



## Approved Minutes

### RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Monday January 16th, 2017 Minutes

LOCATION – Teleconference – Meeting @ 7:00pm

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Bruce Leonard	President	Yes
Darryl Malone	CARS Rally Director for RSO	Yes
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	
Steve van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	
	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Yes
Mike Koch	MCO Club Representative	
Derek Vincent	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	
Peter Watt		Yes

## Agenda

- 1. Approval of/additions to agenda** – Add 2017 elections. Approved as amended.  
Gulliver/Mathew. Unanimous. Carried
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (December 12 & Previous Nov 14)** – No additions or changes. Moved as presented. Mathew/Gulliver. Unanimous. Carried

- 3. Treasurer's Report – Pete** Distributed to BOD. Some discussion on the financials. Moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's report as presented. Gulliver/Mathew

All invoices for the 2017 levies have gone out. Couple of timing invoices still coming in for 2016. Almost exactly breakeven – within \$100 or so.

**4. CARS update – Peter Watt**

Report to the RSO Board - CARS Dec. 14 and Jan. AGM Meeting and Activities  
There have been two CARS meetings since my last report

Meeting of Dec. 14, 2016:

- a. Preliminary finances for fourth quarter were presented – income up \$63K over budget but expenses up \$77K over budget. 3 Year plan for funds transfer showing reduction in event, sanction, and licence rebates was presented. The RSO Region Rally director objected to the 2019 elimination of the licence rebate as that had a direct impact on the RSO budgeting. Other highlights included a small increase in the office manager's salary, a \$20 increase in licencing fees but no increase in insurance and no immediate increase in sanctioning fees.  
Costs were added to provide for Technical Inspection Oversight at National events
- b. CRC as reported by National Series Manager.
  - i. Tall Pines ran well but had high attrition due to rough road conditions. The clerk informed the board that this was due to a deliberate act of sabotage by breaching a beaver dam. The perpetrator is known to the organizer.
  - ii. Big White has excellent conditions and roads but the incorporation of Rally Safe virtual chicanes led to protests. Results and podium delayed until the Rally Safe data could be obtained and verified.
  - iii. Perce Neige supp regs were published.
  - iv. All Canadian dates are now published and will include recce days.
- c. AGM will be held in Halifax. Meetings at the Westin Nova Scotian, Awards at the local Subaru dealership.
- d. Sponsorship negotiations with Subaru and Dirtfish, as well as the media contract with Bowes are ongoing
- e. Rule books are at the printers and will be delivered at the AGM
- f. Stewards' Manual to be completed on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>
- g. Rule change clarifying Restart positioning and gaps presented and supported so Rules committee will adjust the wording.
- h. Growing entries will be a topic of discussing at AGM weekend meetings
- i. Suggestion of a competitor log book was rejected as methodology for tracking competitors' behaviour and competition record already exists through the office.

## Meeting of January 6 & 7, 2017

### *Friday Evening:*

- j. John Hall was elected CARS President for 2017. Mr. Hall made it abundantly clear that if the presidential duties interfered with his competition activities, he would resign his presidency. Additional board positions proposed to be finalized Sunday AM. (list available)
- k. The outgoing CARS treasurer reviewed the financials and presented the 2017 budget to be presented to the membership for the AGM. (CARS financial year runs from Dec. 1 to November 30.)
- l. The 3 year plan to revamp the CARS/Region/Event financial relationship received considerable negative support from the organizers. (pardon the oxymoron)
- m. Plans for future AGM's discussed: 2017 – Montreal, 2018 – Calgary, then alternating between Ottawa and Calgary

### *Saturday Meetings:*

- n. 2017 National Stewards appointed by Terry Epp (List available)
- o. Discussion of presentation plan for AGM Meeting and contingency plan if budget rejected.
- p. Next CARS meeting set for Wednesday Jan. 18, 2017 at 19:00 EST
- q. Subaru representatives joined for an hour to discuss their directions for 2017 and beyond. Cost reduction and tightening of competition are on their priority list.
- r. Discussion of introducing a "STOP" sign along with the "OK" and "Red Cross" was discussed at the roundtable.

Respectfully Submitted: Peter Watt

### **Additional notes from Darryl:**

- CARS BOD is the same after the elections
- No move to make vehicle tracking mandatory
- Committee being formed to look into ways of lower costs for teams by introducing performance restrictions.
- There was also a discussion into the addition of a 'stop' sign as well as a triangle & ok sign, in a competition vehicle

**5. Old Business –**

- a. **Vehicle tracking** – One of the issues we had in 2016 was signal at HQ for the master tracking computer. A signal booster was purchased & will be used to assist the tracking system at HQ for events. Booster will be tested at Polar Bear Rally in February.
- b. **RSO Website** – New website up & running – RSO Logo will be added. Digital security certificate requested. BOD agreed & certificate will be purchased. 2016 results need to be finalized & posted.

