



2017 Annual General Meeting

10:00 am on Saturday, March 24th, 2018
Baker's Hill Banquet Hall,
Peterborough

Unapproved Minutes

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 10:07am, and a quorum was declared with 6 of 8 Clubs represented. The secretary reported that there was a total of 25 in attendance, with 102 registered votes.

President Bruce Leonard presented his opening remarks; welcoming everyone & thanking them for their continued support within the rallying community.

2. **Approval/Changes to the Agenda** –
Approved as presented. M/S Rob McAuley (TAC)/Jim Morrow (OSCC). Unanimous. Carried.

3. **Introduction of the 2017 Board of Directors and Executive**
RSO President Bruce Leonard introduced the Board of Directors and the Executives to the delegates in attendance.

4. **Approval of the minutes** of March 18th, 2017 AGM
Approved as written. Kelly Mathew (MLRC)/Jane Leonard (MLRC). Unanimous. Carried.

5. **Director's Reports**

All Directors Reports were available ahead of time on the RSO website, as well as included in the Delegates Package. No questions were asked of the Director's reports.

The treasurer pointed out an amendment to the Treasurer's report. The first sentence was to read "Rallysport Ontario's 2017 expenses exceeded income by \$1769.03 on a cash basis" (as shown on page 3 of the financial statements)

Moved as amended. Martin Loveridge (KWRC)/Rob McAuley (TAC)

6. Financial Reports

Delegates were given time to look over the financial documents and the opportunity to ask any questions.

As per the treasurers report there was a small deficit due mainly to road damage expenses & timing equipment repair.

Some discussion of the financial reports.

- It was pointed out that the Affiliation fees should include the \$350 from CARS rather than including it with the licencing fees as this doesn't give a true representation of the number of competitors during the year.
The bottom line will be the same but the Affiliation fees will be \$1100 and the licencing fees \$1115.
- CARS is now using a new conference call provider & it is proving cheaper than what RSO currently uses – RSO to look into this
- Advertising costs were questioned – Majority of the cost went to the joint RSO/Tall Pines booth at Motorama 2017. Other costs included Rallye Perce Neige video that was produced by CDNrally.com & costs split between RPN, RSQ and RSO
- It was noted that at the 2016 AGM it had been discussed to separate out the Road Damage expenses so they were more visible – some discussion on road damage expenses – can look into this for the next AGM
- Series Awards expenses – Was questioned why it was evenly split between ORRC and OPRC – It comes as one bill & just split between the two series – easiest way to do it, & has always been done this way.

Moved to accept financial report as amended. David Maynard (MLRC)/ Pete Gulliver (PMSC). All in favour. Carried.

7. **Old Business** – Nothing to discuss

8. Confirmation of the Acts of the Board

M/S Ross Wood (MLRC)/Bryce Deathe (SPDA). Unanimous. Carried.

9. **New Business** – No new business for the AGM. General discussion will be had after the meeting.

10. Elections

a. VP Navigational (two year term)

Darin Mayes was nominated by Martin Loveridge (KWRC)/Len Arminio (PMSC)

No other nominations.

Darin Mayes accepted.
Darin Mayes acclaimed.

b. **Secretary (two year term)**

Kelly Mathew was nominated by Pete Gulliver (PMSC)/Jim Morrow (OSCC)
No other nominations
Kelly Mathew accepted.
Kelly Mathew acclaimed.

c. **Trustee (three year term)**

Alasdair Robertson was nominated by Ross Wood (MLRC)/Trevor Hancher (SPDA)
Dennis Wharton was nominated by Pete Gulliver (PMSC)/Louis Carbados (PMSC)
Alasdair Robertson was elected.

11. **Appointment of Reviewer of the Books**

Jane Leonard was suggested for appointment as reviewer of the books & accepted.

12. **Adjournment**

M/S Pete Gulliver (PMSC)/Louis Carbados (PMSC) moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Carried.
AGM adjourned at 10:46am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCUSSION

1. **CARS UPDATES:**

- a. **Tracking System** – Mandating a tracking system is currently off the table with CARS. It was voted against at the recent CARS AGM earlier this year. It was noted that the FIA requested the car-to-car features be disabled on the Rallysafe System being used at WRC Mexico recently as they don't feel it is reliable enough to be safe. As a side note – EZTrack will be lower fees in 2018 for RSO.
- b. **Pop-off Valve Mandated for both Open & Production competitors with a 70 & higher Speed Factor** – If competitors gain their 70+ speed factor mid-season, they have 3 months to implement it in their vehicle. RSO will have to discuss how this will affect regional competitors & whether it needs to be mandated at the regional level. – To be discussed at next RSO meeting
- c. **Fire Extinguisher Rules** – Competing cars must have a minimum of 2 5BC fire extinguishers & be secured with an anti-torpedo bracket as well as 2 mechanical straps/metal straps. These brackets are commercially available. CARS is also developing videos/bulletins with regards to proper use of a fire extinguisher in the event of a competition vehicle fire.

