



FINAL MINUTES

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – July 28th, 2014 Minutes

LOCATION – Teleconference – Meeting @ 7:30pm

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
Kelly Mathew	Secretary	YES
Pete Gulliver	Treasurer	YES
Ross Wood	Executive Assistant / Equipment Manager	YES
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	NO
Steve van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	NO
Vacant	Growth Committee	NO
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	NO
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	NO
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Regrets
Mike Koch	MCO Club Representative	NO
David Maynard	MLRC Club Representative	YES
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	YES
Eric Brunner	St. LAC Club Representative	NO
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Regrets
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	NO

Agenda

1. **Approval of/additions to agenda** – Approved as amended – Gulliver/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (June 23)** – Approved as written. Mathew/Haywood. Unanimous. Carried.

3. **Treasurer's Report – Pete G** Financial documents were sent out in advance. Some discussion with regards to Road Damage bill post Black Bear. Ross suggested splitting it between the Tall Pines Rally & the Black Bear Rally as no grading/road repairs done post Tall Pines due to weather/road condition constraints.

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

In future, the Road Damage bill received after the Black Bear Rally will be split between the Black Bear Rally and Rally of the Tall Pines.

4. **CARS update – Peter Watt**

CARS Report to the RSO Board – Items of possible interest to RSO from the CARS Board Meeting of July 14, 2014

- a. **2015 CARS AGM** – will be moved to Toronto & event travel costs curtailed. These measures taken as cost cutting issues due to a shortfall in sponsorship monies.
 - **Currently looking for more sponsors**
 - **Future discussion: RSO involvement at CARS AGM – Do we hold our annual awards presentation there in conjunction with theirs?**
- b. **RallySafe Tracking** – CARS seems to be leaning towards the RallySafe tracking system (Ross has agenda item). I'd like Board input whether to support this (RallySafe)
- c. **Permanent Car Numbers** – Chris Martin has offered help developing potential for permanent car numbers.

Pretty short report this month

Respectfully submitted

Peter Watt

Additional notes from Peter W - I had a discussion with Mike Hurst about the restrictor rule for 2015. Rally America seems headed towards a 33mm restrictor for all competitors with a 95 speed factor and higher. All others can remain at 34mm. Not sure how this will affect Canada. Mike no longer works full time for Rally America. His new job is with SFI.

ACTION: TO DISCUSS AT A LATER DATE – RSO INVOLVEMENT AT CARS AGM

5. **Old Business –**

a. **OPRC Scores**

Competitor Kurt Thiel requested points be assigned to him for Perce Neige. At the time of the event he was not affiliated with an RSO club., so points were not issued. He paid entry to the OPRC portion of PN so obviously intention was there. Some time passed

before request was submitted. The RSO Board of Directors put the request to a vote with 2 abstentions. The outcome was 3 in favor and 1 against.

Perce Neige points were awarded after the vote.

Points were inserted into the results. Points awarded at Perce Neige were not reshuffled, Kurt was simply awarded the points he received. I.e. It will show as if 2nd place results were given.

Warren to inform Kurt of the Board's decision.

In previous years there has been a note explaining the '30 day grace period' at the bottom of results page. Seems to be missing from there now.

Warren to add to results page

ACTION: WARREN TO FOLLOW UP WITH KURT THIEL WITH REGARDS TO BOARDS

DECISION ON PN POINTS REQUEST

WARREN TO RETURN '30 DAY GRACE PERIOD' TO THE END OF RESULTS PAGE

- b. **RSO Website**
 - i. **Promotional poster** – Bruce to post online
 - ii. **OPRC Rules approval Minutes** – Difficulty posting online. Appropriate changes made and they are now up on the website.
 - c. **Competitor Rep – Warren** – Had no luck in getting a call together involving both Ryan and Jeremy. Will continue to formulate plan for remainder of season.
6. **ORRC Report – David**
- a. **Mini Monte Rally**

KWRC, SPDA and MLRC presented the Mini Monte Rally, the family friendly multi-route navigation rally. The rally included two routes, one that started in Caledon Village and the other in Kitchener, the two routes met up at Puslinch for a combined leg B that finished at a barbecue picnic at Pinehurst Lake Conservation Area. A rally school attended by three teams was conducted at the Caledon start by expert navigator Bruce Leonard. Bruce's students finished first and second. A total of 15 teams participated, they were joined by the organizers and checkpoint workers for a great barbecue. As usual Martin Loveridge and his team provided more than enough food to keep all the participants well fed and happy.
 - b. **Upcoming Events**
 - i. Aug 23–SNATR #6 Brantford, ON
 - ii. Sept 27-No Winter Maintenance Rally - ORRC Event #6 Flesherton, ON
7. **OPRC Report – Warren**
- a. **Black Bear Rally** – No big issues with the event. Stewards report has been sent out to the Board (missing the Safety Report that will follow at a later date).

