

SECRETARY REPORT – 2018

I was happy to be voted back in as secretary at the AGM in March 2018 for another 2 years on the RallySport Ontario Board of Directors, as it gives me more opportunity to be involved with the Ontario rally community as a whole. As well as Secretary, the VP Navigational role was up for re-election at the AGM and we welcomed Darin Mayes back into the position.

2018 saw us having 9 RSO conference call meetings, attended by the RSO Board of Directors as well as a number of Club reps. Thank you for everyone's participation. The minutes from the 2018 meetings, if you wish to read them, can be found on the RSO Website www.rallysport.on.ca.

My involvement with the RSO Board has enabled me to work with others to try and improve recognition of our sport in Ontario – & in turn I hope this eventually encourages more people into rallying; whether it be in the form of competitors, volunteers or spectators. I still think there's more that we can do to develop the growth of all elements of the sport, but especially performance rally.

In 2018 we saw the development of a rallysprint series that will take place in 2019 – although I haven't been involved much in the development of the rules & series, I am interested to see how it will go this year. I'm happy to know that there are still people passionate enough about the sport out there that are willing to put the time & effort into trying to get this project off the ground.

Although my regular secretarial duties keep me busy enough organizing meetings, taking minutes & following up that assigned tasks have been completed, being involved with the Board has also given me the opportunity to work on a number of projects that I feel are helping to promote the sport. For the last 3 years I have organized the RSO/Tall Pines booth at Motorama – a busy annual motorsports show at the International Centre in Mississauga - and assisted with the rally radio media program at the Tall Pines rally – which in 2018 we were able to team up with the CRC Media team to produce a program that seemed to be very well received. Both projects were ideas first brought about through the growth committee & I feel both have helped showcase our sport & will help grow it in some form or another.

There are a number of goals that I am aiming to achieve in 2019. I'm hoping to host an Introduction to Co-driving course as well as improve the OPRC's presence on social media, update the RSO & OPRC websites, and eventually at some point I would like us (RSO) to produce some simple instructional videos relating to different aspects of performance rally. Hopefully I can encourage some like-minded individuals to help me with those projects. We shall see how it goes!

Once again, thanks to everyone involved throughout the Clubs – be it competitors, volunteers, organizers – your dedication is very much appreciated.

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