

RSO Board Meeting

Monday, January 24, 2005

8:14 PM to 10:21 PM

Conference Call

Meeting called by: Ray Felice Type of meeting: RSO Board Meeting

Facilitator: Ray Felice Note taker: Kurt Seelenmayer, Secretary (Acting)

Ray Felice MLRC RSO President

Ross Wood MLRC VP Performance

Ryan Huber MCO VP Navigational

Alan Ryall MLRC Treasurer

Kurt Seelenmayer TAC Secretary (Acting)

Jeff Hagan PMSC Asst VP, Performance

Paul Henshall MLRC Executive Assistant

Ryan Huber MCO MCO Rep

Ross Wood MLRC MLRC Rep

Kurt Seelenmayer TAC TAC Rep

Please read:

Agenda

1) Approval of/additions to Agenda

Discussion: Added a couple of items previously submitted via e-mail & discussion: Selection of by-law representative

under (5); lessons learned from CARS AGM under (5); e-mail list under (6);

2) Approval of Dec 20/04 mtg minutes All

Discussion: Minutes may have been too detailed; secretary trying to reach a good balance.

Conclusions: Minutes approved by consensus

3) Treasurer's Report Alan/Sandy

Discussion: 2004 results are being finalized for delivery to Eric for oversight

4) 2005 Budget -final approval Alan

Discussion: Sent out via e-mail. No no comments from board, but that's because it looked good.

Break-down of budget by quarter for finer resolution tracking will be done later

Conclusions: Budget approved.

5) CARS AGM Update / by-law committee

Ray

Discussion: Ratification of acts (9-8 vote to indemnify board) – sent a strong message to the CARS board, to take care with major decisions. RSO board is also aware of sensitivity of large decisions they could make in the future.

Noteworthy that financials and budget went through with relatively few questions.

CARS board meeting on Friday night put forward idea of by-law committee; presented at committee. By-law committee

will be formed by one member from each region.

EGM: Housekeeping items passed. Agenda proposed & accepted by membership for AGM as one wasn't put forward.

Conclusions:

Action items: Person responsible: Deadline:

5) a) By-law committee selection

Discussion: Duties of delegate are to participate in the review of the by-laws, to receive submissions from member clubs

and individuals (club members in good standing). The committee will file a report to the board (by Aug 1), who will

submit it to the clubs (by Sept 1) along with the board recommendations. RSO (and other regions) must name a rep by March 1.

5 nominees have been put forward so far through informal channels.

Clubs should definitely be involved. Individual members are going to need to be very motivated to carry out duties.

Feeling that delegate should have been present at AGM/EGM.

Discussion of process to be followed, and how to involve membership within tight timeline (March 1).

Conclusions: Ray will send letter to club presidents asking for nominees by Jan 26, with response by Feb 4. Nominees

would need to put forward their thoughts on how they're going to contribute to the process/qualifications in a letter (email)

to the board by the same time. Board will advise clubs of nominees within a week of Feb 4 (so around Feb 11), so

clubs can provide input to board before board meeting (say, a few days before). RSO board will select a delegate at the next board meeting.

Action items: Person responsible: Deadline:

Send letter to club presidents requesting nominees and outlining process. Ray/Exec January 26.

Provide list of nominees & info to clubs promptly on receipt Exec February 11

Select delegate Exec February 28

5) b) Lessons learned for RSO board

Discussion: Minutes & communication- Purpose of minutes may be muddled; announcements through bulletins might be a good way to provide information to the membership.

Announcements/notifications should be through push technology forum.

Mention of possibility for a designated communications officer.

Conclusions: Will continue to think about ways to improve communications.

Action items: Person responsible: Deadline:

6) Web site -update Ryan

Discussion: 107 visits/persons per day

Updated with current schedule, etc.

6) a) Board e-mail list Kurt

Discussion: Proposal that broader e-mail list be maintained centrally. Similar to exec list, but for designated board meeting attendees (exec, club presidents, designated club reps)

Discussion of need to keep list up-to-date, and purpose (e.g., list to use for agenda items). Use would be by designated

board member attendees (listed above) to send notices to other attendees.