- d. **Suggestion was made to have more classes within the performance rally series to open it up more to other types of vehicles**
- e. **More explanation from CARS with regards to Rules** – It was requested that CARS gives more of an explanation when sending out material to competitors when asking for input on rule changes or announcing new rule updates. An explanation as to why this rule is being discussed/implemented - the thought process behind it – would help people understand the rule better & be able to give more productive feedback. It was asked that the CARS Regional Rally Director bring this up at a CARS meeting in the future.

2. **Performance Rally – OPRC:**

- a. **Lanark Highlands Forest Rally** (Update from Warren Haywood, Event Co-ordinator)– Event committee members this week had a meeting with the Lanark Highlands mayor and council members. Very positive meeting & just waiting on their final go ahead.
Draft sup regs are ready
Stewards lined up
Most of the key workers lined up & already had competitor interest.
- b. **Black Bear Rally** (update from Derek Vincent) – Moving the event to the Galway roads this year. Permissions in place. Permission to run into the pit & use the area as a turn-around. Also using the Loom Lake road which Parnel Quarry & MNR are doing the road upgrades.
- c. **Tall Pines Rally** (Ian Wright, Co-ordinator) – Fortunate to have Lincoln Electric back on board. Very thankful to CARS for the info/metrics that they were able to provide, TP committee used this to take to Lincoln Electric.
TP website is old & dated – This will be getting updated.
Biggest disappointment for 2017 was low entries (24)
- d. **Other OPRC Comments** –
 - i. **Growth Committee** – Any plans going forward? Looking to get a bit more help to get ideas off the ground. We need to look at ways to promote the sport in general. Motorama seemed to be a big success recently also (March 2018) – look at similar ventures.
 - ii. **Side-By-Sides** – Peter Watt (PMSC) suggest looking into a new competitor base in side-by-sides – can we use this to encourage people into the sport. One issue with this is that the insurance through CARS does not cover these vehicles.
 - iii. **Costs are too high** – Martin Loveridge (KWRC) – wished to express KWRC’s concern that costs relating to performance events are too high – in particular RSO associated fees (equipment levies etc). KWRC would also like to see the seed lists updated, & more prompt appointment of stewards for the OPRC events earlier in the year. Need to look into ways of reducing costs with regards to entry fees.

3. Navigational Rally

- a. Many people get into the sport through navigational rally & stay on as volunteers or go into other aspects of the sport (rallyX, performance etc)
- b. KWRC huge supporters of Navigational rally, organizing the most events during the year.

4. Other motorsport –

- a. **Ice Racing** - PMSC & TAC have had a lot of success with the ice racing series this winter. PMSC went from 124 entries to 147 this year & the majority of that was due to the 'weekend licence' that they introduced & the fact that people were able to jump in a car & get a ride with a competitor. Just giving them a taste of the sport encouraged new people. They also offer cars for rent which is a little easier in ice racing than performance, but they are always looking at new ways of letting people get involved, at a lower cost. Difficult to do in performance rally but has worked well for them in ice racing.
- b. **Time Attack** – TAC have also had a lot of success in Time Attack. The series is run by one organization & the finances are pooled & split between the clubs to run the events.

5. **TV & Sponsorship** – Some discussion with regards to the CARS TV production & whether it is worthwhile. Tall Pines says it was a key factor in getting sponsorship from Lincoln Electric. Sponsorship Transfer was also discussed & some events are feeling pressured to provide the requirements to CARS sponsors, when they aren't seeing any of the sponsorship money themselves. Event Transfers from CARS have been halted from 2018 onwards.

6. Club Updates

a. **Ottawa Sports Car Club (Jim Morrow)**

Gaining more club members. Hosting an entry level navigational event at the end of May. Entry fee will include an instructional course the week before if competitors can make it. Very simple instructions with the help of Robert Ronaldi. Already interest from 20 competitors. Entrants will take a minute & half penalty to run equipped- trying to keep it very basic. Approx \$30 entry fee, starting in Tatlock. Currently approx.. 180km in length.

- b. **KWRC** – Next SNATR is on April 21st in Paris. Round 5 ORRC – Blossom Rally is May 12th
- c. **PMSC** – Next ORRC event (Round 4) is organized by PMSC on April 28th – Spring Run Off – Coburg, Ontario.

Meeting closed at 12:19pm