

# Rally Sport Ontario

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## RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Jan. 27, 2009

### Agenda

LOCATION – Conference Call meeting 7:30 PM – contact Ross Wood for call-in details

Revised

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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	Regrets
Jeff Hagan	Assistant V.P Performance	Regrets
Roger Sanderson	Scorer	
Mark Ockwell	Chief Scrutineer	
Christina Chinn	RSO Growth Committee	
Alasdair, Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Jeff Lantz	OPRC Classic Class Coordinator	
Ross Wood	RallyCross Coordinator	Yes
TBA	BEMC Club Representative	
Christina Chinn	KWRC Club Representative	
Jeannie MacGillivray	MCO Club Representative	Yes
Ross Wood	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Rob MacKenzie	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Nuwan Dantanarayana	SPDA Club Representative	
Paul Moore	TAC Club Representative	Yes

## **Agenda**

- 1) Approval of/additions to Agenda** – as amended – Gulliver/MacKenzie
- 2) Approval of December 16, 2008 meeting minutes** – as published – Felice/Gulliver
- 3) Treasurer's Report** – as presented – Gulliver/Felice
  - D. Wharton is reviewing the books in preparation for the AGM
- 4) CARS Update** – AGM weekend in Calgary was busy
  - Tom McGeer was appointed as CARS President for 2009
  - Clubs need to assure that their papers of incorporation are current – Numerous implications if they are not
    - a number of Rule Changes were determined including one providing an extra minute spacing (dust window) for the top competitors
    - there will be new CARS door panels for 2009
    - a new manufacturers' championship and 2WD championship in the CRC
  - a sponsorship package template has been created to assist competitors and organizers seek sponsorship – contact R. Felice if interested
  - 2009 Rulebooks have been printed
  - a 3 panel standardized podium will be used at CRC events
  - NARC Championship changed – only awards will be for Open & 2WD
- 5) Old Business - (a) RSO AGM & Awards Banquet – March 21, 2009**
  - venue – Baker's Hill Banquet Centre, Peterborough, 555 Parkhill Rd. (SW corner of Television Rd. & Parkhill Rd. – across from former A1 Shell where numerous PMSC events have started)
  - 10 AM AGM; 12:30 cocktails; 1:00 Awards Banquet
  - Proposed Bylaw changes re voting and quorum at AGM plus a proposal handling the dissolution of RSO in the unlikely event that should occur

**(b) RallyCross/RallySprint**

- MLRC has set up a series with 5 RX events – 2 winter and 3 summer
- dates are January 25<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, September 27<sup>th</sup> & October 18<sup>th</sup>
- venue will be Bancroft with exception of September being at Burnt River
- first event was a huge success with perfect winter conditions – had 32 entries – Results posted at <http://www.mlrc.ca/rallycross/results.html>
- see [www.mlrc.ca](http://www.mlrc.ca) for full details and online entry

- (c) 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 has put out the call for volunteers
  - all RSO clubs should prepare promotional materials to be on display
  - shirts for all volunteers

**(d) RSO Calendar Cards** – have been printed – ready for Auto Show

- (e) First Aid Course** – RSO annual course was run on January 17<sup>th</sup> with 6 successful participants
- a Red Cross key chain/CPR breathing mask will be given to all participants

**6) OPRC**

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

**(b) Perce Neige Rally** - Feb. 6-7 – Maniwaki – John Bellefleur will be the RSO Steward

**(b) Shannonville Rally** – April 4, 2009 – draft Supp. Regs have been completed – working on insurance

**(d) Lanark Highlands Forest Rally** – May 9 – committee working hard

**(e) Black Bear Rally** – June 13 – still working on move to Bancroft area – Carlo/Mayo

Township offering to host (McArthurs Mills) – stewards have been appointed – P. Gulliver and J. MacGillivray

**(f) OPRC Series** – composition for 2009 – tabled from Oct. 14 mtg. – options discussed – VP performance has written up the summary as follows:

As of January 1, 2009 RallySport Ontario has changed its OPRC class structure to align with CARS. P1-P2-P3 will group together and become Production Sport and P-4 will become Production-GT. The Driver and Co-Driver Championship has also changed. In 2009 the best of any four out of seven RSO Regional events in Ontario and Québec will be scored. In the Classic Championship the standings will be based on scoring the best four out of five Ontario events. The changes are now being made to the Regulations for Performance Rallies on the RSO web site and will be posted soon.

**(g) Organizers' Forum** – looking into setting up an OPRC Organizers' group forum for sharing best practices etc.

## 7) ORRC

**(a) Series Standings** – 2008 final standings posted on RSO website plus First 2009 event

**(b) January Jaunt** – 21 entries – excellent event – Steward's report pending

**(c) New 2009 Event** - SPDA's new event – Saturday, December 5 – event name will be the First Frost Rally – Organizers Stephen Deneka and Trevor Hancher

**(d) Event Late Cancellation Policy** – new policy created as follows:

### 27.8 EVENT CANCELLATION

(a) Should an organizer or organizing club find that they are unable to put on an event from the current calendar for any reason, the following procedure must be followed:

- i) the organizing club executive should attempt to find another organizer to take over the event and allow it to proceed.
- ii) If no alternate organizer can be found within the club, the club President or Rally Director must notify RSO VP Navigational that the club officially wishes to cancel the event.
- iii) RSO VP Navigational may then either attempt to find an alternate organizer from another club, or announce the event's cancellation.

