



Approved Minutes

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Monday July 20, 2015 Minutes

LOCATION – Teleconference – Meeting @ 7:00pm

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	Regrets
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	
David Maynard	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Robert Switzer	St. LAC Club Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	

Agenda

- 1. Approval of/additions to agenda** – Approved as written – Gulliver/Maynard, Unanimous.
Carried
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (May 25)** – Approved as written.
Mathew/Haywood. Unanimous. Carried

3. **Treasurer's Report – Pete** Financial documents were sent out in advance of the meeting. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Gulliver/Haywood. Unanimous. Carried.

Since the report was written the property insurance has been paid.

Note: Clubs are now automatically covered for \$5000 under club insurance. Anything above \$5000 clubs pay accordingly. Clubs must be able to send list of equipment for proof.

ACTION: PETE G TO FORWARD EMAIL DESCRIBING THE NEW INSURANCE POLICY TO BRUCE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE CLUBS



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4. **CARS update – Peter Watt**

Report from the CARS Board meeting of June 17, 2015.

I was absent from this meeting so the following comes from the unapproved minutes.

- a. John reported that Subaru have signed the 2015 contract so funding is in place for the balance of the year. We will be discussing TV ad spots closer to the broadcast season.
- b. Martin has talked to Yokohama and updated them on many of the CARS activities, presenting them the opportunity to be more involved.
- c. All National event organizers are now okay with the final version of the CARS/Event Responsibility Outline. A motion was made, seconded, and carried
- d. John will now work with Debbie to develop a distribution list that includes the Extended Board, National event organizer clubs Presidents, National event organizers and our Media company.

- e. Terry has sent some FIA web site changes to Warren that will requires some changes to make sure that we are referencing the right place.
- f. Terry reported that the safety plan templates are in progress but not yet completed.
- g. The software development agreement with Frontech is signed and built into it are milestone periods during which we will need to review the details produced before moving forward to the next step.
- h. Dean Campbell has been working hard to review the wireframe and provide the media company perspective and input to the design.
- i. Stewards Manual is complete and waiting for Alasdair and Alain to review
- j. Vehicle Tracking: John has been sensing some pockets of concern to proceeding with pursuing Rallysafe. He asked what the board wanted him to do. Continue as previously directed by a board motion to pursue the use of Rallysafe for 6 national events and as many regionals as want to participate. OR stop the effort.
 - i. This lead to a fairly long discussion during which time it has become apparent that Eastern events and EZTrak continue to work towards implementing a vehicle tracking system that does not meet the current board specs with respect to competitor safety and car to car communication, but is cheaper. It sounds as though cost to the competitor is the main issue for the Eastern event organizers. Another issue is that Eastern competitors have not been exposed to the Rallysafe system and therefore are not able to talk from a solid knowledge base.
 - ii. Ross has agreed to work towards a full trial of Rallysafe at Defi. John will wait to hear for next steps from Ross.
 - iii. Martin indicated that he would talk with Eric and the Western organizers as implementing Rallysafe in the West only may be an option.
- k. Intent of Production Class statement to be developed by Max, Warren and John.
- l. Max indicated that the relationship between RSQ and CRQ is good and that they have been working together well.
- m. At the recent Rallye Saguenay they had 14 cars and 6 motorcycles running in a Rallye-Moto event. They ran as two simultaneous events. They did have some logistical problems that caused some delays but overall it appears to have been a successful trial of the concept.
- n. The ASN Canada FIA statement regarding the use of UAV at ASN sanctioned events is now on the CARS website. It is clear that they are not allowed unless they are flown by a commercial operator, in accordance with Transport Canada regulations and carrying insurance coverage that names ASN, CARS and the event as insured's. What remains to be seen is how participants are to manage this regulation.

Suggestion made to make sure all event websites, spectator guides and supplementary regulations have the specific rules surrounding drones posted.

ACTION: ORGANIZERS TO BE MADE AWARE THAT THE ASN GUIDELINES ARE TO BE POSTED TO EVENT WEBSITES, SUPP REGS AND SPECTATOR GUIDES WITH REGARDS TO DRONES

- o. The next meeting will be on July 22nd at 7 pm ET via conference call.

5. Old Business –

- a. **OPRC Sponsorship – Warren** - Update on meeting with Peter MacDonald May 28
Work being done on this for 2016

- b. **Vehicle Tracking –**

- i. **Update on EZTrack from Black Bear Rally July 11 & 12 - Pete G**

- 11 cars & 3 course cars. There was 1 small dead area but it didn't affect all vehicles. Car 'O' had issues initially but the location of the tracking unit was changed and it worked well after that.

- The emergency button was used once by a vehicle that crashed on stage as the driver assumed injury to the co-driver. HQ was notified immediately as the base for the tracking unit was located there.

