Bruce will contact Adam Dowsett to inquire whether he would be interested in assisting. Len Arminio was also suggested as a contact to help. Would like to have it completed before Rallye Baie Des Chaleurs as CARS could use it for all competitors in Canadian rallying. We can also contact Max for a French voice over for the video

ACTION: WARREN CONTACT PETER MACDONALD AND FIGURE OUT TIMELINE

ACTION: BRUCE CONTACT ADAM DOWSETT TO SEE IF HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING

ACTION: AIM TO HAVE VIDEO COMPLETE BY BDC

- h. RSO Website-** There have been a few incidences where the RSO website has been hacked recently and we have lost data. Bruce has requested an SSL cert be purchased. Need to follow up on this. Question was raised as to whether our seeding system is still viable. It was decided that it is a good system and very helpful at the Regional level

ACTIONS: Couple of things to get done on the website:

- Scoring needs updating from Perce Neige.
- The Bylaws need updating and adding.
- Board & Executive list of contacts updating and adding back onto the website
- Updated seeding list needed for LHFR
- Board history
- 2016 Rule set

We still need to get the RSO website updated, look at revamping at a later date

- i. Rallysprint Guideline Update – Peter** A group consisting of Peter Watt, Derek Vincent, Darryl Malone & Kelly Mathew got together to discuss the current Rally sprint rules and make recommendations to the rest of the Board with regards to areas where the rules could benefit from adjustments. The recommendations were distributed to the Board and discussed at the RSO meeting. The recommendations were also distributed to some members of the CARS Board and they also agree some of the points are valid and should go to the CARS Rules Committee for consideration. RSO will continue to look into some points that need further consideration and then we can look at implementing an RSO Rally Sprint Rule Set to complement the CARS rule set. The recommendations can be updated with the decisions from the RSO meeting and re-distributed for further discussion

LHFR rally sprint will go ahead as planned (many of the recommendations have already been taken into consideration)

MLRC Rally Sprint will go ahead as planned, and the organizing committee will take ideas from this discussion and implement in their planning of the event.

ACTION: PETER WATT TO UPDATE DISCUSSION POINTS & HIGHLIGHT THOSE WHICH NEED FURTHER DISCUSSION, AND THE CHANGES THAT WE DECIDED SHOULD BE MADE

13. Club News –

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

The monthly KWRC meeting is on Thursday this week.

At the RSO AGM and the main items from that is Darin Mayes is the new VP Navigational. In the ORRC awards Elia and Sheila won the ORRC Novice category, Darin & Amy came second in Intermediate, and KWRC came first club with 567 points.

In the OPRC, Jeremy won the overall driver award with Eric Vlastic taking second overall and first P4WD, Zoltan was first novice and 2nd. 2WD.

We've been continuing our search for a rallycross venue. Darin, Jeremy and I toured County Heritage Park a couple of weeks ago. While an event there is possible the layout would require a large number of radio equipped workers, there are a number of buildings to avoid, rental and repair costs are a factor, and then they don't have any time available until November.

Other rallycross venues we were pursuing haven't worked out, one track was only authorized to use it's oval, another dirt facility doesn't want to get back to us. We are still investigating summer and fall at TMP in Cayuga. We'll keep trying.

Bringing us up to what's happening in the next few weeks, first off is the Spring Fever SNATR this coming Saturday. Darin and Amy have taken on organizing this one with a bit of backup from Roger and Dennis. We've got our checkpoint crews so all we need are competitors.

The weekend after Spring Fever is PMSC's [Spring Runnoff](#). Two week after that is [Lanark Highlands](#) and then on May 14th we have Blossom which is both an ORRC and a SNATR. We'll be needing a bunch of workers for that.

- c. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (per Mike Koch)**
- d. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (Per Derek Vincent)**

MLRC is organizing a rally sprint in June. The spring will be held on the Saturday with the Rallycross on the Sunday. Competitors will receive discounts on the events if they volunteer for either day.

The Black Bear Rally is being organized for August

- e. **Peterborough Motor Sports Club (PMSC) (per Pete Gulliver)**
 - Sprint Run Off Rally – Apr 23, 2016
 - Galway Cavendish Forest Rally – July 9th, 2016
- f. **St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Robert Switzer)**
- g. **Subaru Performance Drivers' Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)**
- h. **Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Dietmar Seelenmayer)**

Meeting adjourned at: 9:34pm

14. **Next Meeting – Monday May 16th @ 7pm**