(b) (i) The procedures in 27.8 (a) must be performed in such a way that 27.8(a)(ii) occurs no later than 3 weeks before the event's scheduled date.

(ii) No refund of the original listing fee shall be issued to a club for any event cancelled during the current calendar year.

(iii) Should a club violate 27.8(b)(i), the club shall be required to post a bond to RSO of \$75 for the following calendar year's events. This bond to be refunded at the end of that year if their subsequent events return to compliance with 27.8.

**(e) ORRC Scoring and Eligibility** – policy clarified as follows:

30.0(i)(b) Notwithstanding 30.0(i) and 30.0(i)(a), an RSO member may opt out of scoring for the full season or for an individual event, provided it is done before the start of the event in question. A competitor who opts out of scoring may then enter the event in any class they wish, regardless of 30.0(c), 30.0(d), 30.0(e), or 30.0(f). A competitor who has opted out of scoring in order to change classes may not win an event award over any competitor who is scoring in that class. Organizers may offer a separate class outside of ORRC scoring for such competitors, eg "Touring Class", "Open Class", and award event prizes for that class as well as for the regular ORRC classes. Non-scoring competitors may then enter the non-ORRC class, or any ORRC class of their choice.

**(f) MCO Request re Levy** – clubs must pay the \$5 RSO levy for all entrants in ORRC events

## **8)Growth Committee - (per Christina Chinn)**

- no report

### **New Business –**

- (a) **RSO Rally School** – March 23, March 30 & April 6 – venue will be the Caledon Village Hall – flyers will be distributed at the Auto Show
- (b) **RSO HAM Radio School** – March 7 & 8 in Newmarket  
Please go to <http://www.kwrc.on.ca/hamclass/> to sign up.
- (c) **AGM Planning** – election -positions open – President, VP Performance & Treasurer
  - Ross Wood will head the Nominating Committee – any interested candidates should contact Ross
- (d) **Beginner Level Navigational Brainstorming** – a very productive session was held attended by members of KWRC, MLRC & TAC to discuss ways of improving Beginner level events, improved promotion of these events and common features

## **10) Club News**

### **MLRC (per Ross Wood)**

- first Mini Rally was held on January 12<sup>th</sup> – a number of changes including new Start/Finish venue (Husky Service Centre at Hwy. 400 & 88), first time for a winter Mini plus simplified format with single set of Beginner level instructions and less emphasis on competition
- Mini Rally successful with 5 entries – all teams reached all checkpoints and had fun – hoping to expand on this success – next event is on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>
- first Winter Rallycross was run on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in Bancroft on the Golton property (new Pines Spectator Stage) – 32 entries in great winter conditions
- plans well underway for MLWR (Maple Leaf Winter Rally) – all night ORRC event to be run out of Bancroft on the night of February 21-22 on the great traditional

winter rally roads – will also feature a run around the RallCross course for a warm-up section – see details on the MLRC website at [www.mlrc.ca](http://www.mlrc.ca)  
- at the January Club meeting will be running a Richard Burns virtual RallySprint

### **TAC (per Paul Moore)**

### **MCO (per Jeannie MacGillivray)**

The Rally Group has been relatively quiet this month, with no events. However, we have set up our four summertime Wednesday night rallies, now called the Open Road Rally series, with the fifth and final event on November 1 also being an ORRC. Glen Clarke of Open Road Motorsports is our sponsor again this year.

We also anticipate having three Rallycross events at the Augusta Motorsport park, down near Highway 401. It turns out that one competitor of a 2008 event, from Kingston, has joined the MCO and the Rally Group, and is competing at Perce Neige! I think he is our farthest-away RG member.

We will have three teams competing at Perce Neige, and our new Kingstonian will be entering the event with a team-mate from MLRC. This brings the number to seven. Other members will be scrutineering or working the event, or acting as service crew.

The core committee for the stage rally, the Lanark Highlands Forest Rally on May 9, is also active. No “January blues” for us!

Our monthly Rally Group meetings have been well attended, although we only got 13 out on a brutally cold night in January. I am working on ways to better communicate with the group in between our monthly meetings.

We are looking forward to a fun and busy 2009 season!

### **KWRC (per Christina Chinn)**

### **PMSC (per Rob MacKenzie)**

The Peterborough Motor Sport Club has 40 members to date with a few new 2009 members.

PMSC will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of CASC-OR ice races Jan 31/Feb 1. Thank you to Sharon Feeney for organizing this weekend.

The Shannonville Stages Rally plans are coming along well and expect a large turn out.

**SPDA (per Nuwan Dantanarayana)**

**11) Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 by conference call**