

SECRETARY REPORT – 2019

2019 saw a few changes within Rallysport Ontario, & being involved with the Board allows me to stay in touch with the goings on in Ontario & Canadian rallying, even if I'm not competing much myself these days.

At the 2018 AGM in March 2019, we bid farewell to Bruce Leonard in the role of RSO President. Bruce had been in that position since I started with the BOD & did a great job in the role, but was getting involved in other projects so decided it was time to move on. Warren Haywood (former RSO VP Performance) was voted into the President position, bringing many years of experience in the sport, as well as many years involved with both the RSO and CARS Boards. Canadian Champion Co-driver Alan Ockwell was voted in as VP Performance, and David Maynard was voted back in as RSO Treasurer.

In 2019 there were 7 RallySport Ontario conference call meetings, attended by the RSO Board of Directors as well as a number of Club Representatives. I'd like to thank everyone for participating in those meetings, as it's very important that the clubs have an input into Rally in Ontario. If Club Reps are unable to attend those meetings, they are very welcome to send along any topics/questions that they would like discussed between the available reps and RSO BOD. All the minutes from the 2019 meetings can be found online on the Rallysport Ontario website www.rallysport.on.ca

As usual, my role in RSO keeps me busy organizing meetings, ensuring the minutes are taken & posted, along with following up with assigned tasks. Being involved with the Board has also allowed me to be active in a number of projects in 2019:

Motorama, held at the International Centre, was a good opportunity for us to get the sport of rallying out into the public eye and we spent 3 days talking about all aspects of the sport. I was joined by a number of volunteers this year at the split RSO/Tall Pines booth & we were able to introduce a number of people to the sport but were still getting the "there's rallying in Canada?" question. Although we have hosted a booth here for the last 3 years, we have decided not to attend Motorama in 2020.

The other project I am involved with is the Growth Committee & this past year we have been focusing our energy on securing sponsorship for the 2020 OPRC season. We are very fortunate to have found a couple of great sponsors that, through many discussions throughout the year, have agreed upon supporting the 2020 season. I look forward to seeing the impact that this has on OPRC participation this coming year.

Other rally activities I was involved with in 2019 (outside of RSO) included me getting back into the co-driver seat with my own team to compete in (& win) 3 events out East, as well as being

on the LHFR organizing team, and working with the Tall Pines event in 2019, producing the Organizer Supplied Notes, and assisting the Clerk of the Course on event day. So, all in all, a busy rally year for me.

The Secretary position is up for election at the 2019 AGM in Bridgenorth on March 21, 2020, and if nominated I would enjoy the opportunity to carry on being involved with the RSO Board to see what we can achieve in 2020.

Thanks to everyone involved throughout the Clubs – whether it is competitors volunteers, or organizers – your commitment is very much appreciated.

See you out there

Kelly Mathew

RallySport Ontario Secretary