



Draft Minutes

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Jan 11, 2021

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
Will Arnold	MCO Club Representative	No
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	Yes
Graham Tullett	TAC Club Representative	No

Agenda

- 1. Approval of/additions to agenda** – Moved for approval as presented. Maynard/Mathew. Unanimous. Carried
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Nov 16, 2020)** Moved for approval as presented. Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous, Carried
- 3. Treasurer's Report – David** Financial documents were sent out ahead of the meeting. Moved as presented. Maynard/Hancher. Unanimous. Carried.
 - Very close to breaking even with a net loss of \$266.23

4. CARS update – Warren –

a. From Nov 26 meeting:

- i. Budget: The BOD reviewed the 2021 draft budget which required another version given the recent announcement that RPN was cancelled due to ongoing COVID related issues, a revised document was circulated to the BOD in the days following the meeting.
- ii. Insurance:
 1. There was a request from the Quebec Regional Director regarding direct fee transfer of costs to events vs the per car levy method which has been in play for a number of years,
 2. A discussion took place weighting the pros and cons of each method it was decided that it was in the best interest of the sport to maintain the current approach to administering the program, more successful events tend to support smaller regional or undersubscribed national events as entries are higher.
 3. Various efforts have been made to make the insurance package details and the associated costs of the package transparent to the events and clubs, most information related to insurance coverages is provided is on the CARS website.
 4. John, Martin and Warren have developed an RFP for insurance in preparations to send this out for quote in the event that CARS will need to source insurance for 2021 come April 1st.
- iii. CRC:
 1. Terry reported that the 2021 edition of RPN has been cancelled
 2. The 2021 rule book is a work in progress
- iv. ASN:
 1. John Terry and Martin have drafted an affiliation proposal that was sent to GDS for review on Nov 6th.
 2. On Nov 26th John met with Ron Fellows who largely felt the proposal looked good and had further meetings planned with Francois and Stephen on the 27th to review.
 3. The BOD wanted a clear position and draft agreement in place prior to the AGM in order to have some meaningful affiliation discussions at that time.
- v. Sponsorship: CARS continuing to work with Subaru Canada to nail down the sponsorship package for 2021 (no update)
- vi. ARC:
 1. Presented to the BOD proposed changes to the licensing definitions and rules which mostly involved clarifying and modernising the language around co-driver licenses.
 2. A motion was made and adopted

vii. AGM:

1. The BOD approved some housekeeping changes to the by laws to be voted on at the AGM related to virtual meetings and the definition of ASN
2. Motion was made and adopted
3. Debbie to include the changes in the AGM for ratification

b. **Dec 21st BOD meeting:**

i. Budget:

1. The BOD reviewed the 2021 final draft budget the bottom line will leave CARS with an estimated 6k deficit for the year.
2. The primary reason for the shortfall is the loss of 2021 license income with the planned 2020 credits.
3. 2020 and 2021 will be a couple of tough years for CARS as the rallysport community battles the effects of the COVID pandemic.

ii. Insurance:

1. John reported that he had spoken with Stoneridge and they had confirmed that they will be in a position to provide insurance for 2021 if requested to do so.
2. CARS has shared our RFP with ASN so that they are aware of what our insurance needs are to take this into consideration in their work towards getting an insurance package negotiated.

iii. CRC:

1. Terry is working with Ivan to finalise the FR version of the 2021 rule book the CARS BOD extends its gratitude to Ivan for his efforts in getting the rule book translated.
2. Steward assignments have been sent out Terry will provide a final list of National event Stewards prior to the AGM.

iv. ASN:

1. John met with GDS (Ron and Stephen) on Dec 10th to iron out some further details regarding the draft affiliation proposal
2. John felt that he would have ironed out proposal in the coming days to share with the BOD for further affiliation discussion and recommendation.
3. The BOD met on Jan 6th reviewed the draft doc. and agreed that in principal the affiliation agreement looked good and provided unanimous support to present to the members and discuss during the AGM weekend to gather some input and answer questions with the intent to take this feedback into consideration prior to having the final vote on affiliation.

