

Present: Ray Felice, Roger Sanderson, Sandy Hygate, Ross Wood, Nina Schafrick

Invited guests: Dennis Wharton, Ryan Huber, John Bellefleur, Paul Henshall

A) Meeting called to order at 8:07 pm. Newly purchased speakerphone not available.

Agenda approved although may not be followed in order.

B) Minutes from previous meeting unavailable. Tabled: Motion to accept minutes of meeting of March 22/03.

C) Tabled to next meeting: Business arising from previous minutes.

D) Correspondence –

1) Apr 8 – Companies branch of Ministry of Consumer and Business Services sent annual return correction request and other documents for RSO reporting. Documents given to Secretary who will submit requested info to Ministry.

2) Executive Listing for RSO Affiliated Clubs forms given to Secretary for mailing to member clubs to submit their director's information to the board.

3) Apr 4 - Roger received email from organizer of Upper Canada Rally '02 regarding an incident that took place involving police, locals and competitors from the event. Roger needs further information on this matter and will request a copy of the police report from the organizer.

4) Mar 30 - All board members received email from Peter Watt regarding his request to the CARS board to approve stage notes for the GCFR. CARS wishes RSO to determine whether to proceed with stage notes in the format provided by P. Watt before they will approve same. Upon consideration, the board has agreed to approve the notes as prepared by P. Watt subject to the following newly created RSO Notes Guidelines:

(1) the notes must follow the same format as those provided for the 2002 Tall Pines

(2) RSO believes since this is a regional event and as such, intended to promote grassroots-level rallysport, there shall be no extra cost for these notes over and above the normal posted entry fee for the event.

(3) The notes when completed must be provided to RSO to be green crewed by the person or persons of RSO's choice. The remarks and changes recommended by the green crew must be followed. If the organizers are unable or unwilling to follow the changes recommended by the RSO Greencrew, the notes shall be disallowed for the event and only the approved, standard route book shall be provided.

Ray will notify CARS board of RSO approval. This information shall be dispatched to P. Watt as soon as possible after this meeting and in any event before the minutes of this meeting shall be made available.

5) Mar 27 – Ray has received email from a PMSC member unsatisfied with the treasurer's report at the AGM. Since it was an AGM, all issues arising from the AGM are deferred until the next AGM.

6) Mar 25 – Ray as organizer for SBBR has requested approval to run stage notes in the same format as last year, in the Tall Pines format, prepared by Keith Townshend. RSO approved the same format and conditions as set out in 2) above and Ray will notify CARS board.

E) Treasurer's report – Current profit & loss statement distributed showing income \$4,025.38 (excluding SS) and expenses \$5,287.58 (haven't received all fees and levies as yet). Road damage fund has now been moved to new entry as its own account. Dennis has prepared a list of recommendations to the board that are being considered. Financial records in the hands of reviewer and Dennis' recommendations will be revisited when reviewer's report prepared. Also question regarding insurance for assets. Tabled: Asset insurance issue.

F) Business arising –

1) CARS:

i) Safety Plan – RSO requested John Bellefleur to act as "overseer" for safety plan as well as RSO Safety Steward to assist event stewards. John is considering taking this on and will

advise the board of his decision. Safety Operating Guideline 4.3 has been sent to all national and regional clubs electronically.

ii) TV Contract – CARS has given changes to Terry Epp to present to Lawrence Partington of TV2GO. Expect outcome after next CARS meeting.

iii) Insurance for all events – ASN Canada has announced new rate sheet as of Mar. 31. Coverage for multiple events available under Annual Club Coverages rate plans. All information and applications available at website: www.asncanada.com. Brief discussion of officers & directors' insurance offered by ASN – not necessary for RSO directors due to coverage under the CARS Lloyds of London policy. Clubs must apply for their own O&D insurance, as there is no carry-over.

2) OPRC

i) SBBR (MLRC) – Hall is booked, Town is in line, safety steward instated, event using gates again, notes as outlined in D)4) above. Max 35 cars, no recce.

ii) GCFR (PMSC) – going ahead, proposal from organizer to run notes, board approved same subject to conditions outlined in D)2) above.

iii) GT (KWRC) – full regional event, 120+ kms, 6 stages, no transits. Still need full confirmation from MNR – hunting season may impact somehow.

iv) Marshall school – RSO not able to run this spring, a club has expressed interest in holding school according to RSO curriculum and certification. No decision made, board will revisit this issue.

v) Course car equipment – Discussion whether RSO should provide course car equipment, as required under the CARS Safety Operating Guidelines. Board decision to supply light bars, volunteer to supply remainder of required equipment and maintain CARS/RSO membership.

vi) Tabled: RSO Policy and Procedures document.

3) ORRC

i) Discussion of use of TA's on events. MCO currently uses TA's on all club events. Tabled: Use of TA's on ORRC events.

ii) SRO (PMSC) – Apr. 9, orgs. P. Watt, D. Logan

iii) DOCR – n/a

iv) Upper Canada '02 offences – Roger needs more info as per D)1) above.

G) Club News – No specific club news was discussed at the executive meeting.

H) Navigational Rally School – 38 enthusiastic entrants, bad weather on last day, but event lots of fun and well organized. One incident reported: entrant was ticketed for speeding. As it costs RSO \$700 to rent the school, a new venue may be preferable, perhaps a community centre, or to hold school during a club rally would be less expensive. Thanks to all who helped out at this popular event.

I) Scrutineer update – Rob Metcalfe will work with Brian Sharp as new Co-Chief Scrutineer. Ryan and Ross will meet with Mark Ockwell to hand over job.

J) RSO VP Performance Rep – The board appointed Ross Wood as V.P. for Performance Rally for one year with the understanding that during that period he will be mentoring Ryan Huber to take over the position. Congratulations to Ryan Huber of MCO who is hereby appointed as Assistant to the VP Performance, to run for the VP position at next elections.

K) RSO AGM & Awards – Congratulations to the new board and thank you to the outgoing. AGM was conducted and issues regarding treasury and executive appointments were debated. It was announced at the AGM that if Ray was elected President, he would split the duties of RSO President and appoint a person to carry out non-CARS related duties.

Announcement met with some opposition. Ray duly elected and appointment carried out at this meeting. Awards ceremony was successful and all enjoyed a fabulous dinner catered by the hospitality students at Sir Sanford Fleming University. Many thanks to P. Watt and everyone who helped make the day enjoyable.

L) RSO Executive Appointment – Congratulations to Paul Henshall who has agreed to act as Executive Director to carry out non-CARS related duties of the RSO President. The board recognized the interest of other candidates for the position.

M) Next meeting: May 7, at Ray's, 8 pm. NOTE: Attendees are asked to confirm attendance beforehand via email.

Respectfully submitted,
Nina Schafrick, RSO Secretary