



FINAL Minutes – revised

RSO Board / Executive Meeting – January 20, 2014
Minutes

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

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Bruce Leonard	President	Yes
Peter Watt	CARS Rally Director for RSO	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
Ray Felice	RSO Past President	
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	Yes
Mike Koch	MCO Club Representative	Yes
David Maynard	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Eric Brunner	St. LAC Club Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	Yes

Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda – added.** Approved as amended – Gulliver / Maynard. Unanimous. Carried.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (December 9, 2013)** – Approved as written. Maynard / Haywood. Unanimous. Carried.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report – Pete.** Financial documents were sent in advance to the Board and club members in on the call. Some discussion on the balance sheet to date.

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Gulliver / Maynard. Unanimous. Carried.

4) CARS update – Peter Watt.

(a) CARS 2013 AGM, January 10 and 11, 2014, in Québec City.

Report on the 2013 CARS AGM and Board Meetings

Board Meetings:

John Hall re-elected as CARS President

Usual stuff common to all boards

Budget: 2013 - deficit less than anticipated
 2014 - planning for smaller deficit
 2015 - expect to move to positive position

Marketing team working on potential new National Sponsor
Membership and licence fees posted on web – modest increase

Several rule initiatives in works

- vehicle weights
- vehicle classifications
- restart rules
- safety plans

Exciting News – New Media Partners

Formula Photographic – Warwick Patterson/Dean Campbell (creators of Subaru of America's "Launch Control" series).

President's Vision Document for Rally in Canada to be published on web in very near future

AGM: New record set – 7.5 minutes

Extraordinary AGM: Held to change CARS Bylaws, bringing them into line with new Federal Legislation.* Passed with a little clarification from Martin Loveridge.

Awards Gala held to honour CARS 2013 winners as well as RSQ Award Winners (results on web)

All pertinent documents and reports to be published on the CARS website in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted: Peter Watt

* Further discussion took place, as Martin Loveridge clarified that we are now operating under the new guidelines. A Document of Continuance will be sent to the government by October.

Martin pointed out that every member of an RSO-affiliated club in Ontario will get a vote at the RSO AGM as regards the choice of the CARS rep for RSO (new in March 2013). The Ontario member clubs will vote at the following year's CARS AGM whether to confirm this person. (Votes are per club; not per individual.) The expectation is that CARS would approve the person chosen by RSO members.

Bruce reminded those attending from RSO who are eligible for expenses to submit their detailed accounts to the RSO Board. They are: Jim Morrow, Peter Watt and Bruce Leonard.

5) Old Business –

(a) RSO posters and a new website to support growth of the sport – Bruce / Warren.

Bruce will work on RSO promotion, including designing posters with Ray, and tear-strips listing the RSO website to post in grocery stores, etc.

ACTION: BRUCE TO FOLLOW UP ON POSTERS AND TEAR-STRIPS.

Jeremy Norris is shooting to get something on www.oprc.ca prior to Rallye Perce Neige and anticipates a launch prior to February 7. They're designing a site logo.

Warren to ask competitors for their team information. Jeremy's plan is to focus on the competitors, more on the excitement side – competitors' cars, sponsorship, etc. They will post videos and photos on the site as they come in.

ACTION: WARREN TO FOLLOW UP ON [WWW.OPRC.ca](http://www.OPRC.ca) WEBSITE.

(b) Calendar dates for RSO 2014 calendar – Warren.

Two schools are in the works:

- The Ham radio course will likely be held on the weekend of March 15-16 or March 29-30. Warren to discuss with instructor and with Roger, to fit it in with other clubs' plans.
- The date of the school for Stewards is under discussion. Alasdair Robertson to get back to Warren about his availability, to run a school within 60-90 days. Alasdair asked for Ross to help instruct. Likely Newmarket venue. Will update when known.

(c) Changes to one-event CARS licence – Bruce. Bruce to write a proposal, on behalf of RSO, regarding one-event licensing, mainly for co-drivers. Bruce to discuss with the CARS Rules Committee; John Hall could also provide insight.

