



RSO Board/Executive Meeting – May 10, 2011

LOCATION: Teleconference – meeting at 7:30 p.m.

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Ray Felice	President	Yes
Warren Haywood	Vice-President – Performance	Yes
Bruce Leonard	Vice-President – Navigational	Yes
Jeannie MacGillivray	Secretary	Yes
Peter Gulliver	Treasurer	Yes
Paul Henshall	Executive Assistant	
Ross Wood	Administrative Assistant / Equipment Manager	Yes
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	Yes
Steve Van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	
Vacant	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Christina Chinn	KWRC Club Representative	Regrets
Chris Pye	MCO Club Representative	Yes
Ross Wood	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Mike Van Rees	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Nuwan Dantanarayana	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	Yes
Adam Dowsett	KWRC President	Yes

Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda** – approved as amended – Gulliver/Leonard.
- 2) **Approval of the last meeting minutes** – approved as written – MacGillivray/Leonard.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report** – update presented by Pete Gulliver. Approved as presented – Gulliver/MacGillivray.
- 4) **CARS** – Ray.
 - (a) **The 50-km stage distance limit for a single-road event.** Ray could not find the source in the CARS rulebook or on the FIA Web site. It is believed to be a CARS rule. **ACTION: Ray will take it back to the CARS Board to determine the source.**
 - (b) **CRC Standards and Principles.** This was drafted by the CARS Board in order to set a level of standards for not only events currently in the CRC, but also to give events wishing to become part of the national series a guideline for what they need to achieve to be considered for a national event. It has been sent to clubs, organizers and

club representatives for comments. Please reply to the RSO president with any comments.

5) Old Business – Ray.

(a) RSO Policy and Procedures Manual – The Policy and Procedures framework document is to be developed by Pete Gulliver and Jeannie. Pete asks for Board member input on items they think should be included. Ray to address this at the next meeting.

6) ORRC Report – Bruce Leonard read his report (see below), giving a description of the turnout and results at regional road rallies.

(a) ORRC Scoring – Bruce is going to write a notice to the effect that competitors must be members of an RSO-affiliated club to score in a series. The notice will be drafted for Board review and approval.

Re “Executive Assistant” – Stephen Deneka of SPDA has approached Bruce about assisting him with updating the ORRC scores. Between them both, the ORRC standings will be kept current.

(b) Spring Runoff – PMSC. Organizer – Louis Cabardos. SRO started and finished in Hastings, and featured some fine roads in the area. 13 entries, with 3 expert, 3 intermediate, and 7 novice teams. The windstorm in the week leading up to the rally played havoc with the route, forcing some detours, and creating some headaches for Louis. A good rally, a little tough for the experts (tie-breaker required for first).

UPCOMING RALLIES:

(c) Blossom Rally – KWRC. Organizer – Dennis Wharton. June 4 out of Campbellville.

(d) Discover Ontario – TAC. Organizer – Brooke Jacobs. June 18 out of St. Catherines

(e) TAC August Challenge – TAC. Organizer – Kurt Seelenmayer. August 6 out of Mississauga. This rally will be in place of Infinite Monkeys.

7) OPRC Report – Warren Haywood.

(a) RSO seeding system – The development process is well under way to create a system to address a current need for determining road position for competitors who have not acquired the seed points to accurately reflect their stage speed relative to other competitors. The new system and recommendations will be brought back to the BOD. Jean-Georges Marcotte and Roger Sanderson are playing a key role in acquiring and managing the required data.

(b) RSO stopping rally traffic in stage – Warren to add one more situation to his draft procedures for a stopped vehicle in stage: a car that is stopped, looks okay but has no signs out.

(c) RSO new road approval – Ross said there are many experienced rallyists who can come out and assess a potential new road. There is no formal mechanism in place.

(d) Triangles for multiple use stages – If a damaged car is well off the road and cannot be retrieved during the rally, at the next stage the lead triangle should be removed and the

car identified as a stationary object by having yellow Caution tape placed around it. Ross suggested that an opening course car do this. **ACTION: Warren to write a policy.**

(e) Lanark Highlands Forest Rally – Well organized and well attended. 22 entries, including 3 U.S. teams. 9 DNF's. A very tight battle for the top 5 positions. Awaiting Stewards' report. The timing system was invaluable with the close battles going on. Very positive comments about the new timing equipment were received all day long from competitors and workers.

(f) Black Bear Rally – RSO Stewards have been assigned, the Supp Regs reviewed and some changes made as per Senior Steward's recommendations. Ross spoke about a meeting with Ministry officials and the Species At Risk Act.

(g) Galway–Cavendish Forest Rally – The same road as usual will be used. The RSO Stewards have been tentatively assigned. Work is proceeding on the Supp Regs, updating the Safety Plan and insurance.

(h) VP – Performance report for April–May – Warren read his report, which covered the above rallies. In New Performance Business, he asked for Board input concerning the use of front license plates of rally cars; using rally cars for Recce; and creating more OPRC stand-alone events.

8) Growth Committee Report – Ray to discuss with a person who may be interested.

9) Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair not on the conference call.

10) Scrutineer's Report – Steve Van Rees's post-rally report has been sent to the organizer.

11) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross. This report was on the new Electronic Timing Equipment. It performed well at the LHFR, but training is needed for organizers (re placing Flying Finishes) and marshals (especially when reading numbers for cars coming in nose to tail). All four Eastern CRC events (Baie, Défi, Pines and Perce Neige) want to rent the system, so more equipment needs to be ordered. An RSO E-Timing Team will accompany the equipment for each event.

