



RSO Board / Executive Meeting – February 24, 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	Regrets
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	

Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda** – Approved as amended – Watt / Gulliver. Unanimous. Carried.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (January 20)** – Approved as written. MacGillivray / Haywood. Unanimous. Carried.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report – Pete.** Financial documents were sent in advance to the Board and club reps in on the call. Some discussion of the balance sheet. Gulliver / Watt. Unanimous. Carried.
- 4) **CARS – Peter Watt.**
CARS Report for February RSO meeting from Peter Watt

Not much CARS news to report this month. Perce Neige Rally ran successfully. From an RSO perspective, 12 of the 38 starters were OPRC entries; only 2 were OPRC only. There were 10 regional finishers and 19 national finishers. The championship is now entering a four-month hiatus before resuming in New Richmond, Quebec.

CARS is planning on instituting a restart procedure effective April 1, 2014. I'm a bit unclear as to the application in a couple of spots but generally it appears well thought-out. Shannonville will be using my interpretation of the rule this year. If you want my take, just ask.

Our next CARS meeting is March 12.

5) Old Business –

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

Bruce sent a link to the Board with a draft poster that is suitable for anyone to print off and post.

ACTION: ALL: PROVIDE COMMENTS SO THE POSTER CAN BE FINALIZED.

OPRC website, www.oprc.ca: Warren is working with Jeremy Norris on this. Sent out a draft OPRC logo to the Board. Aiming to have the website up and running before Shannonville Stages.

(b) RSO School for Stewards – Warren.

The RSO Stewards' school has a tentative date of April 27, and will be held at the Girl Guides facility in Newmarket.

ACTION: WARREN TO SEND BOARD HIS LIST OF TWO YEARS AGO IDENTIFYING ACTIVE STEWARDS WHO DID NOT ATTEND A SCHOOL AT THAT TIME.

ACTION: ROSS AND WARREN TO DISCUSS NAMES OF POSSIBLE STEWARDS.

Discussed need for Stewards to have 2014 CARS rulebooks.

ACTION: WARREN TO PROVIDE LIST OF RSO STEWARDS TO PETER WATT SO HE CAN ORDER WHAT'S NEEDED FROM DEB AT CARS.

(c) Changes to one-event CARS licence – Bruce.

Bruce read a note he will send to the CARS Admin Rules Committee regarding one-event licensing, mainly for co-drivers. It suggests ways of reducing the cost for a new co-driver, as not all will want to run a second event.

(d) OPRC organizer's checklist – Jeannie.

ACTION: JEANNIE TO ASK DONNA CASTLEDINE FOR LATEST VERSION OF TALL PINES CHECKLIST.

ACTION: JEANNIE TO REVIEW WITH ROSS POST-AGM.

(e) CASC-OR affiliation for RSO-member clubs – Bruce.

Two RSO-member clubs are rally-only, but require CASC-OR affiliation. A CASC-OR Presidents' Meeting is scheduled, but its timing is such that KWRC will need to renew their insurance to cover an upcoming event.

Some discussion about situations where rally drivers might want to move into racing.

ACTION: BRUCE TO FOLLOW UP.

(f) Eastern Canadian Rally Championship – Ross.

Under consideration is a championship of four Eastern Canadian events which would include one or more OPRC events. It is likely to happen for three national events in 2014, but would not include a regional-only. Plan is to go ahead for the two Quebec nationals remaining and Tall Pines. Some discussion as to who the RSO contact should be. No decision was made.

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

Tall Pines and other OPRC entries were down this year and one factor was fewer Quebec entrants. Some discussion as to how the insurance situation works in Quebec.

ACTION: WARREN TO GET FURTHER INFORMATION AND TALK TO COMPETITORS.

ACTION: SUGGEST THAT WE PROMOTE SHANNONVILLE STAGES IN QUEBEC, SINCE PUBLIC ROADS WILL NOT BE USED.

(h) RSO AGM and RSO Awards – Pete / Jeannie.

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, to be followed by an awards banquet.

Board positions: We have candidates for all positions.

All membership lists from club reps have been received. Award-winners have been notified, as have event organizers, Stewards, Sweep and Timing teams, etc.

Some discussion on awards. Decision made to go with individual awards. Discussion on size and appearance.

ACTION: BRUCE TO ORDER INDIVIDUAL PLAQUES IN SAME DESIGN AS LAST YEAR.

Discussion on the price of the banquet ticket. Decision to hold the cost at \$20.

ACTION: PETER WATT TO PROVIDE TICKETS FOR THE BANQUET. JEANNIE TO REMIND PETER A FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE.

(i) Canadian Motorsports Expo – David / Bruce.

David attended and checked in with the Targa Newfoundland booth, which had good traffic. Talked to rally suppliers and some CASC-OR competitors. Some discussion as to the value were RSO to participate, and who we might team up with. Will revisit for 2015.

