

SECRETARY'S REPORT – 2016

I was lucky enough to be elected back into the Secretary position for another 2 year term at the AGM in March. I'm glad I was able to stay involved with a group of individuals that are enthusiastic about improving the sport & although there are differing opinions at times, all work together to reach suitable resolutions to any issues that arise. As well as myself, through the elections at the March AGM we also welcomed Darin Mayes as VP Navigational and Pete Gulliver was voted in as a Trustee.

Over the year there were 9 RSO conference call meetings, attended by the Board and a number of Club reps. All meeting minutes are available on the RSO website www.rallysport.on.ca. As usual, the regular secretary duties kept me busy over the year; preparing for meetings, distributing the minutes; helping to organize the AGM etc.

Under the recently established rules regarding the appointment of the Regional Rally Director for Ontario at CARS, the RSO-Affiliated Clubs voted for Darryl Malone to be appointed to the position on the RSO Board of Directors close to the end of 2016. Darryl's name was then put forward to CARS as the RSO-affiliated club nominee for the position on the CARS Board for vote at the CARS AGM in January 2107.

The Growth Committee that was formed in 2015 to look into ways we could improve competitor participation, had 6 conference call meetings over the year; discussing sponsorship ideas, developing the OPRC website (www.oprc.ca), and researching areas where we could promote the sport. The OPRC website was published in the fall & Rally Radio was introduced at the Tall Pines in November. As another form of media, rally radio was tested at the Pines to help promote the sport and interact with the spectators& results were positive. It was very successful and plans are in the works to go ahead with it for 2017.

A new RSO website was developed and published in 2016 & we invite anyone to contact us if they have suggestions on what they would like to see on there, or improvements that could be made.

2016 wasn't as busy on the rallying front for me as in previous years, but I managed to compete at LHFR as well as being a member of the organizing committee as Safety Officer for the event. I only competed with my own rally team in one event but was involved in the running of the MLRC rallycross series again.

Continued thank you to everyone involved in the sport. Whether it's as a competitor worker or event organizer, everyone puts in a lot of time & effort to keep all the disciplines going.

Good Luck for 2017

Kelly Mathew – RSO Secretary