



Draft Minutes

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Oct 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	Regrets
Kelly Mathew	Secretary	Yes
Pete Gulliver	Treasurer	Yes
Ross Wood	Executive Assistant / Equipment Manager	Yes
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	Regrets
Steve van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	
Jeremy Norris	Growth Committee	Yes
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	Regrets
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/Watt. Unanimous. Carried
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (September 21)** – Approved as written. Mathew/Watt. Unanimous. Carried

- 3. Treasurer's Report – Pete** Financial documents were sent out in advance of the meeting. Some discussion with regards to the information. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Gulliver/Watt. Unanimous. Carried.

In general we are down on OPRC levies & Road Damage levies, but the overall financial position is good.

4. Report from the CARS Board meetings of Oct. 7, 2015

- a. Remaining CRC Events progressing well (PFR, RMR, TPR.)
- b. Big White will be observed by Jorge Dascollas for inclusion in 2016 CRC.
- c. 2016 CRC Calendar coming together:
 - i. Perce Neige Feb. 6 & 7
 - ii. Rocky Mountain June 4 & 5
 - iii. Defi Sept. 8 – 10
 - iv. Pacific Forest Sept. 30 – Oct. 1
 - v. Tall Pines Nov. 18 & 19 (hopefully moving from Nov. 25-26)
 - vi. Big White Dec. 10 & 11 (subject to successful observation.)

Status of Baie des Chaleurs currently undetermined

Charlevoix (Oct 21 – 22) wishes to be observed in 2016 for possible inclusion in the 2017 CRC.

- d. TV ad sales are currently stagnated.
- e. New Web Site should be ready for viewing in a couple of weeks.
- f. Both Rocky Mountain and Pacific Forest have negotiated with RallySafe and will be using that system.
- g. Tall Pines will be using EZTrak – CARS is not participating in either tracking initiative.
- h. CARS supports Lawrence Partington's initiative of using Loyalist students to conduct live web casts and interviews during Tall Pines outside the normal Formula Photographic production.
- i. A discussion of declining entries was held. It is unlikely that CARS is able to contribute significantly more than the current support for National Events. Further discussion with Organizers is proposed for the AGM weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 21:40 EDT

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Watt, RSO Region Rally Director.

5. Old Business –

- a. **Tall Pines Vehicle Tracking** – Ross/Pete G - Tall Pines committee agreed to use the EZTrak system for the event. It was mentioned in the Tall Pines Supp Regs that the system will be used. Bruce to check whether we need to post a notification that it is mandatory for all competitors.

ACTION: BRUCE TO CONTACT IAN WRIGHT (TP ORGANIZER) TO SEE IF A NOTIFICATION IS NECESSARY

- b. **LHFR Stewards Report – Warren** – David Maynard has distributed his report to the Board. We are still waiting on Alasdair’s report.

ACTION: WARREN TO CONTACT ALASDAIR ROBERTSON AGAIN TO REQUEST THE SENIOR STEWARD REPORT.

- c. **Pre-Training of Seed 6 Drivers – Warren** – An email was sent out to experienced drivers/co-drivers to see who would be interested in being involved in a mentoring program. So far we have had 2 responses. As there aren’t many new competitors currently coming into the sport we don’t need a huge response. We will keep developing the idea for the future.
- d. **2015 AGM Location** – Will return to the Peterborough location for March 19th 2016. We can discuss with the attendees the idea of moving the AGM to a different location in the future. Perhaps central to a different RSO club each year.
- e. **OPRC Competitor Survey – Bruce** – A google drive document has been developed with basic survey questions so far for competitors, to get a handle on the low entries/involvement in the sport. The Board and other members on the call have access to the file and can edit the questions/list of competitors to contact. Once we have an idea of competitor responses we can then have an open forum. This should include event organizers as well.

The survey should also be sent to Rally Sprint competitors. If we can get the survey completed and sent before Tall Pines that would be ideal, but not essential.

ACTION: EVERYONE TO HAVE AN INPUT INTO THE SURVEY QUESTIONS AND UPDATE THE COMPETITOR LIST TO WHICH THE SURVEY WILL BE SENT

- f. **2016 CDN rally plans – Warren** - Current cost per event is roughly \$500. We need to promote it more and integrate it into events better than we do currently. CDN rally isn’t looking to make a profit, but we all agree it is a useful tool, and one we need to make better use of.

Although Peter MacDonald may take more of a backseat in 2016 with regards to CDNRally, he will still be very much involved. Jeremy Norris has been discussing with CDNRally the idea of bringing in a couple more camera guys, and looking for sponsorship dedicated solely to production of the OPRC coverage.

The Board agreed to let Jeremy take charge of rounding up the sponsorship money needed to meet the cost challenge.

ACTION: JEREMY TO ROUND UP SPONSORSHIP FOR CDNRALLY 2016 COSTS

- g. **ECRC – Warren** – After a discussion with Max, the ECRC still presents a good opportunity for the OPRC to expand its exposure. Warren will follow up with Max once he has discussed the idea of an OPRC event being included in the ECRC with the ECRC committee.