6) ORRC Report – David.

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Frostbite

Frostbite Rally was hosted by KWRC on February 1 with 26 competitors: 4 Expert, 3 Intermediate and 19 Novice. The day brought a heavy snowfall to add to the challenges of organizer Dennis Wharton's instructions. Dennis had a Plan B in place to cap speeds at 65

km/hr. Due to the conditions, the rally was finished for the Novice competitors at the end of Leg A. The Novices were allowed to continue on to Leg B but only scores from Leg A would be counted. Most of the Novices chose to continue on with the Experts and Intermediates.

Louis and Brian won Expert class with a total score of 1.4 and Louis didn't even have snow tires on his Subaru! The winners of Intermediate were Guy and Ryan. Koiter and Killing won Novice class. A great rally! Well done, KWRC.

Polar Bear

The Polar Bear Rally was held overnight on February 15 and 16 with a total of 27 entries, including 3 that entered the "Bear Cub," the shorter version of Polar Bear that ended after the four hours it took to finish Leg A. Here is organizer Bruce Leonard's recap of the event:

"Congratulations to the winners: Massimo and Dan in the Bear Cub Rally; Stephen and Opal — Expert; Doug and Adam — Intermediate; and Christopher and Bryce took the Novice win.

The event was well attended (24 for the whole rally, and 3 for the shorter Bear Cub rally). Conditions were near perfect — forgiving snowbanks, near full moon, cold temperature. Ross Wood corralled the CP workers, ending up with 8 CP teams and a Sweep team. We determined that 3 CP's in Leg A would have to be dropped. All CP teams made their locations in time.

There were a few cars that went off-road, but most, I believe, were helped back by fellow competitors. Two teams dropped out very early due to motion sickness.

The format of a long leg, then two shorter legs, seemed to work. The second and third legs weren't so onerous to run after getting the long one out of the way. It helped with scoring as well; Martin Loveridge had the final numbers posted 15 minutes after the last team checked in.

Instructions for Novice were distance-to-turn and tulips, while Expert/Intermediate (E/I) worked with less info (no road names, for example), or non-cumulative distances, or miles instead of kilometres. In Leg C, E/I instructions for 2 of the 3 sections were "take the shortest distance from SOS to EOS" with the EOS map provided.

As has been mentioned, a Touring class should have been available for the competitors that just want to drive. A full green-crew was not done, which showed with some errors in the E/I instruction.

Overall, a successful event, with some glitches that should have been caught by the organizer."

7) OPRC Report – Warren.

(a) Rally Perce Neige 2014. Recap on event. Want to improve OPRC numbers for next year. Next year is their 50th anniversary, so a special year.

(b) Canadian rally media sponsorship.

Discussion on having OPRC enter into a relationship with Canadian Rally.

Warren sent out a package earlier today and would like to get the Board's approval. First cut of video program is 6-1/2 minutes and it's really good. Needs narration, will be done later this week.

Podium backdrop / banner. New logo, new branding. Roughly \$6/sq. ft. a banner that you roll up, very versatile and durable.

Media proposal as presented – Gulliver / Haywood. Unanimous. Carried.

(c) Sponsorship guidelines.

RSO is looking into an agreement with Canadian Rally (Peter MacDonald). It's a rough outline of what you give and what you get with three simple categories.

ACTION: WARREN AND PETERW TO DISCUSS BY EMAIL BEFORE NEXT MEETING.

(d) OPRC Performance Rally rules –

Some discussion of the draft OPRC rules, sent in advance to the Board. OPRC rules to complement those of CARS. Some fine-tuning of content. It will be re-sent to the Board and be discussed in a round table meeting.

- **Competitor standings.**

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

(e) OPRC round table.

Warren wants to discuss the media program, OPRC website and a big part of the rule set (qualifications of championships) with licensed drivers. He wants to know plans, any impediments to competing that competitors are experiencing. Looking for feedback that we can work with.

(f) DMACK 2014-2015 sponsorship of the OPRC.

Going back and forth with Chris Martin to get support network with DMACK. Last stage of stand-alone regional would be DMACK stage = max improved speed factor. This is all for competitors. For Shannonville, hopefully.

(g) Steward assignments for OPRC events.

Steward assignments are 99% complete.

(h) RSQ participation in OPRC.

Want to increase RSQ participation in OPRC events. First step may be posting a notice where RSQ competitors will see it.

7) Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair.

**8) Scrutineer's Report – Steve van Rees, Chief Scrutineer.
Scrutineer's Report – Feb 14**

There has not been much activity since December.

I would like to remind all competitors to check the date of manufacture on their BSI standard helmets. They have to be less than 10 years old.

It is also a good time to inspect and check the date of manufacture of your seats. Seat mounts should be checked as well.

**9) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood.
RSO Equipment Manager's Report for February 24, 2014 RSO Meeting**

General Equipment

A number of small purchases have been made of equipment for the trailer.

