



Approved Minutes

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Tuesday Aug 16th, 2016 Minutes

LOCATION – Teleconference – Meeting @ 7:00pm

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Bruce Leonard	President	yes
Peter Watt	CARS Rally Director for RSO	Regrets
Warren Haywood	Vice-President – Performance Rally	Yes
Darin Mayes	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	
	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	Regrets
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Yes
Mike Koch	MCO Club Representative	
Derek Vincent	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** – Addition to New Business – OPRC Video Sponsorship – Moved as amended. Gulliver/Haywood. Unanimous. Carried
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (July 5th, 2016)** No additions or changes. Moved as presented. Mathew/Gulliver. Unanimous. Carried.

- 3. Treasurer's Report – Pete** Distributed prior t meeting, some discussion on the financials. Currently in good shape. Moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report as presented. Gulliver/Haywood. Unanimous. Carried.
Expenses still coming in with regards to BBR roads. MNR will probably want us to grade again before Tall Pines 2016.
Ross needs to hand in expenses

4. CARS update – Peter Watt (Cannot make it to the meeting)

Report to the RSO Board of CARS Meetings and Activities for the RSO Meeting Aug 16th, 2016

a. Meeting of July 11th, 2016

- i. Finances at Mid-year are stable but loss of Yokohama and addition of 7th event will have an impact on year end (nov 30)
- ii. Nothing from CRC as National Series Manager on vacation
- iii. A proposal for the use of CRC logos and branding by teams will be prepared by the President
- iv. Cars with US Logbooks OK as long as vehicle meets the CARS rules for the class (regardless of owners' citizenship/nationality)

RSO BOD would like CARS to clarify this rule as it seems to be a bit of a grey area.

ACTION: PETER W (REGIONAL REP) TO ASK CARS TO CLARIFY THIS RULE WITH REGARDS TO US LOGBOOKS COMPETING IN CANADA

- v. Tech Director will prepare a proposal for regional tech inspectors to ensure consistency across the country
- vi. Safety Templates are to be finalized by July 30, so this will be done by the next RSO meeting
- vii. New FIA Safety Guidelines now linked to CARS Website
- viii. President reported that CARS website deficiencies corrections are almost complete.
- ix. RSO Regional Rally Director proposed developing a series of protocols surrounding the use of vehicle tracking. To be discussed at next meeting
- x. RSQ/CRQ/CARS situation discussed. The current demands by the CRQ contract holder are unacceptable and little movement on either side is expected.

b. Meeting of July 19

- i. By now, all Board members will have had an opportunity to see the July 19th Press Release from Eric Tremblay announcing the new series, "Challenge Extreme Elite" (CXE). It is sanctioned by NASA Rallysport and insured by K&K Canada. The details were in the release.

- ii. CARS will honour the existing contract until the conclusion of the CRQ series (Aug 13)
- iii. A President's update was released the third week of July which outlines the CARS/ASN position

NEXT CARS MEETING – September 1, 2016

5. Old Business

- a. **OPRC Competitor Survey** – No update

- b. **EZ Track** - Update from BBR – Worked very well at BBR. It appears Clerks/Organizers aren't yet using it to its full potential – RSO Reg Rep has suggested to CARS a Tracking System Protocol document be designed – this could include instructions and tips on how to use it for more than just the basics.
It was noted there were times at BBR that it could have helped speed up the course cars.
There's also a second program that works alongside it with stage times. Running within 1.5s accuracy

- c. **OPRC Door Cards** – Warren – Sponsor hasn't got back to Warren yet with whether they want to go ahead and produce these, or put their money elsewhere.