ACTION: WARREN TO FOLLOW UP WITH MAX RE: OPRC INVOLVEMENT IN ECRC

- h. **2016 RSO Calendar – Bruce** – Martin Loveridge distributed a calendar of events that can be edited by all that received it

Some dates we have so far:

Jan 9 -CARS AGM

Jan 23 - KWRC Banquet

Jan 30 - Frostbite

Feb 6 - Rallye Perce Neige (*Confirmed with RPN that they wish to be included on OPRC Calendar*)

March 5 – MCO – Winter Rally Sprint

March 19 – RSO 2015 AGM

May 7 – MCO - LHFR

June 18th - TAC – Discover Ontario

Around 1st weekend October - SPDA – No Winter Maintenance Rally , location may change

Dec 3 - Northern Lights – KWRC

- i. **CARS Regional Rep Committee** – This needs to be worked on ASAP. Bruce will organize this. Alasdair has to be the 'go-to' guy.

ACTION: BRUCE TO GET STARTED ON THE DISCUSSION FOR THE CARS REGIONAL REP COMMITTEE

- j. **RSO Website – Bruce** – SSL cert needs to be purchased for the RSO website.

ACTION: BRUCE TO ORGANIZE SL CERT FOR RSO WEBSITE

6. ORRC Report – David

ORRC Report – 20 Oct 2015

SPDA ran the No Winter Maintenance Rally on Saturday October 3rd, 15 teams enjoyed a scenic hilly route through Mulmur Township. The start finish location at Champ Burger offered some yummy “nutritious” treats to keep the rally teams energy up. The “heart attack burger” for \$20 looked like an interesting challenge. The results will be posted soon to <http://www.rallysport.on.ca/index.php?fuseaction=site.details&id=902>.

Len Arminio and the Peterborough Motorsports club are putting together the next ORRC event for November 14 – The 61st edition of The President’s Prize Rally starting at Mart Moo’s in Peterborough (more nutritious yummys!) . The event details can be found here: <http://www.pmsc.on.ca/news/2015/PPR2015POSTER.pdf>

7. OPRC Report – Warren

- a. Next & final OPRC event of the season – Rally of the Tall Pines Nov 27-28
- b. OPRC Rules – Need to start evaluating rules for next year, especially the media & powerstage rules. Warren will forward an email to the BOD for feedback on them.

8. Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair

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

10. Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood

11. Growth Initiatives –

Jeremy Norris has requested to be involved with Growth Initiatives. Over the past 3 years, competitor participation has decreased by 42%. By evaluating the reasons why participation has declined, Jeremy hopes to increase exposure of the sport, and make it easier to become involved in it. He’s currently putting together a report in which he believes he has outlined the main reasons for this decline, with a plan addressing each area. He will send out the report to the BOD in the next few weeks, for feedback.

ACTION: JEREMY TO FORWARD REPORT TO BOD ONCE COMPELTE

12. New Business –

- a. **Dust Control Rig – Ross** MLRC has purchased a plastic tank, and is currently looking for an old trailer to carry it. They will then use this to water the MLRC rallycross track, to cut down costs for events. MLRC is planning on making it available to rent to other clubs. By decreasing dust on the track, MLRC may be able to increase the number of

events in a season. Currently the dust is a huge factor as to why summer rally crosses are not held.

13. Club News –

- a. British Empire Motor Club (BEMC) (per Bob McCallum)**
- b. Kitchener–Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**

KWRC held its last SNATR of the season on September 19th and had a great entry of 17 cars. Results are posted at http://www.kwrc.on.ca/2015/Results/SN5_15Results.html

We're working on future Rallycross opportunities and we are having a meeting with the Rockton fair board in November where we will make a presentation. We hope to continue to use the facility for both winter and summer events and we are also actively looking for other venues.

Our next event is Northern Lights on December 5 running out of Tillsonburg. The route is set and measured; it is a new route that still incorporates the best roads of the Otter Valley. The route is 250km. with a mid-point break. Headquarters is the Howard Johnson, 92 Simcoe St. in Tillsonburg , Registration at 10:30AM, Car 0 at noon, finish about 5:00PM.

We've updated the website to be mobile friendly but still have some legacy items to be completely ported over.

Our annual awards banquet will be on January 23 with Tom Burgess as our guest speaker. Frostbite will be on January 31.

- c. Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (per Mike Koch)**
- d. Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per David Maynard)**

MLRC Report – 20 Oct 2015

MLRC needs you! Volunteers are needed for upcoming events:

Tall Pines Work Day- 24 Oct 2015 Help get the route ready for the Rally of the Tall pines.

Rally Cross – 25 Oct 2015 The 5th and final MLRC – Can-Jam RallyCross event

Rally of The Tall Pines – 27-28 Nov15 200 plus volunteers needed. Bring your friends and show them a performance rally up close and personal.

- e. Peterborough Motor Sports Club (PMSC) (per Pete Gulliver)**
Oct 31 – Rallycross at Shannonville racetrack. 23 entrants so far.

- 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:

14. Next Meeting - Monday, December 7th, 2015 @ 7pm