The RSO 'atomic' clocks are now being taken to all ORRC as well as OPRC events.

Electronic Timing Equipment Service Agreement – The maintenance agreement with Newell Enterprises has been renewed for 2014.

Perce Neige – Five members of the RSO Expert Timing team travelled to Quebec for the Rallye Perce Neige. Once again, there were no timing inquiries, and the team worked seamlessly. A new Expert member, Kevin DeVries, was broken in at this event. The new cables were clearly a huge improvement in the cold. The two minor glitches that we had with equipment were tracked down to the few remaining old cables that will be replaced before the next event. The weekend ran on budget.

MLRC Rallycrosses – RSO provided timing for the two MLRC winter Rallycrosses with no issues. The January event was held in extreme cold, but the new cables worked flawlessly. It is interesting to note that the Rallycross timing is the most complicated of all the events that we do, as the Start and Finish units have to talk to each other electronically and calculate ET's for every run of every car, including keeping track of multiple cars at a time.

Timing Team Training – A half-day session will be held in April or May for anyone interested in becoming more proficient in operating the timing equipment and/or in becoming a member of the RSO Expert Timing Team that travels to events. Contact Ross if interested in attending at ross.wood@rallysport.on.ca.

Timing Team at RSO Awards – The Timing Team Experts will be attending the RSO Awards Banquet on March 22 in Peterborough.

Shannonville Stages Rally (SSR) – The Organizers of the SSR have requested special use of the timing equipment to do additional Interim Time Controls (mid-stage) for the TSD portion of the event. A fee has been set for rental of additional equipment for this initiative.

10) New Business –

(a) All: Please check the RSO "Contacts" page and let Roger know of any errors.

(b) March 29 – KWRC is holding a First Aid course. RSO members are welcome to take it. The contact person is listed on the website: www.kwrc.on.ca/.

11) Growth initiatives for the Rally community –

Please see 5(a) regarding posters to direct people to the RSO and OPRC websites. Some discussion on linking the Facebook page to the RSO website.

ACTION: ASK ROGER TO LINK THE FACEBOOK PAGE FROM RSO WEBSITE.

13) Club News

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

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

Over the last month KWRC has hosted the Frostbite rally, which had 26 cars running in some interesting weather. Everybody seemed to enjoy the challenge. Interest in the Touring class was lower than expected, so we might have to revisit the concept in the future. Thanks go to all the people that helped get the event together.

Things are starting to get busy heading into spring. The next club meeting is March 13, and the RSO AGM is March 22 in Peterborough.

We are holding a First Aid course on Saturday, March 29, and anyone who needs a certificate is welcome to attend. Details are on the KWRC web site: www.kwrc.on.ca.

A week later will be our first Toyo Tires Saturday Night at the Rallies (SNATR) of the season on April 5. Details will be posted shortly. We are doing seven SNATR's this year and we will have two classes of instructions to keep some challenge in the series. April will also see many KWRC members helping out at PMSC's Shannonville Stages and Spring Runoff events.

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

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

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Can-Jam Motorsports Rallycross Championship

Event 1: January 26: 25 competitors in four classes tackled the snow-covered Golton Stage.

Event 2: February 23: 42 entries.

The Rallycross series is running near capacity with great competition that includes some OPRC drivers that come out to have fun. The next Rallycross event is June 22.

Black Bear

Organizer Derek Vincent is putting together his crew for the event. Planning for 2014 Black Bear is underway.

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

Since PMSC completed its ice race in January, club activity, like Wiarton Willie, is enjoying a brief hibernation. That hasn't kept some PMSC individuals from motorsport activities. In February, Len Arminio was Clerk of the Course for an additional ice race and attended the Motorsports Expo in Toronto. Our Competition Director visited Daytona and a couple others have been volunteering at Perce Neige. The PMSC Treasurer and club rep is currently examining one of the largest collections of working historic vehicles on the streets of Cuba.

Plans are underway for the Spring Run-Off Rally on April 26, in the ORRC series. Solo, the most popular discipline for PMSC member competitors, kicks off on Sunday, April 27, at Kawartha Downs.

PMSC is gearing up for both the April 12 Shannonville Stages Rally OPRC and Salmon River Rally, a TSD event held in conjunction with Shannonville Stages. Salmon River will give those who may be interested in competing in Performance Rally in the future to get a taste of Performance without making the cost commitment. Speeds will be controlled. We urge interested people to contact the Registrar or Organizer ASAP. There is a limit of 16 spaces.

The combined events need lots of workers to help with these great events. Visit <http://shannonville.pmsc.on.ca/index.html> for both rallies and to volunteer.

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

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

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

Motion to adjourn: Gulliver / Watt. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

13) Next Meeting – Board to meet in person on Sunday, March 30. Location: Peterborough. If not, then conference call on March 31.