

Rally Sport Ontario

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RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Dec. 16, 2008

Minutes

LOCATION – Paul Henshall's home in Snelgrove – dinner 6:45
meeting 7:30 PM

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NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Ray Felice	President	Yes
Rob MacKenzie	Vice-President – Performance	Yes
Rita Moore	Vice-President – Navigational	Yes
Ross Wood	Secretary	Yes
Peter Gulliver	Treasurer	Yes
Paul Henshall	Executive Assistant	Yes
Jeff Hagan	Assistant V.P Performance	Yes
Roger Sanderson	Scorer	
Mark Ockwell	Chief Scrutineer	Regrets
Christina Chinn	RSO Growth Committee	Yes
Alasdair, Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Jeff Lantz	OPRC Classic Class Coordinator	
Ross Wood	RallyCross Coordinator	Yes
TBA	BEMC Club Representative	
Christina Chinn	KWRC Club Representative	Yes
Jeannie MacGillivray	MCO Club Representative	Regrets
Ross Wood	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Rob MacKenzie	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Nuwan Dantanarayana	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Paul Moore	TAC Club Representative	Yes
Peter Watt	Guest	Yes

Agenda

- 1) Approval of/additions to Agenda** – as amended – Moore/Gulliver
- 2) Approval of October 14, 2008 meeting minutes** – as published – Gulliver/Moore
- 3) Treasurer's Report** – financial report – approved as presented – Gulliver/Moore
- 2009 Budget – approved as presented – Gulliver/Wood
- 4) CARS Update** – Jorge Dascollas has submitted his resignation as CARS President –
Board is now seeking submissions – due by January 1/09
 - Rules Change process – long process almost complete – about 90 changes - 3 will be taken to the AGM for discussion with the competitors and Organizers
 - 2WD Championship will be in place for 2009
- 5) Old Business - (a) RSO AGM & Awards Banquet – March 21, 2009**
 - **venue** – Baker's Hill Banquet Centre, Peterborough (Television Rd. & Parkhill Rd. – across from former A1 Shell)
- 10 AM AGM; 12:30 cocktails; 1:00 Awards Banquet
 - (b) RallyCross/RallySprint**
 - Burnt River site update – By Law Change process now complete so Burnt River is open for cars – will likely run one Winter RallyCross there and will soon be announcing some Winter Testing Days

- RX Series will combine Summer and Winter RX and will be a club series run by

MLRC

- RallyCross Coordinator to prepare two award winners' lists: (1) Winter

(2) Summer

(b) Canadian International (Toronto) Auto Show – February 13-22 - RSO has a booth booked – on the 100 level of the Rogers Centre – right by entrance of all traffic to the building - sharing with Targa and HotBits – will have two cars on display

- RSO will be putting out call for volunteers soon

- all RSO clubs should prepare promotional materials to be on display

- will order shirts for all volunteers

6) OPRC

(a) Series Standings – final standings are posted on the RSO website

(b) Defi – Steward's Report has been received – quite brief – expressed some concerns
re safety

(c) Tall Pines – event went well – 43 entries – challenging road conditions – had three
medical situations – all handled well – competitors all doing well

(d) Shannonville Rally – April 4, 2009 – investigating insurance options

- all cars must meet CARS safety rules

(f) Lanark Highlands Forest Rally – May 9 - plans are progressing well

(g) Black Bear Rally – June 13 – still negotiating move to Bancroft area

(h) Road Damage Fund – Pines – great deal of roadwork done at minimal cost to RSO

(i) OPRC 2008 Series Awards – VP Performance is preparing a list of award winners

(k) OPRC Series – composition for 2009 – tabled from Oct. 14 mtg. – options
discussed – VP performance will write up the summary for publication

7) ORRC

(a) Series Standings – – final standings posted on RSO website

(b) 2008 ORRC Series Awards – VP Navigational has distributed a list of award winners

(c) President's Prize Rally – 13 entries – good event – Steward's Report presented to meeting

(d) Northern Lights Rally – December 6th – has been cancelled

(e) Additions to 2009 ORRC Schedule – two offers from clubs to add an event to the 2009 schedule – (1) MCO – Sunday, November 1 – Open Road Rally – Organizer Robert Roaldi (2) SPDA – Saturday, December 5 – event name TBD – Organizers Stephen Deneka and Trevor Hancher

(f) Event Cancellation Policy – following direction from discussion the VP Performance
will issue a policy statement

(f) ORRC Scoring and Eligibility – following direction from discussion the VP Performance will issue a policy statement re a competitor opting out of scoring

(g) Competitor Request for Support – a request from an individual competitor was considered

8)Growth Committee - (per Christina Chinn)

- the Growth Committee will be assisting with Auto Show preparation with goal of recruiting new members to the rally community

New Business –

(a) 2009 Calendar Cards – plans are underway for new cards for 2009 – will be ready for distribution prior to the Auto Show

