



**RSO Board / Executive Meeting – April 8, 2013**  
**Minutes**

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

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Bruce Leonard	President	Yes
Jim Morrow	Region Rally Director	Yes
Warren Haywood	Vice-President – Performance Rally	Yes
David Maynard	Vice-President – Navigational Rally	Yes
Jeannie MacGillivray	Secretary	Yes
Pete Gulliver	Treasurer	Yes
Ross Wood	Executive Assistant / Equipment Manager	Yes
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	
Steve van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	
Vacant	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Regrets
Rob Shotton	MCO Club Representative	Regrets
David Maynard	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Rob McAuley	TAC Club Representative	Yes

## Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda** – Items added. Approved with additions – Gulliver / Morrow. Unanimous. Carried.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (March 4)** – Approved as written. Haywood / Gulliver. Unanimous. Carried.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report – Pete.** Financial documents were sent in advance to the BoD and the club reps on the call. RSO is in good financial shape with very little outstanding.

(a) Moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted – Gulliver / Morrow. Unanimous. Carried.

(b) The bank requires us to have three people as Signatories.

**Moved:** To have Pete Gulliver, Treasurer; Bruce Leonard, President; and Ross Wood, Executive Assistant; named as signatories for RallySport Ontario for banking purposes. Morrow / Maynard. Unanimous. Carried.

**ACTION: JEANNIE TO WRITE UP THE MOTION. JIM TO DELIVER IT TO PETE AT SHANNONVILLE STAGES.**

#### 4) CARS update – Jim.

(a) **CARS meeting update – Jim.** The CARS meeting was held on April 1 and many items were discussed.

- CARS approved organizer-supplied notes and 2-pass recce for Black Bear Rally
- Insurance coverage for volunteers' vehicles: the new ASN policy provides coverage with a deductible of \$2500
- HAM radio volunteer whose car was damaged in a Western performance rally — the issue of covering the cost of repairs has been resolved by CARS, Rally West and the Calgary club
- The CARS Safety Committee is reviewing the matter of worker safety
- CARS President John Hall attended the ASN sessions this past weekend
- CARS continues to look for sponsors. Subaru will be continuing and others may come on board
- CARS is still looking at recommendations for Group 5
- Jim Morrow is the new Director of the Speed Factor Committee, whose recommendations will be implemented in 2014. Jim to look for input from Warren and others. Ross said that it's important for the new system to work well with the Rally America system.
- Safety Guidelines Committee – Ross. The core committee has received input and is moving into Phase 2
- Spec fuel for CRC is off the table for now. CARS will continue to work with the company that wanted to supply it to identify other possible sponsorship opportunities
- Training for Stewards — Warren. RSO will tentatively run a session in the fall for Ontario people (between Défi Ste-Agathe and Tall Pines)
- Stewards for Tall Pines — Warren. The two CARS Stewards have been chosen but an RSO Steward is still needed

**ACTION: WARREN TO IDENTIFY AN RSO STEWARD FOR TALL PINES.**

- **The RSO Board discussed insurance coverage for workers and competitors. Please refer to the ASN Canada website for detailed information at: [www.asncanada.com](http://www.asncanada.com).**

**ACTION: JEANNIE: PUT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WORKERS ON AGENDA FOR NEXT RSO MEETING.**

**ACTION: BRUCE TO GET AN UPDATE FROM RAY ABOUT THE INSURANCE PACKAGE HE IS WORKING TO GET FOR COMPETITORS.**

- Jim said CARS has approved a process for rule changes (both technical and administrative).

**ACTION: JIM TO SEND THIS OUT TO THE BOARD.**

- Darryl Malone, CARS Technical Director, is continuing to investigate seat-expiry rules.

## **5) Old Business –**

**(a) New provincial legislation on non-profits re RSO clubs – Bruce.** No report on the provincial side.

**(b) Improvements to the RSO Web site – Bruce / Warren.**

Bruce said the OPRC standings for 2013 and seed list are both up. He is using Google docs with some success. The website is working better, but more people need to be involved in maintaining it. Warren will be updating the OPRC standings.

**ACTION: JEANNIE: KEEP AS A REGULAR AGENDA ITEM (TO UPDATE AND KEEP IT FRESH BEFORE WE GIVE THE PROJECT TO A SUPPLIER).**

**(c) Format for poster and postcards – Bruce.** Postcards are done.

**ACTION: BRUCE TO CONTACT RAY AS HE IS GETTING PHOTOS FOR THE POSTER.**

**(d) Triangle rule – Ross.** The CARS committee has not yet discussed the suggested new rule / approach. Members on the call agreed that a triangle rule is already in place and needs to be enforced.

**ACTION: JEANNIE: KEEP ON AGENDA. ROSS TO PROVIDE UPDATES AS AVAILABLE.**

**(e) Vehicle tracking – Ross.** The CARS committee has investigated a number of tracking systems. The RallySafe system is quite expensive but good. There is a new system that is still in the development stage. CARS doesn't yet know if it will work with our geography.