- A little more training on the use of equipment would be beneficial to the competitors.

- The units will be in use at GCFR in August

- ii. **Rallysafe Trial Update – Ross**

- Ross has been charged by CARS with putting together a trial of the Rallysafe tracking system at Rally Defi in September.

Total cost of the trial will be \$5600. Ross will be asking the 3 Eastern regions for \$750 towards the trial, along with the same amount from the 4 National Eastern Events: Tall Pines, Defi, BDC and Perce Neige. The remaining amount will be sought in sponsorship.

Although this is just the price for the trial, it is unknown what the cost per event will be if the system is adopted.

Motion: Moved that RSO is to contribute \$750 for the Rallysafe trial at Defi. Haywood/Maynard. The vote was 5 for and 1 against. Carried.

There was significant discussion into the trial. It was suggested that if we don't see it, we can't have a say in it.

ACTION: Ross has the commitment from RSO to contribute \$750 towards the Rallysafe Trial at Rallye Defi in September.

iii. Mini Monte – Bruce

6 units were used in the Mini Monte navigational rally to test their effectiveness. One used in car 'O' and the rest in rookie vehicles. It was a bit much to expect newcomers to deal with the tracker along with the route instructions etc but Mark Williams will now analyze the data & timing cards to see if they are advantageous to us in Nav rally.

c. RSO Job descriptions - On going

d. Road Damage Costs

i. LHFR – No further update

ACTION: BRUCE TO CONTACT THE LHFR ORGANIZERS TO SEE IF THEY GO ANYWHERE WITH THE LANARK COUNCIL WITH REGARDS TO THE COSTS.

ii. Black Bear Rally – Ross – Road damage costs should be in budget to be done prior to BBR.

This year the event was scrambling to find someone to grade the road as the team that had been organized for it dropped out prior to the event at very short notice. This led to the grading being done only a couple of days before which meant although the ruts were smoothed out, it brought a lot of rocks to the surface. Usually the week before the event would allow for the dirt to settle a little and allow for some rain. This didn't happen.

The Peanut seemed the worst of the stages and this led to discussion on whether the Peanut should be used in regional events or events in general.

It was pointed out that there are many other stages within the National series that are just as rough as the Peanut (eg. At BDC & Defi).

It was also noted that the Tall Pines committee has researched the number of accidents on the stages and determined that the Peanut is a safer stage for the Regional competitors to run, compared to stages such as Middle and Lower Hastings. The stages are scheduled so that the more challenging stages are later on in competition, or dropped from Regional competition to ensure that they are not tackled before competitors are experienced with the conditions and are 'warmed up' in the event.

6. ORRC Report – David

Mini Monte – July 19th. 3 Teams came to the Navigational school. Disappointing numbers but everyone had a good time. Thanks to KWRC for the BBQ and the plaques.

No Winter Maintenance – October 3rd – Is the next ORRC event.

7. OPRC Report – Warren

a. LHFR – No stewards report yet from this event. David to follow up

ACTION: DAVID TO FOLLOW UP WITH ALASDAIR ON LOCATION OF STEWARDS REPORT FOR LHFR

B. Black Bear Rally – Warren is waiting for scrutineers report with regards to the incident on stage 1 at the Flying Finish. By the looks of the Stewards report the event went well.

c. Galway Cavendish Festival of Rallysport – August 7 & 8. Rally sprint needs 3 cars to run. Already has 3 paid entries. Currently only 3 cars entered for the Rally itself. Final preparations for the event are being worked on.

8. Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair

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

We will cover the BB incident at the next meeting once we have received the Scrutineer's report

10. Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood

a. 2 events since the last meeting where the timing equipment was used. Rallye Baie Des Chaleurs and Black Bear Rally. Everything went well with the equipment at both events.

b. A request has been made by a PMSC member for the cost of renting some timing equipment for a PMSC run event. It's not a rally event and currently the request is not made officially by the club itself. Mark Newell made the request. The Board discussed the pricing and decided that \$200 per set of equipment + \$100 if not a rally sport event. These costs will be relayed to Mark but PMSC must put forward a formal request for the equipment.

c. New timing equipment – There is currently no replacement items available for the timing equipment we have. If some of the equipment was to break (ie clock) we would have to replace the whole system. There are other systems available & it was suggested that perhaps it would be a good idea to research into the other timing equipment systems so that in the future if we need to replace it, we will have an idea where to start.

ACTION: ROSS TO LOOK INTO OTHER TIMING EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS FOR THE FUTURE

11. Growth Initiatives –

a. **Postcards – Bruce** Will work with Andrew & Teresa, who have been doing a lot of promotional work for KWRC, in putting together the promotional postcards.

b. **OPRC Facebook page – Kelly** suggested introducing an OPRC dedicated Facebook page. Warren discussed it with Peter MacDonald at CDNally to ensure that this idea wouldn't pose any conflict with them & they have agreed to help out with any content needed. Kelly to set up the page ASAP & will post updates on the championship, post photos & footage from CDNally.com along with fun trivia/questions for competitors/volunteers/spectators etc.