- v. Sponsorship: John reported that Subaru has committed to getting a decision on 2021 CRC support in March after the Corporation has settled in on its 2021 budget.
 - vi. AGM:
 - 1. John reviewed AGM preparations Identified a schedule for the various meetings
 - 2. John and Debbie finalised a schedule and sent out the corresponding links and documents required.
 - vii. Misc: John presented a draft of the goals for 2021 and requested the BOD review and suggest any changes or additions.
- c. **RRD Permit update:** Permits were issued to PMSC for their rally cross events, and to MCO for their rally cross series of events. NOTE there have already been some adjustments to the event dates as a result of the increased COVID restrictions that have been placed on Ontario.
- d. **AGM weekend related highlights: Jan 6th through to the 10th meetings inclusive**
- i. The CARS BOD voted in John Hall for another year as president. During the Jan 6th meetings he requested that the BOD put in place some succession planning for his replacement as he has made it known that it is time for him to step down from the role and would very much like to ideally have 6 months of transition before the end of his term.
 - ii. An ASN affiliation discussion took place during the AGM meeting time frame which there seemed to be an overwhelming level of comfort with the current DRAFT proposal that was presented, there was a request made to have more time to review the document and provide feedback to the BOD for consideration.
 - iii. An amendment was proposed to the bylaws to allow virtual AGMs to be held in the future, an amendment was proposed to the motion which was voted on and declined by the membership, the original amendment was then voted on and was carried. It was noted that guidelines for virtual AGM's would be created by the CARS BOD for future meetings.
 - iv. An amendment to the definition of "ASN" in our bylaws was proposed, an amendment to the proposal was put forth, voted on and was carried.
 - v. Three regional director positions were voted on, in all cases RSO, RPM, and ARMS, there was only one candidate in all cases the region clubs voted and the nominees were acclaimed.
 - vi. The round table discussion was very productive highlights were:
 - 1. ASN affiliation discussion and comfort level with the affiliation document broadened from the previous meeting as the participant count was obviously higher.

2. Rally car registration in BC and ALTA discussion was very well received by all participants and seemed to garner a much greater understanding of the programs at the BOD level as well as at the participant level, continued efforts need to be made to educate current competitors and continued efforts need to be made in QUE and ON to enhance the offering in hopes that we can make this program or programs similar to this one a National program.
 3. The national championship was discussed given the vast size of the Nation it is difficult to call it a National championship when so few competitors travel West to east and visa versa. Many great ideas were tabled for consideration. The CARS BOD have added this discussion to their priorities for 2021.
 4. SXS for RX discussion was held and is on the CARS list of initiatives for discussion immediately following the AGM. (PMSG Pete G) the ARC and TRC once the BOD has discussed the desire to include SXS will need to work through the fine details.
- vii. The BOD met Sunday AM to discuss a few items from the AGM meetings
1. A discussion took place regarding ASN affiliation, in line with our standard operating norms the draft documents will be sent to the members for 2 week review to gather further feedback to be taken into consideration prior to the BOD's final vote on the matter. NOTE: the members are the clubs.
 2. A discussion took place regarding the sharing of best operating practices for events to take place during COVID restrictions and beyond. It was agreed that CARS needs to look at event procedures and ensure that the rules can accommodate the changing direction of event administration. This may include centralising best common practices and providing new framework to place administering some portions of a rally within. eg. annual waivers, virtual notice boards, centralised tech inspection and pdf. competition packages are all some examples of mitigating the human contact, reducing demands on volunteer resources and exposure and containing costs for organisers.
 3. The CARS BOD members felt that the virtual AGM weekend was a successful platform, John performed his role of moderator well and overall the CARS BOD got some real tangible take-aways from the various meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Haywood, Ontario Regional Director

Some discussion was had about the CARS Report.