(d) OPRC organizer's checklist – Jeannie. Seeking comments from Ross to fine-tune the checklist, which is geared to new organizers.

ACTION: JEANNIE AND ROSS TO DISCUSS BY PHONE.

(e) CASC-OR affiliation for RSO-member clubs – Bruce. Only two RSO-member clubs are rally-only, and Bruce thinks their CASC-OR affiliation should be optional. Bruce has not seen an agreement referencing RSO.

Some discussion on the various regions and their approaches to dealing with this. Although the two RSO clubs do not benefit from this affiliation, they cannot just opt out as they require ASN insurance for their events.

It is a complex situation that Martin Loveridge and Bruce Leonard will discuss and try to find a resolution to.

6) ORRC Report – David.

The first ORRC of the 2014 season will be KWRC's Frostbite Rally on February 1. Next up will be the MLRC Polar Bear Rally out of Bancroft, overnight on February 15-16. Workers are needed and wanted. If you can help, please contact Bruce Leonard at president@rallysport.on.ca.

7) OPRC Report – Warren.

- **Canadian rally media sponsorship.**

Warren is looking to get a proposal approved that so that OPRC can enter with a relationship with Canadian Rally.

Some discussion over costs of such things as media vests and the backdrop for podium ceremonies, and other potential signage.

ACTION: WARREN TO INVESTIGATE THESE COSTS.

Discussion on the logistics of sponsorship and any potential conflicts. The main part of the package focuses on standalone events.

OPRC series is presented by Canadian Rally, but the events themselves can be presented by anyone. Some discussion on opportunities and costs.

ACTION: WARREN TO REFINE HIS PROPOSAL AND SEND TO THE BOARD.

- **Sponsorship guidelines.**

Document was sent out to the board previously, re an arrangement with Canadian Rally (Peter MacDonald). It's a rough outline of what you give and what you get with three simple categories.

Some discussion: each event may have different requirements. Use document as a base on which to work out details. We could tailor our sponsorship guidelines to our current sponsors, and to grow future events with new sponsors.

ACTION: WARREN AND PETER WATT TO DISCUSS; WARREN TO RE-SEND TO THE BOARD WHEN TWEAKED. PETERW TO RESEARCH WITH KEITH MORISON.

- **OPRC Performance Rally rules –**

(a) Allowing more competitors to qualify for the championship.

Warren led the discussion about possible ways to allow more competitors to qualify for the OPRC championship. Warren would like to be able to open the championship up; to break down some barriers and have fewer qualifications. The standards would remain, but perhaps the number of events needed to qualify, etc., could be reviewed.

Some discussion on importance of standalones like GCFR and LHFR and wording around those events. Number and type of events have changed since those rules. Need to examine various scenarios.

ACTION: WARREN TO SEND OUT EMAIL SUGGESTIONS TO THE BOARD.

(b) Competitor standings.

Warren has updated the standings and seed list for the RSO website and will send to Bruce for posting.

ACTION: WARREN TO SEND BRUCE UPDATED LISTS.

(c) Sponsor plaques and Car Zero Report.

- Discussed recognizing ClearWater Design's continuing contribution at the AGM this year.

ACTION: AWARD TO BE ORDERED WITH THE OTHERS.

- Displaying RSO plaques at dealerships. Bruce confirmed with his Subaru contact that the plaques are displayed, so we will continue with those.
- Bruce went over readership stats from the "Car Zero Report" and the new format under Mail Chimp since the list has exceeded 500 subscribers.

8) Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair.

9) Scrutineer's Report – Steve van Rees, Chief Scrutineer.

No report for this meeting. Tall Pines is covered in the Minutes of December 9, 2013.

10) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood.

(a) 2014 Timing Equipment Rental Budget.

Two documents were sent in advance to the Board and the club reps on the call. We should still make some money this year, although entry numbers are down. This is a really conservative budget and it still shows us making a little bit.

11) New Business –

(a) Eastern Canadian Rally Championship – Ross.