ACTION: KELLY TO CREATE THE OPRC FACEBOOK PAGE

- c. **TSC Hypermeet – Kelly** - August 23rd. Last year's RSO booth at the TSC Hypermeet was well received. Derek Serianni who organizes the event has contacted RSO with regards to manning a booth there again this year. Kelly has contacted a couple of competitors who are willing to bring their Performance cars to the event to showcase the sport. The Tall Pines organizers have agreed to again donate a Shakedown ride in a Subaru at the Rally of the Tall Pines in November as a main prize for the meet.

ACTION: KELLY TO ORGANIZE THE RSO BOOTH AT THE TSC HYPERMEET.

12. New Business –

a. **Pre-training of Seed 6 drivers – Ross**

The idea was put forward to introduce a 'buddy system' where new drivers coming into the sport can obtain some mentoring. 2 new competitors in a vehicle isn't always the best idea, so if we can introduce new drivers to other seasoned competitors, they can perhaps give them some advice on stage behavior, mental preparation etc.

The mentoring system would introduce a seed 6 driver to someone (possibly in their area) that they can discuss rallying with, especially before & at an event.

It was suggested that when a new driver applies for a licence, the RSO CARS representative will forward their name and contact details to the VP Performance, who will then pair them up with someone suitable.

At the Black Bear Rally, a seed 6 team had a rather substantial crash on the first stage. It could have been beneficial to have had an experienced competitor discuss the stages at the event with them, point out any 'gotchas' and talk about mental preparation for both the driver & co-driver.

We must ensure that competitors who are applying for licences are qualified to do so with regards to level of experience – ie. They have attended rallycross events/rally school etc.

13. Club News –

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

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

It's been another busy six weeks for KWRC. Our first rallycross on June 6th went well thanks to the hard work of Jeremy, Kirk, Zoltan and a host of others. With the success we plan on holding another two events this year, on August 29th and tentatively on October 17th. We're looking at making a series next year possibly with some winter events.

The week after the rallycross we had out "Blue Moon" SNATR which was well attended and Steve had a great compact route. Andrew and Teresa competed and took photos you can see on our [facebook page](#) along with a 30 second rally commercial and video

from the rallycross. Teresa has been doing a great job raising our profile on social media.

Five of the 11 CARS at MLRC's Black Bear on July 12th were from KWRC, with Jeremy just beating Eric for third overall by 2.3 seconds. Zoltan and Shane took first in 2WD despite a "moment". We got a good bunch of workers out to help at the event as well.

July 19th saw our annual BBQ and Mini-Monte where MLRC, SPDA and KWRC work together to put on a rally with two starts, a school and finishing at a BBQ. There were a total of 16 cars running and while Pinehurst was hit with a deluge mid-afternoon it was clear and sunny by the time the competitors showed up. The inter-club cooperation is great but we'll have to work on publicity if we want to grow the event. Still, it's a fun event and I think everybody enjoyed it.

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

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

i. Rallycross

On June 21 the Rallycross crew managed to organize and get to the start line 51 competitors for 5 runs on the Golton Rallycross course!

The event results can be found here:

http://www.mlrc.ca/rallycross/assets/rx_jun21_2015_web.pdf

The next MLRC Rallycross is scheduled for 27 Sep 2015

ii. Black Bear Rally

The 2015 edition of the Black Bear Rally was held on a hot dusty July 12. Eleven teams started 7 finished, suspension failures, runaway wheels and an unplanned rollover took their toll.

Bruce Leonard summed the event up well in the Car Zero Report:

The Bears (and bugs) were hungry

Black Bear Rally saw a few interesting 'offs', and a great battle at the front. Sylvain Vincent and Dominique Cyr took the Overall win over Martin Donnelly and Angela Cosner by just 17 seconds, while Jeremy Norris was a third by a mere 2.3 seconds over Eric Vlastic. Zoltan Kovacs and first-time co-driver Shane Bozic took the 2WD win over Kevin Turner and Matt Rhoads, with Sutherland/Mathew third. Kovacs survived an encounter with a tree, as did Sutherland, while Turner's car didn't seem to like the water crossing. There were various reasons for the four DNF's: a Flying Finish taken literally; an errant water bottle; a road that didn't go straight when the car did; and a rear wheel that decided to go its own way down the road. CDNRally.com has the write-up and pictures

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

f. St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Robert Switzer)

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

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

Meeting adjourned at: 9:21pm, Gulliver/Haywood

14. Next Meeting - Monday September 21st, 7pm