14 Starters, with 6 DNFs.

2 issues concerning interaction with media CDNally.com:

- Very little in-car footage for the event. Envelopes to be handed out at drivers meeting for memory cards to be collected after the event. This somehow didn't happen and CDNally found it very difficult to get their hands on any in-car footage.
- Podium was started without media presence. In future, organizers need to be aware of the need to wait until members of CDNally are in attendance before announcing the podium.

- b. **Results posted** – Results are up to date and online. There are some errors in the Novice championship but they will be altered ASAP

ACTION: WARREN TO ADJUST RESULTS TO REFLECT CORRECT NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

- c. **Contact from Alex Gelsomino RE: Pacenoting sessions** – Alex contacted us with regards to an instructional pacenoting program they run. They will send more details
It was noted that MLRC has asked Alan Ockwell to conduct another co-driver rally school including a practical element.
- d. **Galway Cavedish Forest Rally** – next rally on the regional calendar – see PMSC report from Pete G

8. **Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair**

9. **Scrutineer's report – Steve van Rees, Chief Scrutineer**

Thanks to Darryl M for looking after tech at Black Bear, there were no real issues that I am aware of.

Another car has been log booked. Hopefully we will see it out on the stages soon.

Steve van Rees

Chief Scrutineer

10. **Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood**

Timing team attended Rallye Baie De Chaleurs in Quebec. Everything went well, but due to low entries and therefore low income on a per car basis we were over budget. After discussion with event organizers, they agreed to cover the accommodations and this brought us in line with the budget.

Need to look at next year's fees to see how we can combat it.

11. **Growth Initiatives –**

a. **Toronto Subaru Club Hypermeet - Kelly**

Sunday August 17 11am at Subaru HQ Mississauga.

Original idea was to take 7 vehicles from all aspects of rally. Now only have room for 3 cars, so taking 3 performance rally cars: Martin Donnelly's, Alan Ryall & Donal Crooke.

We will be there to represent RSO and focus on bringing awareness to all aspects of rally sport in Ontario including: Rallycross, Navigational Rally and Performance Rally. Attending the meet – Kelly M, Peter W, Bruce L, and David M. Justin Cohen has also offered to come to talk to people about his volunteer experience Details to be discussed via email: schedule, items needed etc.

- b. Proposed “Championship Fee” – Peter W** – Peter W circulated Championship Fee idea with only one response which was negative. National events are responding to decrease in regional competitors by altering regional format. More ideas needed with regards to Championship fee. Peter W and Warren to work on some ideas to get commitment from competitors. Need to get feedback from competitors.

ACTION: WARREN & PETER W TO DISCUSS IDEAS WITH REGARDS TO ‘CHAMPIONSHIP FEE’ AND ENCOURAGING COMPETITOR COMMITMENT

12. New Business –

a. Vehicle Tracking – Ross

This is a topic that has been under discussion in CARS for the past 3 years. A CARS committee formed to investigate further decided that RallySafe was the best option available presently. RallySafe was tested at one event in the spring, but with an estimated cost of \$3000-4000 per event, the project was put on hold, plus it was felt that further testing was needed at other CRC event venues.

A recent incident during a US rally brought it back into discussion.

What is RallySafe?

- It is a sophisticated vehicle tracking system, using satellite and other means of communication, whereby officials at Rally HQ can monitor on stage maps the location of every vehicle at any given time.
- As well as vehicle tracking, there is also a ‘proximity warning’ function; each vehicle can emit an emergency signal which can be activated automatically or manually when a vehicle is stopped on stage to warn both organizers and following competing vehicles of a potential hazard in front of them.

CARS is also considering alternative systems available, some at a significantly lower cost and will be discussing vehicle tracking further at a future meeting.

After some discussion, the RSO Board concluded that, while the RallySafe system certainly has merit, it was satisfied with the status quo for the present time. The vehicle tracking system at Ontario events via radio controls is quite efficient. It was also felt there is not an urgent need for a new system currently, although further research into other options should continue. Furthermore costs would be prohibitive at this time, unless sponsorship money is raised to cover this initiative.

ACTION: PETER W TO REPORT BACK TO CARS WITH RSO BOARD'S THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT

b. CDNrally program for 2015 – Warren

Important to get more support for CDNrally for 2015. Warren would like to bring program to the forefront of organizers thoughts. CDNrally is supplying an opportunity to present our sponsors and our sport. – GCFR is working with CDNrally to provide 'airtime' to their sponsors through the CDNrally coverage of the event. Pete G & Warren have been discussing ideas as to what we can do, but Warren requested ideas & creative ways to integrate CDNrally media program for 2015.

Further discussion is needed on the subject

As a side note: Warren will contact Peter MacDonald at CDNrally with regards to release date of Black Bear footage

ACTION: SUGGESTIONS NEEDED ON WAYS TO INTEGRATE CDNrally MEDIA PROGRAM FOR 2015

WARREN TO CONTACT PETER MACDONALD WITH REGARDS TO RELEASE DATE OF BLACK BEAR FOOTAGE

c. RSO decals – Bruce

We should have RSO decals available at events. David has approx. 300. Will pass onto Kelly to take to GCFR.