Under consideration is a championship of four Eastern Canadian events, which has been received in a positive light by the four organizers. Keep it simple. Prizes would be awarded at year-end. The four CRC classes would be used and each would have minimum \$500 cash prize at end of season. The series would include Charlevoix and one Ontario event. Some discussion of possible expansion of standalone OPRC events to be eligible for this series.

They would like to include at least one more standalone event from each province. Warren said this could be of great benefit to Ontario rallyists to participate. Good all around.

(b) Quebec insurance issues affect OPRC entry – Ross.

Tall Pines and other OPRC entries were down this year and one factor was fewer Quebec entrants. We are told that this is due to an interpretation re insurance coverage if Quebec rally cars run outside Quebec. The matter will be researched further.

(c) RSO AGM and RSO Awards – Pete.

The Rallysport Ontario Annual General Meeting will be held on March 22 at the Baker's Hill Banquet Centre, 555 Parkhill Road East (at Television Road), in Peterborough. The

hall has been booked.

The VP's for Performance and Navigational rallying are notifying the award-winners, and will let Jeannie know who has confirmed their attendance (Pete and Jeannie are working on the banquet).

The positions up for election are: VP Navigational (incumbent is standing again), Secretary (incumbent is leaving), CARS Director to RSO (incumbent is standing again), and Trustee (one of the three trustees is stepping down this year). Ross is searching for a replacement Secretary.

Need to determine if there are any Motions to be posted ahead of time.

The Secretary asked for Board reports to be submitted in early March for posting on the RSO website.

The Treasurer's financial report will be available in advance of the AGM upon request. The president of any club may contact the Treasurer on behalf of a member who wants this information.

(d) Canadian Motorsports Expo – Ross.

The cost is \$850 for a 10x10 booth. Targa Newfoundland (Bob Giannou) may be there. Targa and RSO used to share a booth and split the cost in half. Maybe team up with Targa? Feb 7-8-9. Observe this year with a view to doing this in 2015.

ACTION: DAVID AND BRUCE WANT TO ATTEND.

12) Growth initiatives for the Rally community –

Bruce is working on something that can be printed and posted anywhere. It would have tear-off strips to direct people to the RSO and OPRC websites. David created the RSO Facebook page, which currently has 39 members. Bruce requested that he add our Facebook page to the RSO website and tag it.

ACTION: ROGER AND BRUCE TO WORK ON GETTING THE FACEBOOK LINK ON THE RSO WEBSITE.

13) Club News

(a) British Empire Motor Club (BEMC) (per Bob McCallum)

(b) Kitchener–Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)

KWRC has some new people on the executive:

Martin Loveridge – President

Alex Cox – Vice President

Liisa Tuokko – Treasurer

Christina Chinn – Secretary

The CARS AGM went well, the main items being the new media package partnership including our own Past President Adam Dowsett. Some form of super-rally is coming (restarting after a DNF); if you have any views on that, let them be known now. The EGM passed the new bylaws that KWRC members worked so hard on.

The awards ceremony was really different. In an effort to increase the attendance, Eric Tremblay scheduled a performance rally for that day with the awards at the AGM. Nineteen cars started the icy road; 120km later, 19 cars finished and in the evening the rally came to the Awards ceremony.

To get the people to mingle the dinner and ceremony was a stand-up affair. The hotel had lots of food designed for eating while standing.

Jeremy Norris received the Novice Champion award and won the Production 4WD class. The three awards for two-wheel-drive that KWRC made and donated were well received: the Terry and Linda Epp Trophy, the Ross Wood Trophy, and the Fred and Thelma Baker Trophy.

Our annual banquet was January 18 and was attended by 41 people. It was a dedicated group of club members that worked really hard to put it on once again, and I think it was a great success. The club thanks Bruce Leonard for MC'ing the awards and Jamie Puddester for his talk on rally in Newfoundland.

Frostbite is on February 1, the first event of the 2014 ORRC championship. We'll have Touring class instructions along with the usual classes. We're doing seven SNATR's for 2014, three ORRC's, one charity rally and a First Aid course.

