

MINUTES

RallySport Ontario Executive Meeting

July 17, 2003

Present: Ray Felice, Paul Henshall, Roger Sanderson, Sandy Hygate, Ross Wood, Nina Schafrick, Ryan Huber, Peter Watt, Eric Curtis, Alasdair Robertson, John Bellefleur, Rob McCauley, Kim Sparks, Brooke Jacobs

Meeting called to order at 8:07 pm. Welcome to all and introductions made. Welcome to new TAC RSO representative, Kim Sparks. Apologies for the short notice of change of meeting date, which was made when members of the exec became unavailable for scheduled date. Agenda of 4 items as set by Ray to be discussed at this meeting.

1) RSO/CARS/CASC-OR Issues: Email from Iain Tugwell of SCMC read, with concerns over CASC-OR new flat fee proposal, and that it will force out some clubs. Alpha club is an example. On the other hand, CASC recently affiliated Competition Corvette club of Burlington, which is a small club. Email from Martin Loveridge of KWRC with similar concerns, stating RSO should copy CASC's club affiliation fee structure and set a budget to address member concerns regarding finances. Need for RSO budget acknowledged and will be done. Currently, RSO spending mainly on administrative, advertising and banquet costs. Paul explained that when the existing contract between CASC-OR and CARS was first created, it provided for revenue sharing between the two organizations. Paul wrote to CASC in 2001 requesting to redefine the existing terms and to cease direct association with CASC as defined in the agreement and enter into a new contract with CARS only, as ASN Canada FIA has delegated CARS to direct rallysport. Eventually, a meeting was held and the necessity for a partnership with RSO/CARS was established, however CASC-OR desired not to redefine the existing contract with CARS, but RSO was free to establish a partnership with CARS on a one-to-one basis. A compromise was made that CARS would direct rallysport but it would have to make agreements with the various regions, including RSO but all clubs must join CASC-OR and revenue sharing would continue. RSO did not want to be considered a "club" by CASC-OR, however, CARS remits per member fees to RSO in accordance with the contract. CASC-OR should not be overseeing rally. New agreement will be voted on at the next CARS meeting in Oct./Nov. Possibility of RSO paying flat fee for all clubs (ie no per-member fee), and RSO to collect fee and disburse it back to clubs, discussed. Strong indication that CARS will agree with what RSO decides. MCO and TAC are now splitting membership fees equally between rally and non-rally. RSO agrees that soloists should be allowed to opt out of paying RSO affiliation fee. Certain ideas for new structure discussed,

including pro-rated fee according to club membership numbers, and allowing members to choose. RSO can define a fee and where it will be applied. \$300 per club discussed. Suggestions to contact CASC-OR again with new proposal. RSO is currently assisting clubs, i.e. if a club has a cashflow problem with an event, RSO has waived event fee. Issues referred to committee headed by Dennis who will come up with a scenario with Sandy, then put it out to the clubs for comment.

2) RSO Financials:

a) 20011/2002: All available RSO financial records were given to Eric Curtis at AGM to review. Some prior year documentation was missing, and some previous entries unclear, but draft balance sheet showing member's equity prepared, together with draft statements for: unappropriated member's fund balance; appropriated road fund balance; changes in equity in capital assets, and revenue and expenses. Draft Balance sheet as of December 31, 2002 shows current assets at \$32,958, fixed assets \$6,998, for a total asset of \$39,956 and current liabilities \$32,49; member's equity total \$39,956. These figures may be reduced by value of equipment bought for road damage repair. Revenue and expenses statement in 2002 shows YSWRS posting a loss which may be misleading due to not all revenue posted in year 2002 some in 2001. All statements prepared as at Dec. 31/2002 and all statements available for perusal at any time. Eric is bringing us to a starting point, further notes will provide breakdown on where monies came from. Motion to approve fees of the reviewer by S. Hygate, seconded. Motion carried.

b) July 31, 2003: Treasurer's reports submitted. Current balance sheet based on Sandy's previous format, total assets \$43,198.99, Road Damage Fund at \$19,739.96 and member's equity \$23,450.03. Profit & Loss statement shows total income (restated) \$5,950.05, expenses (restated) \$5,961.35. Accounts receivable statement, \$2,060.00. Reports also include ORRC/OPRC series greencrews, listing fees and levies, entries, classes and road damage. QuickZoom reports on chequing account inflow/outflow totals also attached. All reports in draft, to July 31/03. Thanks to Sandy for submitting complete and thorough reports. Discussion on whether stewards and greencrews should be separate entry, should there be a cap on the road damage fund, with excess invested as short-term investment to be part of the road account. Issues to be considered.

3) RSO/TAC involvement: Rob McCauley spoke of their club meeting last night. TAC is a multi-discipline club, rally is an important part, although ralliette entry declining, and difficulty finding marshals etc.

for events. Still doing 2 ORRC's, but only small number of members compete in performance events. TAC would prefer to pay \$300 rather than the per-member fee of \$7.50, which totalled about \$1,000 this year. Would like to see a breakdown of RSO spending ORRC vs. OPRC. Feeling is that performance completely subsidizes road rally. TAC wants to remain affiliated with RSO. On behalf of the current board, Ray thanks TAC and its members for wishing to continue working together to promote the interests of rallysport. As noted previously RSO agrees that practitioners of other motorsport disciplines be allowed to opt out of paying RSO affiliation fee if they are not participating in rallies. Also, TAC would like to see an "advanced" Rally School course for those who have completed the first one. Thank you for the suggestions and interest and we look forward to working with new TAC-RSO rep, Kim Sparks.

4) Rallying in Ontario by local competitors: Discussion on performance vs. road rally, and spending concerns stated by Rob. Although the per car levy is lower for navigationals, there are more events, and RR's generally provide volunteers for performance events. Current decline in entries for performance could partly stem from the disparity in classes, with highly tuned cars and less expensive running in the same class, as 1750 production GT class no longer exists. As for road rally, navigationals are still turning out good numbers of entries, and membership numbers for some clubs are growing.

5) Next meeting: August 7, @ Ray's, 47 Thornhill Dr., Guelph. Dinner @ 7pm meeting 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nina Schafrick, RSO Secretary