Conclusions: General agreement this falls under responsibility of secretary. Board will adopt after it is set up and demonstrated effective.

Action items: Person responsible: Deadline:

Discuss means for implementing with Ryan/Roger. Kurt Next meeting.

7) RSO Rules Committee Ryan

Discussion: Rules need to be updated/compiled by Kurt based on various inputs.

Conclusions: Should try to complete and post next draft ASAP.

Action items: Person responsible: Deadline:

Ratify rules Exec Next meeting

8) OPRC a) 2005 Perce Neige

Discussion: Expecting lots of entries; web site may be out of date. Denyse and Jean Chavarier do a tremendous job at this event (Denyse recognized at CARS AGM with "Ken Vaughan Memorial Trophy" for years of active participation).

Stewards: John Bellefleur, Ross at Perce Neige

8) OPRC b) Awards for events held in

PQ

Discussion: Events provide their own awards. RSO prize money will be awarded at events if possible.

Ross will be at Perce-Neige; Ray will be steward at Baie des Chaleurs; TBA representative will be at Defi.

8) OPRC c) Regs for US competitors

and insurance coverage

Discussion: From CARS board meeting: Health insurance: US competitors are not covered by OHIP – organizers should remind US competitors this is the case.

8) OPRC d) future growth planning

mtg

Ross

Discussion: Will pick location based on people interested (rather than location first)

Will try for March date – decision in February.

9) ORRC a) January Jaunt - report

Discussion: A January Jaunt event report was published in TAC's January Fifth Gear magazine and on the JJ web site at www.JanuaryJaunt.com.

We were very concerned about emergency situations, and focused on competitors during the event (but sacrificed speedy

results). We used a HAM radio net for the first time on a TAC event – it worked very well, helped us track competitors

(also used checkpoint worker cell phones), and to deal effectively with one competitor who went off the road by directing

the ORRC Steward & one of the Co-organizers to the site. The entry form included cell phone numbers for entrants, which

we used once to find a lost competitor who decided to head to the finish early.

Emergency procedures were prepared ahead of time. They were not needed, but we will continue to use them. They could

be generalized for other events, if interest was there.

We had 1 competitor taken to hospital at the break with a personal health issue (not caused by the rally).

We tried an "Open" class this year, to attract drivex competitors to the event who (a) didn't want hard instructions, and (b)

didn't want to mess up ORRC standings for the year. Open was running Novice instructions.

We will try this again next

year (maybe with just tulips)

Discussion of "Open" class, and how points for drivex events are affected for those worried about ORRC series points –

especially when organizers and greencrews get full points.

Discussion of lack of snow tires on a car that went off road. JJ flyer included recommendation for snow tires; competitors

who choose not to do so at own risk.

Conclusions: Come to the next January Jaunt, Saturday, January 7th, 2006.

9) ORRC b) ORRC Reports Paul

Discussion: OWR – 59 paid entries; Looking for more workers. Greencrew will be Paul Henshall/John Bellefleur.

Greenspond greencrew tentative as Roger Sanderson/Christina Chinn.

9) ORRC c) Timelines and ORRC

Organizers' meeting

Ray/Ryan

Discussion: Question about timelines for providing instructions to Guru, Greencrew.

Discussion; seems to be covered in

RSO Rules & Regs

ORRC Organizers' meeting proposed; tentative to piggy-back on RSO AGM.

10) 2005 Cal. Cards Ray

Discussion: Available at CARS AGM. Went over well with other regions.

Paul & Ray have them; will bring them to upcoming events/club meetings as the opportunity comes up.

11) Insurance

Discussion: Williams – there is discussion on the MCO forums (www.mco.org; also see www.solocanada.ca) regarding

this and other car insurance matters.

12) Equipment needs - radar gun

Discussion: We have a radar gun – haven't used it yet. Will be used to police quiet zones at future ORRC events. \$129

USD.

Targa will share with RSO, so we'll borrow one of theirs, and loan ours to them during Targa.