ACTION: WARREN TO CONTACT POTENTIAL DOORCARD SPONSOR & SEE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO PUT THEIR MONEY ELSEWHERE

- d. **Triangle Training Video** – No update

- e. **RSO Website – Warren** –

- i. Results & seeding update – Seedlist needs to be updated from BBR. Waiting on J.Hall's approval to use the CARS seeding program to update the way we seed OPRC competitors

ACTION: WARREN & BRUCE TO WORK ON SEED LIST & UPDATING OPRC RESULTS

- ii. The rallysport.on.ca domain name is paid for up to September 2021 via 10dollar.ca. oldrallysport.on.ca is paid up till June 2018.
The hosting site (DataTide.com) for oldrallysport.on.ca expires Dec 20, 2016. Its \$45 a year, but apparently does not have some of the automated updates that Darin would like.
Note that Peter Gulliver's Learning in Leisure site is hosted there as well, and they paid for some of the hosting. If we leave that site, I guess we can turn the account over to Peter

- f. **Rally Sprint Rule Change Recommendations to CARS Board – Kelly** – Rule change recommendations just need to be tweaked a little and then can be distributed to the RSO BOD before sending to CARS
 - g. **HAM Radio Course** – Kelly to contact Roger Sanderson RE: reorganizing HAM school for the Fall –
ACTION: KELLY TO CONTACT ROGER WITH REGARDS TO ORGANIZING A FALL HAM RADIO SCHOOL
 - h. **2016 AGM Location for March 2017** – Discussed areas for AGM location. Georgetown Optimist Hall was suggested as a possibility. Bruce will contact
ACTION: BRUCE TO CONTACT GEORGETOWN OPTIMIST HALL AS A POSSIBLE AGM LOCATION – TO GET BACK TO BOARD WITH DETAILS WITHIN A WEEK
 - i. **New Scrutineer volunteers** – Volunteer request was put in recent Car Zero report. Letter to be sent out to Clubs also
ACTION: BRUCE TO CONTACT ALL RSO CLUBS TO REQUEST VOLUNTEERS FOR SCRUTINEER TRAINING
 - j. **RSO Timing Team hats – Ross** – Received – Ross to disperse to new team members
 - k. **Stewards School – Ross** – Alasdair is happy to run a Spring stewards school – revisit closer to spring
6. **ORRC Report – Darin**
- Mini-monte organized through the joint efforts of KWRC, MLRC and SPDA. Had 15 entrants. Good BBQ at the end. We need to promote the Caledon leg more. In fact, promotion of the event in general needs to be looked at
 - Next KWRC event is Sept 17 – Mini timing school for SNATR in Elora
 - Next PMSC – Fall Ball Rally Sept 10 – Club level navigational rally
 - Next ORRC – No Winter Maintenance Rally Oct 1st run by SPDA – green crew has been assigned & Darin will follow up with them
7. **OPRC Report – Warren**
- a. Black Bear Rally – went well. Very good feedback with regards to the format (some complaints with regards to the roughness of the roads). 14 entries with 12 cars finishing (good number of QC entries). At the last minute the Senior steward had to withdraw from the event, but Adrian Whittle was at the event and offered to take over the position. Warren to reach out to Adrian to be a steward at future events. 2017 BBR may have to move to a different HQ. Peter MacDonald @ CDNRally reported that there were 500 active sessions across all platforms.
 - b. Lanark Highlands Forest Rally 2017 – Plans for this event already underway. 3 new roads proposed for 2017. The township would prefer us to use these new roads over the old ones. Planning committee is hoping we can still use both.

8. Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair

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

10. Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood

- a. **RSO Trailer** – Currently at Doug Edwards's shop getting some repairs done. Mainly cosmetic.
- b. **Timing Team** – Everything went well at BBR. Team all in place for Defi.

11. Growth Initiatives – (some items to come out of the recent Aug 11 OPRC Growth Committee meeting:

- a. **OPRC Website Costs** – costs look to be 15-17\$/yr domain name, Wix.com site is \$149US/yr currently set as unlimited plan – can look into other options

Warren moved that RSO assume the domain name & financial costs associated with managing the wix.com website for the OPRC. All in favour. Carried.

ACTION: GC to discuss transfer of domain name & site ownership over to RSO

- b. **CARS Support of Regional Content on Social Media** – Growth committee would like to ask for CARS support of Regional content – Not just Ontario but all regional media coverage/promotional footage etc. Peter Watt to take this discussion point to the next CARS meeting

ACTION: Peter to put forward the request to the CARS Board to share & support regional content

- c. **OPRC Podium at Rallye Defi** – although it has been discussed, the official documents (supp regs) for the event, have not been updated – RSO to contact Defi organizing team to at least posted as an announcement etc. just so we have some back up – CDNRally would also like some reassurance for their programming & movement scheduling etc.