Notes:

- Warren – Overall the affiliation initiative with ASN is moving along well. Warren thought the CARS AGM went very well.
- Martin – a suggestion for next time would be to circulate documents ahead of time.
- **ASN Summary** – Basically the overall agreement (currently in draft form) is similar to what was in place with ASN Canada, but with CARS in a better position; especially with the appointment of an individual suggested by CARS to the ASN Taskforce which will be a multi-discipline committee looking at the overall management of motorsport.
- CARS & GDS are aiming to be as transparent as possible.
- If the affiliation goes ahead, the current insurance process will remain in place.
- Once affiliation agreement is completed, financial details will need to be discussed.

5. Old Business

- a. **UTVs** – discussed above in CARS report. CARS is putting together a committee to discuss what will be acceptable with regards to vehicles, rules etc
- b. **RSO AGM** – Date set for March 20th – Kelly to touch base with Justin Cohen with regards to moderating again & get documents ready to be sent out.
 - i. **Elections** - Roles up for election are Treasurer (Dave is willing to run again), President (Martin is willing to run) and VP Performance (Alan will unfortunately not be running again due to prior commitments).
 - ii. **2020 Awards** – none for OPRC. ORRC awards have already been mailed out. Louis to email winners to take a photograph with their awards for a social media post. We can also acknowledge winners at the RSO AGM.
- c. **2021 Calendar**- updated online.
 - i. **ORRC** – Polar Bear & Frostbite cancelled
 - ii. **RallyX** – 1st 2 events for MCO have been cancelled but depending on restrictions at the time, they are hoping to host the Feb 6 event. PMSC has a snowcross planned for Feb 27. KWRC's first event of the year has been cancelled, with the next one planned for Feb20-21. MLRC's first rallycross of the season is planned for March. (all future events so far are dependent on lockdown and covid restrictions)
 - iii. **OPRC** – Rallye Perce Neige is cancelled. LHFR has approached local council to see whether it's worth even trying to discuss an event with them for May – waiting on a reply. Given the timing and current situations, LFHR isn't looking likely to go ahead. MNR for Tall Pines is not entertaining any application for rally related activities yet. They aren't even setting hunting season dates.
- d. Rally car registration – discussed above in CARS report. Dave has been in touch with Darryl Malone after the CARS AGM.

Ross Wood – At the CARS AGM there was some excellent sharing from the people on the call from BC and AB about the rally car registration system they have successfully set up in their two Regions. It gave us a better understanding

of what to aim for and gave Dave Cotie some excellent contacts to start from. Our biggest problem IMO with performance rally in Ontario is lack of entries and I believe the biggest reason for that is the hurdle with getting a rally car safetied and licensed in Ontario. Insurance is also a hurdle, but it is available – although at an exorbitant price. I have put quite a bit of effort into the insurance issue in the past, but we need to keep working on it. However ideally if the first problem is solved, it will also solve the insurance issue
Dave is going to continue to look into this. Vince Landreville has offered his assistance along with those in the Western regions who have already had experience with it.

6. **Navigational Rally Report – Louis** The 2020 season managed 5 events, even with the restrictions at the time. The awards have been sent out and Clubs are preparing for the 2021 season.
7. **Performance Rally Report – Alan –**
 - a. **Performance Rally:**
 - i. **RPN – cancelled**
 - ii. **LHFR** – looking doubtful at moment but Warren has contact the township clerk to gauge whether it would even be wise to approach the council.
 - iii. **Contingency Plans** – Warren would like to organize an OPRC event at Shannonville racetrack for 2021 if LHFR cannot run. Date for Shannonville to be determined as it would all depend on track availability. It's usually between the snow & the regular race season. Alan would like to put together an announcement for competitors that if LHFR does not run, we are working on a contingency plan to get some events in this year. Ongoing.
 - iv. **Rule Set** – updated rule set has been published and posted online. Rules were updated to include minimum of 3 events needing to run in a season in award the OPRC championship.
 - b. **RallyX** - see calendar notes
 - c. **Rallysprint** - So far season is being planned but won't start until later in the year
8. **Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair** – Nothing to report
9. **Scrutineer's report – Chris Krepski** - .Nothing to check out recently, although there is a new honda civic car being built
10. **Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood** nothing to update
11. **Growth Initiatives (growth committee)**– no update right now

12. New Business –

- a. **Review of CRC Scoring System** – Ross sent out separate email prior to the call with more information. The intent is to make the CRC fair to competitors on both sides of the country, so that Western competitors have similar opportunities to earn CRC points as compared to Eastern competitors, without having to travel across Canada more than Eastern competitors do (ie. 5 Eastern CRC events compared to 3 Western CRC events).