OPRC stickers also needed.

Warren can get quote for OPRC stickers from Studio Signs as they already have the RSO and OPRC logos so no set up fee. Will get quote for 200 stickers
Rallycross/MLRC stickers already available through James Drake

ACTION: KELLY TO DELIVER RSO STICKERS TO GCFR

WARREN TO GET QUOTE FOR 200 OPRC STICKERS FROM STUDIO SIGNS

13. Club News –

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

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

It's been a fairly busy month for KWRC both in the organizing and competing front. We had SNATR #4 on July 5th and everything went well with a smaller turnout. The roads around Simcoe haven't been used for rallies in some time and were appreciated by the ones who did run the event.

Lots of KWRC people were at Black Bear, both competing and working. Drivers from KWRC took overall positions 1-2-3-5-8 and two were DNF, a good showing. A group of us will be working at Galway next month as well.

We just completed the Mini-Monte and BBQ in conjunction with MLRC and SPDA. While the total of 15 competitors was less than we'd of liked it was a very social time and we want to thank everybody that contributed to making this a fun event.

On August 14th, instead of our usual meeting we are again going Karting in Hamilton. It's about \$50 for the karting and we provide the food. Anybody is welcome, it helps if you let us know you might attend so we can reserve enough spaces and get plenty of Pizza.

August 23'rd is our next SNATR (#6) running out of Brantford, details are on the web site.

It's early to think of banquets is January, but Jimmy Brant from Michigan has agreed to be our guest speaker in 2015. Jimmy has been a co-driver to many, some great, some not so much. He comes with many tales so it should be a good evening, Keep January 17th, 2015 open.

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

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

Black Bear

One week before the seeded draw Black Bear was looking like it wasn't going to go, there was only one team registered. Organizer Derek Vincent got on the telephone to persuade every potential available competitor to register. Derek's efforts were successful in convincing 13 more teams to enter. A total of 53 volunteers were there to work the rally. The feedback regarding the Saturday-Sunday format has been mostly positive with the negative comments primarily being the victory celebrations and award presentation being poorly attended and arriving home Sunday evening did not provide for enough recovery time before returning to work on Monday. Ross Wood posted a good summary of the competition on the Maple Leaf Rally Club forum: Competition was hot right from the start. As expected Martin Donnelly/Angela Cosner set the pace in their Subaru, winning five of the six stages. Unfortunately due to a timing miscalculation, they took a 10 minute penalty, dropping them to 4th Overall. We were running a radar at the Flying Finish of the final stage and they easily set the fastest speed for the day at 167 kmh.

The anticipated challengers to Martin & Angela, Ian Crerar/James Drake were plagued with a persistent and elusive mechanical (engine) issue and DNF'd in Stage One. However young U.S. hotshoe, Will Hudson with co-driver John Hall, were flying all day in their Team O'Neil Fiesta

setting fastest pace in one stage and second fastest in four stages. However they also suffered a mechanical issue in the final stage and DNF'd. Turned out a suspension bolt had fallen out allowing the driveshaft to disengage. Interesting rally story here – after they were DNF'd they managed to limp back to Rally HQ by inserting a screwdriver through the bolt-hole and duct-taping it in place.

That allowed Eric Vlastic/Chris Pye, who drove fast and clean all day to claim first Overall in their Subaru Legacy. Second O/A first 2WD went to Andrew Kulikowski/Kelly Mathew in their Focus and Alan Ryall/Bruce Leonard claimed third Overall in their Subaru.

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

PMSC have been held a number of events since last RSO meeting unfortunately for Rally types these events are more directed to Solo types.

- i. July 9th a Karting night was held at Peterborough Kartway. This is a track that has not had much use for several years but is a serious track for Hot machines. The Tracks rentals fit that category. 21 members, friends and families had a great fun night. Possibly the club will arrange another night in August.
- ii. July 23 PMSC held it's first ever GPS Rally which combined elements of Rally and Geo Caching. Only six cars participated but a good time was held by all. The organizer received several suggestions on how to change and hopefully improve the concept.
- iii. PMSC will also be holding a Poker night in August.
- iv. The Rally event of the year is of course GCFR August 9th with a longer route than previous year with an almost 9 km of never used stage, which will be used several times during the rally. At time of writing we are at a disappointing 8 entries two days before the seed draw. That number must improve so the rally can be run.
 - Currently sitting at 8 entries with the seeded draw in 2 days (Wed). Need minimum of 12 cars to breakeven
 - Warren to send out GCFR invite to all competitors reminding them of the upcoming event
 - MNR will have contract Friday
 - Currently have 45 workers, but still need more
 - Budgetary note for 2015: can't control number of cars that enter can only control event costs (Warren)

ACTION: WARREN TO SEND OUT REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENT AND SEEDED DRAW TO ALL COMPETITORS

- 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: Watt/Maynard Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm

14. Next Meeting - Tuesday September 9th at 730pm via teleconference call