ACTION: Bruce to contact BGilles to ensure official notice is posted with regards to the OPRC podium at Rallye Defi.

- d. **OPRC Video Sponsorship** – One of the key initiatives for the Growth Committee going forward is to drum up sponsorship for the remaining videos. Warren will contact Martin Donnelly to see if he's still interested in video sponsorship. Warren will also talk to the potential door-card sponsors to see if they are interested

ACTION: Warren to talk to Martin Donnelly to see if still interested in video sponsorship

ACTION: Warren to talk to potential door-card sponsors to see if they're interested in video sponsorship

12. New Business –

a. OPRC & ECRC – warren

Some confusion with regards to the OPRC & ECRC at Rallye Defi. It is understood by many that the ECRC is not a standalone championship but requires entry into a regional event to qualify. RSO would like confirmation that OPRC competitors entering Rallye Defi will also qualify for ECRC points.

It is also unclear as to the intent of the ECRC –

ACTION: Bruce will contact Mike Koch and Terry Epp to inquire as to the direction of the ECRC.

b. OPRC eligibility with regards to RSO Club membership & the rules pertaining to this –

Currently the RSO regulations do not state a time frame. A couple of competitors have expressed interest in taking part in the OPRC as they thought that they were eligible. As they weren't RSO affiliated Club members, they aren't eligible for the championship. The competitors in question have expressed that they did not know this rule and would like RSO to consider allowing them to purchase club memberships & be retroactively awarded points. RSO rules do state that in order to be eligible for OPRC points, a competitor must be an RSO affiliated Club member. Current rules however, do not state that there is a timeline to the membership. RSO needs to re-evaluate the rules for 2017

It was moved that to qualify for the 2016 OPRC competitors must be a member of an RSO affiliated Club before the start of the last event of the 2016 season. Haywood/Mayes. Majority voted For. Carried.

Notification will be sent out asap to explain the situation to competitors.

ACTION: Warren to put together a bulletin to send to competitors with regards to 2016 Club memberships and OPRC eligibility.

c. ARA & OPRC - Ross

New rally association in the US. Modelled after CARS. Affiliated by ACCUS and are hoping to work closely with CARS. Would be good to get an idea of CARS thoughts on the ARA.

13. Club News –

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

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

KWRC has a RallyCross on August 27th in Port Colbourne. It's further away from KW than we'd like but a lot of people did a lot of scouting before we were able to find this and it should be a fun venue. The field of competitors is filling out nicely but as usual, we'll need workers. If you can help us out please let me know, email martinl@oxford.net. You'd need to be at the track by 8:45AM and if you are traveling some distance

and want to come on Friday evening and stay overnight the club will subsidize a portion of your accommodation. I expect we'll need about 20 people to run the event.

Our fourth SNATR of the year was the mini-monte and BBQ; we had 15 cars start from the KW location. We'll look at what happened and think about changes but I'm fairly certain we'll do a SNATR & BBQ again next year even if it's only a KWRC event. Even so, the event went well with 53 people at the BBQ and for the first time in years we didn't have rain. Results are posted and I'll get the series scores updated soon.

Our next SNATR is September 17th. Starting and finishing at the Grand River Raceway in Elora. Guy and I ran the route and it's nice to use some roads we haven't been on in a few years. Using the track and slots as a venue means there is a place for supper afterwards and even a bit of action at the slots if that interests you. We'll have an update on this before the September meeting.

Some news from Black Bear, Eric Vlassic with Bruce Leonard took 3rd P4WD, Laurens Wit and Jonathan Cox took 4th P4WD, Zoltan and Guy took top honours in 2WD with Gary Sutherland and Kylee Davis taking 3rd. 2WD. Good work from all of the KWRC members

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

d. Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Derek Vincent)

The MLRC Black Bear Rally ran on the August 6th/7th weekend. The event had 14 competitors from Ontario, Quebec and two from the US. The new compact route worked well and even though a lot of work went into preparing the roads they were will a little rough. While the roughness of the road took a toll on some vehicles only two competitors did not finish

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: 10:07PM Mathew/Haywood **Next Meeting - October 4th 2016**