RSO has received major financial donation support from MLRC, PMSC and Club Rallye Perce Neige towards purchase of timing equipment. Club Rallye Perce Neige has also agreed to loan funds to RSO to allow for purchase of additional equipment required. RSO thanks these clubs for their support.

12) New Business –

a. RSO Notes-writing School – The Board agreed on the importance of developing notes-writing skills amongst co-drivers, and being taught by a top co-driver. We would like to do this within the next year. **ACTION: Ray to talk to candidates to teach the school.**

b. Job descriptions – Jeannie to send a sample job description that is formatted to Board members, along with whatever information on their job she has on file.

c. Executive appointments – Roger Sanderson to continue on as Webmaster, and Alasdair Robertson to handle Legislative Affairs. Thank you both.

d. Email etiquette – Ross to send an email outlining preferred email etiquette.

e. Proxy and voting committee – Pete has a list of volunteers from the clubs who would like to be on the committee. He says they are a good mix.

f. Timing equipment for Rallycross – Ross. MLRC wants to rent the equipment for their Rallycross events at Bancroft. He suggested \$150 per event for MLRC, and that the cost for other clubs be assessed on an individual basis, depending on travel distance. Gulliver/MacGillivray.

g. RSO hats and magnetic door signs – Ross. Some discussion of RSO hats to identify the RSO E-Timing team, to give out as gifts. We also discussed magnetic door signs for the E-Timing team and agreed to postpone any decision for now. Ray suggested RSO Board hats too. **ACTION: Ross was given a budget for hats and will report back to the Board re door signs.**

h. General discussion time –

i. Word program – Jeannie does not have the latest Word program. **ACTION: Check out the cost at Staples, looking for the best price.**

i. Webmaster – Roger Sanderson has agreed to take on this job. We thank him.

13) Club News

a. BEMC (per Bob McCallum)

b. KWRC (per Christina Chinn)

c. MCO (per Chris Pye)

An Open Road Rally series event was held on March 23rd. 7 teams competed.

We are encouraging teams out to compete in the ORRC series to maintain MCO's initial lead in the club standings. An MCO win and a third in the Intermediate class at the Spring Runoff Rally should help.

The Lanark Highlands Forest Rally (LHFR) was a great success. The event ran smoothly thanks to the organizing team and especially all the volunteers who came out to help. Competitors have been posting their appreciation on the MCO forum. 22 teams started, 13 finished on this challenging road. MCO would like to thank all those from other clubs who came out to help. Congratulations to Chris Martin/Brian Johnson on a convincing win. Second place went to Ryan Huber/John Vanos and third to Warren Haywood/Ray Felice. Special thanks to Jane Laan in her first year of organizing this event.

As part of worker training, the MCO LHFR team developed some videos showing how Start and Finish controls work. You will recognize many of the 'stars' of these videos. You can view them at: Arrival Time Control <http://vimeo.com/22478150> and Finish Time Control <http://vimeo.com/22479119>.

d. MLRC (per Ross Wood)

The Black Bear Rally (June 10 and 11) is shaping up well. The route guys have been out on the roads and the route is finalized. Supplementary Regulations are posted and entries have started coming in. If you wish to volunteer to assist with the Black Bear Rally, contact Ross Wood at ross@tallpinesrally.com. We need lots more helpers at this point. Check out the website at www.mlrc.ca.

A key hurdle for the Black Bear organizers is dealing with stipulations from the MNR regarding Species at Risk (SAR), specifically the Blanding's Turtle, Eastern Hog-nosed

Snake and Whip-poor-will. The SAR Act, which came into effect in 2007, has very clear guidelines re protecting these species.

We are also well into planning the Tall Pines (November 25 and 26). Most of the committee has been selected and policy revisions are being worked through. To get involved with the Tall Pines, contact Ian Wright at ian@tallpinesrally.com.

Plans are also underway for the summer RallyCross season in Bancroft. We are hoping to make some course changes that will allow two courses to run simultaneously. We are also planning to use the new RSO electronic timing system.

e. PMSC (per Mike Van Rees)

PMSC has 42 members in good standing.

The Spring Runoff Rally ran the last week of April, and the Cobweb Solo ran on the same weekend at the Doro arena. There were 14 entries for the first solo of the season.

Bob English of the Peterborough County Emergency Medical Services will be the guest speaker for the May meeting.

f. TAC (per Rob McAuley/Dietmar Seelenmayer)

News from TAC is that we have 98 members at this time. We have 2 more regional events this year, the Discover Ontario Car Rally (DOCR) on June 18 and the August 6 regional event. Brooke Jacobs, the organizer for the DOCR, is looking for a green crew and has been in touch with Bruce.

g. SPDA (per Nuwan Dantanarayana)

Trevor and Stephen did an initial scouting for SPDA's No Winter Maintenance Rally coming up Oct. 1 to verify which of the Grey County roads that Google Earth thinks exist are passable by a street car. We opted to leave one snowmobile trail out, but the rest is looking good! Starting location will be the Flying Spatula diner in Flesherton. Mmmm! Flesherton; that just sounds like good BBQ, doesn't it?

SPDA had four teams participating at the Spring Runoff Rally. Louis Cabardos and PMSC did an excellent job of challenging the navigators with a variety of instruction styles on the usual fun Hastings roads with fallen trees thrown in from the windstorm.

SPDA teams are enjoying the competition with MCO and MLRC in the club championship and we hope to up our game for Blossom with a 5th team joining the championship competition!

The Gumball STI rally team of SPDA members Richard Burton and Dean Hopkins returned from a stint of U.S. rally events, including the global rallycross event in Snoqualmie, Washington. Although the event ended in a collision with a concrete barrier, they were able to wow the crowd and impress several teams with their performance.

15) Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. via conference call.