One proposal is that competitors competing in regional events could earn ½ the number of points they would at a national event, on the CRC scoreboard.

Discussion was had:

Kelly M – Didn't think the scoring system was fair to competitors as those competing at a smaller lower entry regional event could gain similar points to those competing in a larger field at the National Level. Eg. 1st place at a smaller event like Shannonville would gain 11 points, almost the same as a competitor that had battled a potentially much larger field for 4th place at the national level.

Alan O – Would National competitors then just come to regionals to take extra points? Although it would boost entries, it would take away points from regional series competitors.

There was discussion on weighting CRC events according to location. Ross was unsure as to whether weighting one event more over another would be the right answer.

Other ideas included a tow fund. However, another challenge to competitors travelling across the country is travel time & taking vacation from work.

- b. **Set date for RSO BOD budget meeting** – Budget meeting will be Monday Jan 25th at 730pm via WebEx video call for BOD.
- c. **Appendix A: Fees & Levies discussion** This item will be pushed to the budget meeting.

13. Club News –

- a. **Kitchener–Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)** Like most clubs KWRC doesn't have much to report, there aren't any events going on right now as you already know. Our speaker series is getting some attention, it's Antione L'Estage this Sunday. Our AGM and elections meeting is on Jan. 14. We cancelled the Jan. 23 rallycross and I'm pretty sure Frostbite and the February 23 Rallycross weekend will also fall victim to the pandemic. Realistically I can't see any events going ahead before July, perhaps later than that.
- b. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (per Will Arnold)**
.The first couple of Rallycrosses have been cancelled but the event on Feb 6th hopes to go ahead depending on current restrictions.

- c. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Dave Cotie)** The Club has decided to restructure their meetings & will now have 1 exec meeting per month and a member meeting every 2 months. They will have a guest speaker at their next meeting – Alan O. The club will also allow non-members to join the meetings with the guest speakers. Ongoing planning for Tall Pines, BBR and the rallyX series. Possible date for AGM is April.
 - d. **Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Jean MacGillivray)**
 Happy New Year to all rallyists! We won't be out on the stage or nav-rally roads for a while yet, but we have much to look forward to this year.
 My news is that we have a new Rally Chair for the Ottawa SportsCar Club. Mike Koch is a familiar name to pretty much all of you, and I am delighted that he has agreed to take over the role for the OSCC. I have been unwell for a while now and must step back. Thank you to rallyists within RSO (and beyond) for your support over the last little while. We welcome Mike's expertise, experience and commitment to rallying. Jim and I look forward to supporting Mike however we can.
 - e. **Peterborough Motor Sports Club (PMSC) (Per Pete Gulliver)** Multi-disciplined club. Had to cancel ice racing this year. Planning is underway for the snowcrosses and ORRC events. Autocross had a good 2020 season & they are hoping to have something similar for 2021.
 - f. **St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Robert Switzer)** - No Update
 - g. **Subaru Performance Drivers' Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)** Lot of things being planned for 2021 with regards to track events (3 right now planned for the 2nd half of the year but they will all depend on restrictions at the time. No date set yet for AGM. There would usually be a spring car control event organized in April, but it's not looking good that it will go ahead. If Shannonville OPRC event goes ahead, it will be a SPDA organized event. ORRC event No Winter Maintenance Rally is still being considered.
 - h. **Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tullett)** New treasurer and contact address for TAC.
14. **Next Meeting - Monday March 1st @ 7:30pm**
 Meeting adjourned at: 9:00pm Maynard/Cotie