(c) Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (per Mike Koch)

MCO's only 2014 ORRC will take place on November 1 from Perth. Mike will provide the dates of the club TSD series to Bruce for posting, when known. The Lanark Highlands Forest Rally on May 3 will include a TSD component for the first time.

(d) Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per David Maynard)

The first 2014 Rallycross will be held in Bancroft on January 26. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Ross Wood.

(e) Peterborough Motor Sports Club (PMSC) (per Pete Gulliver)

January 22, 2014 — The Peterborough Motor Sports Club dropped the green flag on its 61st year with the first round of the Magnum Printing/Mobil 1 Ice Race Series in Minden, on January 18 and 19. The 159 entries included 16 rookies competing in Rubber-to-Ice and Street Stud classes.

The annual PMSC Awards night on January 22nd sees 16 trophies and plaques handed out for achievements in several disciplines.

Next event for PMSC is the Shannonville Stages Rally (SSR) on Saturday, April 12, which PMSC is co-hosting with St. LAC.

Held in conjunction with SSR will be the Salmon River Rally, a TSD rally held on the track (this is a non-series event).

(f) St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Eric Brunner)

ST. LAC EVENTS for 2014: (Tentative Schedule yet to be completely confirmed)

PAF: Picton Air Field

SMP: Shannonville Motorsport Park

#	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
1	Sun 16 Feb	Snow Driving Skill #2 (fall back date: 23 Feb)	PAF
2	Sat 12 Apr	RSO Stages Rally (assisting PMSC)	SMP
3a	Fri 25 Apr	"Spring Fling" Regional Race Test & Tune	SMP-Fabi
3b	Sat 26 Apr	Second Day of "Spring Fling"	SMP-Fabi
4a	Sat 26 Apr	Regional Race School	SMP-Nelson
4b	Sun 27 Apr	Second Day of Regional Race School	SMP
5	Sun 11 May	Test & Tune and Slalom School	PAF
6	Sun 18 May	Club Slalom	PAF
7	Sun 25 May	Club Slalom	PAF
8	Sat 31 May	Regional Slalom (Jack Luck Tribute #5)	PAF
9	Sun 1 Jun	Regional Slalom (Judy Brunner Memorial #15)	PAF
10	Mon 2 Jun	Lapping Day	SMP-Long Track
11	Tue 17 Jun	Evening Club Slalom	SMP
12	Thu 26 Jun	Evening Club Slalom	SMP
13	Tue 8 Jul	Evening Club Slalom	SMP
14	Fri 18 Jul	Evening Lapping Session	SMP-Fabi
15	Sat 19 Jul	Slalom with St. LAC and MR2 Clubs	PAF
16	Sun 20 Jul	Pro-Solo with St. LAC and MR2 Clubs	PAF
17	Thu 31 Jul	Evening Club Slalom	SMP
18	Sun 7 Sep	Club Slalom	PAF
19	Sun 14 Sep	Club Slalom	PAF
20	Sun 21 Sep	Club Slalom	PAF
21	Sun 28 Sep	Club Slalom	PAF
22	Sun 5 Oct	Club Slalom	PAF

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(g) Subaru Performance Drivers' Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)

SPDA kicks off our 2014 season with our Annual General Meeting on February 9, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Dave and Busters near Hwy 400 and 407. Non-members are welcome.

Please see the link for reservations and fees: <http://www.spda-online.com/showthread.php?63171-SPDA-AGM-February-9th-RSVP-Please>

Planning is under way to return to Huntsville, Ontario, for Snokhana 2014. Launched in 2013 to great success, the Snokhana is a winter auto-slalom run on a snow and ice-covered airport runway. The event, which will be held on March 1, 2014, is hosted by SPDA with the Toronto Subaru Club. Entry details are being discussed and will be made available on both clubs' web sites.

(h) Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Dietmar Seelenmayer)

TAC will be hosting an Ice Race at Minden on February 22. The club will have one ORRC this year, the Discover Ontario Rally on June 21.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

13) Next Meeting – Monday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. by teleconference.