**ACTION: JEANNIE: KEEP ON AGENDA. ROSS TO PROVIDE UPDATES AS AVAILABLE.**

## **6) ORRC Report – David.**

- The SNATR (KWRC/SPDA) on April 6 had 17 cars entered. It was a great event – well run. Next up are the Spring Runoff Rally (PMSC) on April 20, then the Blossom Rally (KWRC) on May 11.

- TAC – Discover Ontario Rally coming up in June; poor turnout last year. Rob has asked for suggestions to promote events, e.g. Facebook pages, brochures.
- Navigational school – looking at running prior to MLRC leg of the Mini-Monte in July in the same location: Inglewood. Three clubs have been involved in the Mini-Monte discussion: KWRC, SPDA and MLRC. They are considering moving the finish location to Rattlesnake Point.
- There was some discussion on having an RSO Facebook page. Bruce suggested having links to the clubs' Facebook pages from the RSO contact page.
- Bruce followed up on a possible Exhibition class, whereby nav rally competitors could compete in an event but not score ORRC points. Bruce hasn't had much feedback from organizers. He thinks there may be a place for the class in the Maple Leaf Winter Rally, but perhaps not for the others. It will be left up to the organizers whether or not they want to include this class.  
**ACTION: DAVID TO CARRY FORWARD TO ORGANIZERS AGAIN.**
- Bruce wants to post the Car Zero Report on our website and get more performance recipients on the e-mail list.
- The subject of the Growth Committee was raised, and the fact that we need it to promote our sport. If anyone is interested in sharing their ideas on promoting rallying, and taking the initiative to set them in place, please contact Bruce at [president@rallysport.on.ca](mailto:president@rallysport.on.ca).

## 7) OPRC Report – Warren.

- **Shannonville Stages Rally** is coming up on April 12-13. Entry is now at 12. The organizer has done a great job, combining tarmac and dirt stages. Warren predicts it will be a great event. Sponsor ClearWater Design is giving even more support this year.
- **Lanark Highlands Forest Rally, May 3-4** – the only issue is the insurance. The Supps are okay and on the website. Waiting on the Safety Plan. The Safety Officer was unable to get on the road this past weekend due to mud.  
**ACTION: IT SHOULD BE BRUCE'S ADDRESS FOR THE RSO CONTACT. JIM (SENIOR STEWARD) TO ADVISE ORGANIZER.**
- **Black Bear Rally, July 12-13** – Warren spoke to the organizer and plans are moving along quite well.  
**ACTION: WARREN WILL PROVIDE DEB (AT CARS) WITH THE SEED LIST.**

## OPRC PERFORMANCE RALLY RULES

### Classic Division

Purpose: To discuss the Classic Division OPRC and identify the changes required in order for the division to be relevant.

CARS will be coming out with new rules and ours will need to match up with then, but Ross doesn't think CARS is considering a Classic class.

There was some discussion about the cut-off age of the class, given its original concept. It was conceived to encourage older 2WD cars to compete. Depending on the cutoff date, some current competitors' AWD cars will soon be eligible. Do we want them in the Classic category?

Motion to remove 4WD vehicles from being eligible. Unanimous. Carried.

**ACTION: WARREN TO WRITE UP AND CIRCULATE THE RULES TO COMPETITORS FOR COMMENT.**

### **Championships**

Purpose: To determine if OPRC will have two championships — 4WD and 2WD.

Motion to have 4WD and 2WD OPRC championships. Unanimous. Carried.

### **Open Championship**

Purpose: To determine if we keep this as a championship.

CARS is now scoring two championships: overall 4WD and overall 2WD. Has the word "Open" become obsolete?

**ACTION: WARREN TO CHECK WITH DARRYL MALONE RE WORDING FOR CARS CHAMPIONSHIP.**

### **2014 Championship Scoring**

Purpose: To determine the number of events to score.

Some discussion, with the suggestion that the number of events scored for 2014 be, e.g., score all but one of the total number of events (e.g., 7 out of 8 events would be scored).

**ACTION: WARREN TO CANVASS COMPETITORS FOR COMMENT.**

Some discussion of sponsor plaques and whether they were valued. Warren suggested asking a key sponsor for his opinion.

**ACTION: BRUCE TO CONTACT RAY TO COLLECT FEEDBACK AND REPORT BACK.**

**8) Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair.** No report.

**9) Scrutineer's Report – Steve van Rees.** No report.

**10) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood.** Timing equipment – under budget on servicing Rallye Perce Neige. Working out details with teams to go to Baie des Chaleurs. Ontario events are well under control. Will buy new course-car lights before Lanark Highlands Forest Rally in May.

**11) New Business –**

**(a) Growth of Performance Rally – RallyCross and RallySprint – Ross Wood.**

**ACTION: DEFER TO NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA. JEANNIE.**

**(b) Insurance-related items – Jim.** (Covered in Item 4) CARS update.)

- The RSO position on reimbursement of costs for the worker in question; and
- The issue of event insurance in general.

**(c) Promotion of series sponsors vs. event sponsors in the Car Zero Report – Bruce.**

RSO has two series sponsors who are competitors and supporters. The matter of sponsors was discussed and it was agreed that Bruce will mention these two sponsors in his Car Zero reports.

**ACTION: BRUCE TO START MENTIONING THE SPONSORS IN THE NEXT CAR ZERO REPORT.**

**(d) CASC-OR revenue sharing – Ross.** RSO clubs are required to affiliate with both RSO and CASC-OR. Clubs question why they must be affiliated with both, especially given that two are rally-only clubs. CARS has not yet considered the matter.

**ACTION: DEFER TO THE NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA. JEANNIE.**

**ACTION: BRUCE TO CONTACT RAY BEFORE NEXT MEETING.**

## 12) Club News

**(a) BEMC (per Bob McCallum)**

**(b) KWRC (per Martin Loveridge)**

KWRC had a good turnout for its first event in the Toyo Tires Saturday Night at the Rallies (SNATR) series. Sixteen cars were entered, three in the expert class. All the cars made all of the controls and some excellent scores were turned in.

Everybody who enters or works a SNATR gets in on a draw for a set of Toyo Tires.

The next couple of weekends are busy as many KWRC members are helping out at Shannonville Stages and Spring Runoff. The next KWRC event is the Blossom Rally / Blossom SNATR on May 11. There is a KWRC meeting this week on Thursday. We also need workers for the Girls Inc. of Halton charity rally on Sunday, May 26.

We've had discussions with MLRC and SPDA on this year's Mini-Monte and the possibility of including the navigational rally school with it. Whatever the format, the rally is a go again for this year.

Lots to keep us busy.

Martin Loveridge  
President, KWRC

**(c) MCO (per Rob Shotton)**

Planning for the May 3-4 Lanark Highlands Forest Rally ([www.lhfr.ca](http://www.lhfr.ca)) is in its final stages:

- Competitor registration is open. Late entry fees begin to apply after April 25. Entries will continue to be accepted until the close of registration at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 4. The maximum number of entries is 30, a figure which was nearly reached last year.

- Approximately 50 volunteers have already registered and more are welcome, particularly radio operators and experienced timing marshals.

After the performance rally, the Motorsports Club of Ottawa's Four Seasons TSD rally series ([www.lhfr.ca/tsd](http://www.lhfr.ca/tsd)) will continue:

May 25 – Spring Fling Rally (daytime)  
 July 17 – Summer Heat Rally (evening)  
 September 25 – Just Fall Rally (evening)  
 November 2 – Fall Night Rally (night)

In acknowledgement of the RSO Annual General Meeting, the Motorsports Club of Ottawa wishes to thank all of those who have served on the RSO executive and those who committed to continue to do so.

**(d) MLRC (per David Maynard)**

MLRC is holding a Rallycross on June 23. The Black Bear Rally will be held on July 12-13. The Black Bear work day will be on June 22.

**(e) PMSC (per Pete Gulliver)**

April is a busy month for PMSC with OPRC Shannonville Stages Rally (SSR) on April 13. Saturday, April 20, is the 33rd running of ORRC Spring Run Off Rally. Squeezed in between these Rallies is PMSC's first Solo Two event on April 14.

SSR was one of those fantastic but disappointing events as entry was only 12 cars. Everyone who entered had a fantastic time and even those who could not finish had a great time.

However, for the organizers, the disappointing entry makes it extremely unlikely this event will return unless a way to increase entries is arrived at. PMSC had a number of queries from non-Rallyists wanting to run but current rules do not allow these entries. These are people whose vehicles are completely track legal and can run side by side at high speed. However, as cages-seats, etc. do not follow CARS regulations, they cannot compete???????

**A report from PMSC's Len Arminio follows:**

Big congratulations to Martin Donnelly and Angela Cosner, both of MLRC, for taking the Shannonville Stages Rally Overall and 4-wheel-drive classes. They survived an episode of "automotive forestry" to outpace the team of Ryan Huber and Kelly Mathew by two-and-a half minutes. Donnelly found a tree in the wooded, gravel "triangle" portion of the Fabi loop in the long stage just before the lunch break. His wrench crew pieced things back together in time for the restart.

Right behind Ryan and Kelly, by only 0:13, were Chris Martin and Jeff Lehmann. Kudos, also, to Alan Ryall and Bruce Leonard who wound up in 4th, just 0:55 behind Martin/Lehman. The top 2-wheel-drive team was driver Jonathan Strack and co-driver Brian Sexsmith.

The next OPRC event is the Lanark Highlands Forest Rally on May 4 in the Town of Lanark. The next rally event for PMSC is the Spring Run Off Rally on Saturday, April 20.

The 180-kilometre navigational rally starts and finishes at the Forum Restaurant on Hwy. 115/35 South near Newcastle.

**(f) TAC (per Rob McAuley)**

**(g) SPDA (per Trevor Hancher)**

There's nothing to report for SPDA this month.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:04 p.m.

**13) Next Meeting – June 3, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. by teleconference.**