(b) RSO Voting Structure & Quorum – a proposal for changes to the RSO Bylaws with regard to AGM Quorum and voting structure was discussed

(c) Bill 118 – tabled pending obtaining further information

(d) Submission re Action in Worst Case Scenario

- committee report received as directed at the 2007 RSO AGM re suggested action for dealing with the assets of RSO in the unlikely case of its dissolution – to be voted on at upcoming AGM

10) Club News

MLRC (per Ross Wood)

- the Rally of the Tall Pines was very successful – 43 entries (highest in CRC for 2008) including Pat Richard, Antoine L'Estage, Ken Block, ACP & Seamus Burke
- conditions were treacherous – famous Tall Pines winter roads and summer ditches, except even worse some summer roads/some winter roads – made tire choice a key factor in team strategy
- over 225 workers attended
- three medical incidents – all handled well – no permanent injuries
- won by Pat Richard/Alan Ockwell in a 2008 Subaru
- AFG was held on December 9th – 3 positions up for election
- President – Ryan Huber,
Secretary – James Drake, Director at Large – Ray Felice
- plans underway for Winter Rallycrosses – dates set for January 25 and February 15
- Mini Rallies starting early this year – first events are January 12th and February 9th
- New membership rates in effect - \$40 single and \$50 family

TAC (per Paul Moore)

TAC celebrated the season with our annual holiday party on November 29th. The annual awards were presented with Tim and Steven Laye receiving the Rally Driver and Rally Navigator, respectively, Brian Maxwell got the nod for the Performance Rally Co-Driver and Paul and Rita Moore were named the Most Active Members.

TAC will not be hosting a club rally series this year due to low attendance in the 2008 season, but will be looking at opportunities to partner with MLRC. The open round of the 2009 ORRC season is ready to go on January 3rd. The January Jaunt will run out of the Royal Coachman in Waterdown. The early winter weather this season and the extended forecast suggests that this challenging event will be a true ?snow? event this year.

TAC members are also gearing up for the start of the 2009 Ice Racing season. TAC is hosting the first event on January 24/25. As always, the Minden Fair Grounds is the venue for all the events and spectators are always welcome (admission is free!). Ice racing is also one of the few forms of motorsport where ballast?..oh, passengers are also welcome!

MCO (per Jeannie MacGillivray)

The Motorsport Club of Ottawa recently reached another milestone, as we now have 400 members!

The Rally Group has been making plans for 2009, with our summertime Wednesday night rallies returning once again, with Glen Clarke of Open Road Motorsports as our sponsor. Glen has offered some attractive Targa prizes; as a result, father-and-son team Ferdinand and Christoph Trauttmansdorff are planning to compete in Targa Newfoundland next September. The

rallies will
be called the Open Road rally series (changed from our Summer
Night Rally
series).

Our Rallycross coordinator, Greg Van Dalen, will be putting together
a
two-or three-event series again at the Augusta motorsport park, a
dirt track
with much potential for interesting route changes.

Also underway is planning for our first stage rally, the Lanark
Highlands
Forest Rally to be held on May 9, 2009.

Our monthly Rally Group meetings have been well attended, with
the numbers
increasing a little more each time. On December 4, we had 19
rallyists out.

We are looking forward to the new year, and wish our fellow
rallyists
throughout RSO all the best of the Christmas season and a very
Happy New
Year! We look forward to seeing members of the rally family at
events in
2009.

KWRC (per Christina Chinn)

PMSC (per Rob MacKenzie)

The Peterborough Motor Sport Club has 76 members to date with
2009 memberships already coming in for the start of the Ice Racing
season.

PMSC held their elections Nov.26 with Dan Demers taking another term as President. V.P. is now Mike Van Rees with Evan Holt continuing as Secretary. Competition Director is Fab Caravaggio and Bulletin Editors are Mark and Christine Newell.

The Presidents Prize Rally ORRC event took place October 25, 2008 starting at the Cango gas station on the southeast corner of Hwy 7A and Cty Rd 10 in Cavan. This event drew 13 entries and some bad weather which meant good roads. The event was organized by Dan Demers.

PMSC will have their Ice Race weekend Jan 31/Feb.1 in Minden and hope for a good turn out.

The 2009 OPRC and ORRC events hosted by PMSC are taking shape. PMSC will have the PPR- Dan Demers, SRO- Louis Cabardos, GCFR- Peter Gulliver, and Shannonville- Peter Watt.

SPDA (per Nuwan Dantanarayana)

Nuwan Dantanarayana and Daniel Buehler competed at Tall Pines this year. We found the event to be run extremely well as we've come to expect and would like to thank MLRC for a job well done. SPDA members were in attendance at the event including volunteer marshalls/workers.

SPDA will be organizing their first navigational rally and RSO event slated for December 5th 2009, to fill the gap where KWRC ran the Northern Lights Rally. The event will be primarily organized by Steven Deneka and Trevor Hancher, with several SPDA members including myself assisting as needed.

11) Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 27 – conference call