13) First Aid School 2005 - report Jeff

Discussion: 10 people (4 no-shows). Very good instructor – covered way more than minimum material. Tailored to rally.

Thanks to Girl Guides for the use of their office.

14) High Res. Logos on web site Ryan

Conclusions: No progress since last meeting – background task.

15) Club News a) BEMC

Discussion: No report this month.

15) Club News b) KWRC

Discussion: We are at about 35 members, and it's not even the end of January.

Our annual dinner and awards was held last Saturday night in Ingersoll, about 20 members enjoyed a great meal at The

Clog and Thistle, and then we retired to Martin Loveridges shop to watch a presentation from KWRC member Randy

Zimmer. Randy ave us some interesting history of his years in spot cars, racing including Can Am and finally low budget

Rallying.

KWRC nominates Dave Marzetti to the CARS by law committee.

15) Club News c) MCO

Discussion: As of this meeting the only rally on the MCO calendar is Lanark, no specified date yet.

Craig Hamm will (try to) introduce Scatter rallies this year in an effort to get new organisers, and get new people out for some rally fun.

Rally class dates have been set (see MCO rally forum, sticky topic). One class is a short rally. Probably need between 12

and 30 people for it to be a go. Cost is \$120 ea.

Alasdair Robertson for the CARS By-law committee. ACP is also a strong candidate, and would be backed by MCO if

that is the way RSO sees fit.

Jim Morrow might be on Global TV news tonight re insurance.

15) Club News d) MLRC

Discussion: No report this month

15) Club News e) PMSC

Discussion: Members are re-joining at a higher rate than normal for this time of year 34 currently. Seven of these are new members mainly due to Ice Racing.

PMSC held a very successful Subaru Snowy Safari Rally Jan 223/23. Just under 40 cars competed. We lost a few entries

that couldn't get to the event due to weather conditions along the Lakeshore. Withdrawals mostly due to Navyv stomachs.

One car had to drop out as a result of 2 flat tires. OPP did stop a few cars reacting they claimed as a result of complaints.

Patrol officers didn't know of event however all detachments had been notified. Sensitive area was marked as QZ with no major violations of QZ.

RSO By-laws have been reviewed as per request by membership at previous AGM. Formal report/motions will be prepared for next AGM if necessary.

15) Club News f) TAC

Discussion: TAC held the January Jaunt on January 8th (see ORRC reports). It was a successful event with 23 starters.

The TAC Ice Race Weekend was postponed until February 26th due to good (bad?) weather.

TAC would like to understand the mechanism for selecting a CARS By-law rep prior to the rep being chosen.

TAC's membership stands at 117 members.

Kim Sparks has resigned as TAC's representative to the RSO Board.

16) Toronto Auto Show Ray

Discussion: February 18th to 27th (conflicts with OWR, as it does every year...)

Targa will have 5 cars; RSO will have a presence sharing a booth with a sponsor.

We may have a volunteer to get volunteers.

17) RSO AGM - Nominating

committee / location

Kurt / Martin / Ray

Discussion: Nominating committee will be meeting within next week or so. Ray announced he will be standing for President again.

Date for AGM will be March 26th (Saturday of Easter weekend). Peterborough location has been confirmed; Peter Watt

will be forwarding details to RSO exec. Time will probably be 11:00 AM. Notices will be sent by secretary to

clubs/membership.

Action items: Person responsible: Deadline:

Provide notice to clubs Kurt February 25

18) CARS Five year plan

Discussion: Noted during discussion that there has been little reporting (annual, semi-annual) on progress on the 5-year plan by CARS board.

Plan went into effect January 2001. Has just finished its fourth year. Note that committee to set next 5 year plan should be struck within the current year.

Motion put forward and carried that RSO will report on their progress on the 5-year plan to the CARS board, and solicit progress from the board.

19) Next meeting: Date/location

Discussion: February 28th, Paul Henshall's house.

VP Navigational will have a conflict – will be unable to attend (or vote).

20) Adjournment 10:21 PM

Additional Information

Special notes: