



Draft Minutes

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Aug 31, 2020

LOCATION – Video Conference Meeting @ 7:30pm

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Martin Loveridge	President	Yes
Warren Haywood	CARS Rally Director for RSO	Yes
Alan Ockwell	Vice-President – Performance Rally	Yes
Louis Cabardos	Vice-President – Navigational Rally	Yes
Kelly Mathew	Secretary	Yes
David Maynard	Treasurer	Yes
Ross Wood	Executive Assistant / Equipment Manager	Yes
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	No
Chris Krepski	Chief Scrutineer	Yes
	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	No
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Yes
N/A	MCO Club Representative	
Dave Cotie	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Jeannie MacGillivray	OSCC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	No
<i>Unknown</i>	St. LAC Club Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	regrets
Graham Tullett	TAC Club Representative	regrets

Agenda

1. **Approval of/additions to agenda** – Moved for approval as presented.
Mathew/Haywood. Unanimous. Carried
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (July 20, 2020)** – Moved as presented.
Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report – David** Financial documents were sent out ahead of the meeting.
 - a. **Old business - LHFR 2019 Fees** – Still some confusion as to what has been paid and what hasn't. Warren to get this cleared up with LHFR treasurer ASAP.

- b. Revised OPRC fee/levy structure 2020 – Alan** - Had no time recently to update but will work on it over the next week or 2.

4. CARS update – Warren – From July CARS Meeting,

- a. CRC update:**
 - i.** PFR Cancelled
 - ii.** Rallye DEFI National Cancelled. Regional, and Rally sprint will run with some adjustments
 - iii.** Charlevoix running a compressed schedule compact one day event still forging ahead
 - iv.** Rocky Mountain also planning a one day compressed compact schedule event forging ahead
 - v.** Rally of the Tall Pines also planning a one day compressed compact schedule
 - vi.** Big White already a relatively compact event planning continues
 - vii.** A discussion took place focusing on reducing championship support expenses, to this end it was decided that the National Series Manager will act virtually for the remainder of the season for events which it makes sense. Terry will work closely with an appointed local person to execute on all NSM tasks during the competition weekend. Local National series Scruitineers have been selected and will work closely with Graham to ensure that all key responsibilities are filled on event weekend.
 - viii.** Number of events to award championship: The BOD agreed to a 4 event min to award the championships, further had a separate call to review the decision and reduce the required number of events to award the championships to 2 for 2020.
- b. Waivers:**
 - i.** English/French and Minor waivers are now available on the CARS website.
 - ii.** Work with Stoneridge continues to get the waivers to be acceptable through electronic means.
- c. ASN FIA:**
 - i.** A discussion took place identifying key items that CARS requires clarification on prior to determining the next course of action pertaining to affiliation.
 - ii.** Correspondence between GDS and the Regional presidents was shared with the member clubs for context along with CARS intent to continue to be a part of the process to participate in the development of the ASN as it pertains to Rally and Rally related activities within Canada. No further information to provide.

- d. Drone rule review: John continuing work with Stoneridge on the CARS Drone policy in light of the Transport Canada regulation changes. No additional update at the time of this report.
- e. New member club application approved: Squamish Brackendale rally Cross Club affiliation application approved motioned passed.
- f. Defi Rally Sprint Exemption approval: Francois East requested on behalf of Rallye Defi that an exemption be approved for the max stage length to be increased for two stages of the event. A discussion took place; a motion made, and was approved. **Stages have been increased by 1.4km and 0.8km**
- g. COVID event operating Guidelines: The COVID doc was circulated and approved for distribution. The notice was released.
- h. Virtual AGM: A discussion took place it was agreed that currently a virtual AGM would be required for 2020, and a change to the by-laws was required. A Motion was made and adopted; a notice was released to the membership.
- i. Event Support: CARS event permit fees to be waived for the remaining events for 2020, will also include RPN for 2021.
- j. Next meeting Sept 9th 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren

5. Old Business –

- a. **OPRC Sponsorship** – Sponsorship has been deferred to 2021 – update sent to Club reps and posted on RSO website & social media
- b. **Bylaw Committee** – Volunteers: RW, ML, WH, PG KM – ML to take lead – No update
- c. **Rally car registration committee** – Dave Cotie – no update

6. Navigational Rally Report – Louis

- a. We have had 1 more virtual rally since last RSO meeting which brings the total to 4. There is also another one scheduled for Sept 10. This one is called Planes, trains, automobiles and boats so there will probably be some travelling involved. One of the previous virtual rallies had us rallying in Japan, Italy and South Africa as well as in Ontario.
- b. KWRC held an "On the road" SNATR on Sept 26 which went well with 15 teams entered. From this, we expect to run the remaining 3 ORRCs on the road which will give us 6 for the season.
- c. PMSC has also held a couple fun rallies "on the road".

Navigational rally looks good at this time.

7. Performance Rally Report – Alan –

a. Performance Rally:

- i. Defi 2020** – Announced today that they will no longer be running a regional event – only rallysprint. Alan will contact the Ontario teams directly that he knew were planning on participating.

Alan to work on an announcement for a social media post

ii. Tall Pines 2020 –

- 1.** Still planning for National event and 2 OPRC events. ECRC organizers are also willing to let it count for 2 ECRC events as well but will have to get permission of the other clubs involved in the ECRC to allow it. Alan to reach out to other event organizers to gauge their approval.
- 2.** Pines committee currently making presentations to individual townships.
- 3.** MNR is now accepting road permissions requests but some roads are in very rough shape (Egan Creek) so these will not be used.
- 4.** Weekly committee meetings as things are constantly changing.
- 5.** Current plans: 9am – 9pm event.
- 6.** Not expecting as large a field as usual as more than likely only ON & QC competitors – US competitors not likely if border restrictions still apply.

b. RallyX - no report – see individual club reports

8. Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair

- 9. Scrutineer's report – Chris Krepski** 1 logbook request & waiting for paperwork to come back. Once Chris looks that over it will be sent to CARS.

- 10. Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood** Taking clocks and a small team to the Defi RallySprint (courtesy of Tall Pines) to test how it will work at Pines. Won't be using a tracking system at Defi as they were contacted late and the trackers cannot get to the location on time.

- 11. Growth Initiatives** – nothing to report

12. New Business –

- a. Regional Rally Director** – Kelly - Nomination procedure is to start Oct 1 – Just need to update the information documents and they can be sent out to club representatives.

b. 2021 Calendar –

- i.** Can probably plan rallycrosses & Navigational rallies where we don't have to congregate inside.
- ii.** SNATRs will be ok to go ahead

iii. Performance:

1. BBR 2021 – should be ok – MNR should be good for permits. Quarry has said event can use it as HQ if the organizing team decide to go that route. That way the cars also do not need to travel on the regular roads. (NO racing in pit)
2. LHFR 2021 – Hopefully will be able to get permissions sorted for this.

- c. **OPRC Championship** – Martin asked to discuss the option of returning to a restricted championship where only RSO affiliated Club members are eligible for the championship points and therefore sponsored prize money. Discussion was had within the group and ultimately it was agreed that the championship will remain open.

Discussion points:

- i. Don't want to discourage out of province competitors
 - ii. Other regions also have open championships e.g. Quebec.
 - iii. Not a huge amount of money to get a club membership but don't want to keep increasing costs for competitors to compete.
- d. **RSO Instagram Account** – Eric Vanderwall (KWRC club member) has offered to run a RSO Instagram account. Board asked for him to make a plan as to how he'd like the account to look.
- e. **RSO Website** – some of the contacts online are incorrect – need updating.

13. Club News –

- a. **Kitchener–Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**
- i. SNATR on Aug. 29 was a success with 15 CARS and Pizza, mostly outside.
 - ii. Automapic ORRC & SNATR Sept. 26
 - iii. First Aid course Oct. 3
 - iv. RallyCross School Oct. 10

- b. Rallycross weekend Oct. 17/18

- c. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (per ??)**

- d. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Dave Cotie)**

- e. **Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Jean MacGillivray)**

While we haven't had rally events in this area lately, there's been some track activity by rally drivers and organizers. Calabogie Motorsports Park (CMP) is perhaps a half-hour away from the top of LHFR's Lavant Mill Road, and some rallyists new to the track have got acquainted with it this season.

One was from the Toronto area, who spent an enjoyable day getting the cobwebs out on this twisty, hilly 5-km-long course. Another driver, a well-known competitor from Quebec, signed up for a test day, followed by a two-day endurance-race weekend. According to their FB posts, they had a great time!

The third person, an OSCC member, is new to the area and jumped at the chance to learn some new roles around running races under the mentorship of senior club members. She's a valuable Rally resource, so I just hope I haven't lost her to the racers!!

It's nice to hear that rallyists have been enjoying motorsports in my part of the world, but I'm sure everyone is looking forward to being back on loose surfaces again soon!

- f. **Peterborough Motor Sports Club (PMSC) (Per Pete Gulliver)**
 - i. PMSC after a problem start to Rally X events for 2020 finally held a very successful event at Free Flow MX Park August 8th. Belleville. The course was recently built by PMSC members Alan Pawling and Sergio Bidinost. Drawing on their vast Auto Cross knowledge they laid out a free flowing course that eliminated the need for Cones, While keeping the average speed within guidelines.
Highest achieved speed for some was over that allowed and changes have been implemented for next event.
Being a heavy clay base weather really effects running of events.
Another event is scheduled for Sept 12th at same location. Currently over 30 have signed up to run.
 - ii. PMSC also runs a very successful Auto Cross Series and while COVID regulations have stopped usage of usual location Kawartha Downs, local Stock Car Track Peterborough Speedway has allowed use of track and pits etc. to make some challenging courses. Usually 40 to 50 drivers compete.
 - g. **St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Robert Switzer) - No Update**
 - h. **Subaru Performance Drivers' Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher) Nothing to report.**
 - i. **Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tullett) Nothing to report**
- 14. Next Meeting - Monday Oct 5th 7:30pm**
Meeting adjourned at: 832pm