**ACTION: BRUCE & WARREN TO FINALIZE 2016 RESULTS AND POST TO RSO WEBSITE BY THE END OF THE WEEK**

- c. **Rallysprint rule change proposals** - Will be main discussion topic at next RSO meeting February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- d. **HAM radio course** – Ross to discuss with course instructors over the next week or 2
- e. **First Aid Course** – Saturday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> in Aurora – 6 participants. Went well  
KWRC are also holding a first aid course
- f. **2017 OPRC Rule Set** – changes made & distributed. No minimum number of standalones necessary. Will be posted to the RSO website once everyone has read through the final draft.
- g. **CARS Regional Rep** - Darryl Malone was elected as the CARS Regional Rally Director for Ontario. Welcome Darryl!
- h. **Motorama** – Growth Committee will be working on this – next OPRC GC meeting is Tuesday Jan 17<sup>th</sup>
- i. **2017 Calendar**
  - i. - BBR changed back to a Fri/Sat format (area is being used on the Sunday for an Enduro event) – BBR will be Aug 11 & 12. Same HQ as the past couple of years, but may change location in 2018.
  - ii. LHFR has a new organizer – Vincent Landreville – Sat recce/Sun event, different HQ location, Stage set up has been switched to an ‘H’ set up to eliminate transiting passed the more sensitive areas.

**6. ORRC Report – Darin**

January Jaunt (TAC) Jan 7<sup>th</sup> was the first event of the season– ran well. 16 entries. (7 Expert/9 Novice)

Next Frostbite on Jan 28 organized by KWRC – instructions done

Polar Bear – Will be next event after that organized by MLRC. Ross will green crew.

**7. OPRC Report – Warren**

Rallye Perce Neige is the first event of the season.

**8. Legislative Affairs Report –**

Radio Amateurs of Canada currently have a petition to make sure HAM radios can still be used in cars.

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

## 10. Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood

Timing team all set for Rallye Perce Neige. Ross has a meeting with the Newells coming up to discuss supplies & repairs of the timing equipment this year

## 11. Growth Initiatives –

- a. **Next Growth Committee Meeting** - Tuesday Jan 17<sup>th</sup>
- b. **RPN Video Coverage** RPN & RSQ are wanting CDN rally to produce a video that focuses on the regional portion of the event. It would be branded OPRC/RSQ/RPN. Longer production to recap some of the National but discusses the regional events. Timeframe for the release would be mid march

***MOTION: FOR THE BOD TO APPROVE EXPENSES OF \$833.33 FOR VIDEO PRODUCTION SHARED WITH RPN & RSQ FRO RALLYE PERCE NEIGE 2017 HAYWOOD/MATHEW. UNANIMOUS. CARRIED.***

## 12. New Business –

- a. **AGM Directors Reports for 2016** – Need to get these started & sent to Kelly for the RSO AGM Delegates Package
- b. **Club Membership Lists 2016** - Note sent out to Club reps/presidents with regards to the 2016 membership lists – these are used to verify member voting eligibility at the AGM in March
- c. **2017 Rallysprint Events – Darryl**
- d. **Proposal to offer OPRC Championship entry to those competitors holding OPRC event host Club membership if not RSO affiliated Club –Warren**  
Some discussion into the request from OPRC host clubs that are not RSO-affiliated.

***MOTION TO ALLOW RPN CLUB MEMBERS OPRC ELIGIBILITY WITHOUT HOLDING AN RSO CLUB MEMBERSHIP HAYWOOD/MALONE. 5 AGAINST. MOTION DEFEATED.***

### e. Reopening Open Championship Discussion

***MOTION: MOVE TO REOPEN THE QUESTION OF A CLOSED OPRC CHAMPIONSHIP HAYWOOD/GULLIVER. 2 AGAINST/4 FOR. CARRIED***

Discussion to reword the original motion to make it easier for voting. All agreed.

***MOTION: MOVED THAT THE 2017 OPRC CHAMPIONSHIP IS AN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP NOT REQUIRING A RSO-AFFILIATED CLUB MEMBERSHIP & COMPETITORS MUST BE ENTERED IN THE OPRC PORTION OF MULTI-STATUS EVENTS TO SCORE POINTS IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP HAYWOOD/MATHEW 4 FOR/2 AGAINST. MOTION IS PASSED***

The 2017 OPRC championship will not require RSO-affiliated Club membership for competitors to be eligible.

- f. 2017 Elections** – There are 4 positions up for election at the 2016 AGM
  - President (2 yr term)
  - VP Performance (2 yr term)
  - Treasurer (2 yr term)
  - Trustee (3 yr term)

**13. Club News –**

- a. British Empire Motor Club (BEMC) (per Bob McCallum)**
- b. Kitchener–Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**  
Awards dinner this weekend – 45 confirmed attendees so far. New treasurer & secretary elected at AGM. First Aid Course March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (per Mike Koch)**  
Organizing LHFR & Rallysprint
- d. Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Derek Vincent)**  
MLRC Rallycross season starts on Sunday
- e. Peterborough Motor Sports Club (PMSC) (per Pete Gulliver)**  
PMSC Awards Jan 25. Provisional snowcross organized for Feb 4<sup>th</sup> but doubtful now with no snow. Couple more scheduled for march at Shannonville racetrack.
- f. St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Robert Switzer)**
- g. Subaru Performance Drivers' Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)**  
No report
- h. Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Dietmar Seelenmayer)**

Meeting adjourned at: 10pm Gulliver/Haywood.

- 14. Next Meeting - February 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm.** – Focus will be on rallycross rule change proposal to be sent to the CARS Admin Rules Committee. – Bruce to send document on rallycross rule changes to BOD.