



# *RallySport Ontario*

Canadian Association of Rally Sport

## **RallySport Ontario 2020 Annual General Meeting**

# **Delegate's Package**

March 20, 2021  
Via virtual platform





## 2020 Rallysport Ontario Board

President	<i>Martin Loveridge</i>
Vice-President, Navigational	<i>Louis Cabardos</i>
Vice-President, Performance	<i>Alan Ockwell</i>
Regional Rally Director	<i>Warren Haywood</i>
Treasurer	<i>David Maynard</i>
Secretary	<i>Kelly Mathew</i>

## 2020 RallySport Ontario Executive

Executive Assistant	<i>Ross Wood</i>
Equipment Manager	<i>Ross Wood</i>
Chief Scrutineer	<i>Chris Krepski</i>
Legislative Affairs Representative	<i>Alasdair Robertson</i>
Webmaster	<i>Darin Mayes</i>
Scorer	<i>Roger Sanderson</i>

## RallySport Ontario Member Clubs

	<p><b>Kitchener-Waterloo Rally Club</b>          President: Martin Loveridge          RSO Representative: Martin Loveridge</p>
	<p><b>Maple Leaf Rally Club</b>          President: David Cotie          RSO Representative: David Cotie</p>
	<p><b>Motorsport Club of Ottawa</b>          President: Colin Wolfson          RSO Representative: Will Arnold</p>
	<p><b>Peterborough Motor Sports Club</b>          President: Dan Demers          RSO Representative: c/o Pete Gulliver</p>
	<p><b>Subaru Performance Drivers' Association</b>          President: Joe Trinidad          RSO Representative: Trevor Hancher</p>
	<p><b>St. Lawrence Automobile Club</b>          President: Rob Metcalfe          RSO Representative:</p>
	<p><b>Toronto Autosport Club</b>          President: Robert McAuley          RSO Representative: Graham Tulett</p>
	<p><b>Ottawa Sports Car Club</b>          President: Richard Muise          RSO Representative: Mike Koch</p>

**RallySport Ontario**  
**2020 Annual General Meeting**  
4pm on Saturday, March 20 2021.

Via virtual online platform

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order and Welcome
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Introduction of the 2020 Board of Directors and Executive
4. Approval of the minutes of May 2, 2020 (2019 AGM)
5. Director's Reports
6. Financial Reports
7. Old Business
8. Confirmation of the Acts of the Board
9. New Business
10. Elections
  - a. President (two year term)
  - b. VP Performance (two year term)
  - c. Treasurer (two year term)
  - d. Trustee (three year term)
11. Appointment of Reviewer of the Books
12. Adjournment

*The formal meeting may be followed by informal discussion of further items of interest to the members*



## 2019 Annual General Meeting

4:00pm on Saturday, May 2nd, 2020  
Online virtual meeting

### *Unapproved Minutes*

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 4pm, and a quorum was declared with 6 of 8 Clubs represented. The secretary reported that there were a total of 25 in attendance, with 70 registered votes.

President Martin Loveridge presented his opening remarks; welcoming everyone & thanking them for their continued support within the rallying community.

2. **Approval/Changes to the Agenda –**

Peter Gulliver (PMSC) requested that confirmation of the President's position be voted on during the elections .

Approved as amended. M/S Rob McAuley (TAC)/Roger Sanderson (KWRC). Unanimous. Carried.

3. **Introduction of the 2019 Board of Directors and Executive**

RSO President Martin Loveridge introduced the Board of Directors and the Executives to the delegates in attendance.

4. **Approval of the minutes** of 2018 AGM held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Approved as written. Kelly Mathew (MLRC)/Pete Gulliver (PMSC). Unanimous. Carried.

5. **Director's Reports**

All Directors Reports were available ahead of time on the RSO website, as well as included in the Delegates Package. No questions were asked of the Director's reports.

Moved as presented. Bruce Leonard (MLRC)/Rob McAuley (TAC)

## 6. Financial Reports

Financial Reports had been sent out ahead of time to Club representatives and those who had expressed interest in joining the meeting.

The overall summary written by RSO Treasurer was also posted on the RSO website.

Financial Summary:

*RallySport Ontario's financial position improved in 2019 when compared to 2018.*

*The most notable differences are net revenue increased from a deficit of \$5,428 to a surplus of \$3,893. The largest contributors to the improved result are:*

- *Performance Rally revenue increased by \$2,307 to \$9,830*
- *Performance rally expenses including road damage decreased by \$6,355 to \$5,733*
- *Timing revenue increased to \$11,710 while timing expenses dropped to \$9,778*

*The biggest change in 2019 was the start of the rally sprint series, the goal for the series of 3 events was to break even. The net fees collected were \$11,955 of which \$11,250 was given to the organizers to run the events. RallySport Ontario paid additional expenses of \$388 for total rally sprint series cost of \$11,638.*

*The surplus of \$3,893 was added to General Reserve Fund. At the end of 2019 the General Reserve Fund balance was \$23,536.*

Some discussion of the financial reports.

Question from Peter Gulliver (PMSC) - Where was the \$50 per car road damage fee for the two MLRC rally sprint events shown? *This has been included in the OPRC Road damages – Treasurer David will look into the figures and send the separated information to the Club Reps, BOD and execs over the next couple of days.*

Moved to accept financial report as presented with the understanding that the Treasurer will determine where the road damage fees are recorded for ORSC. David Maynard (MLRC)/ Bruce Leonard (MLRC). All in favour. Carried.

7. **Old Business** – Nothing to discuss

### 8. Confirmation of the Acts of the Board

M/S Ross Wood (MLRC)/Dave Cotie (MLRC)). Unanimous. Carried.

9. **New Business** – No new business for the AGM. General discussion will be had after the meeting.

## 10. Elections

### a. VP Navigational (two year term)

**Ian Lalonde** was nominated by Roger Sanderson (KWRC)/Dave Cotie (MLRC)

**Louis Cabardos** was nominated by Bruce Leonard (MLRC)/Peter Watt (PMSC)

Both candidates willing to run.

The members voted in favour of Louis Cabardos (PMSC)

Louis Cabardos elected.

### b. Secretary (two year term)

**Kelly Mathew** was nominated by Rob McAuley (TAC)/Roger Sanderson (KWRC)

No other nominations

Kelly Mathew accepted.

Kelly Mathew acclaimed.

### c. Interim President (1 year remaining of 2 year term)

**Martin Loveridge** was nominated by Alan Ockwell (MLRC)/Larry Flint (MLRC)

No other nominations

Martin Loveridge accepted

Martin Loveridge acclaimed

### d. Trustee (three year term)

**Ray Felice** was nominated by Ross Wood (MLRC)/Bruce Leonard (MLRC)

Ray Felice acclaimed

## 11. Appointment of Reviewer of the Books

**Jane Leonard** appointed reviewer of the books. Dave Cotie (MLRC)/Ian Lalonde (MLRC)

## 12. Adjournment

M/S Pete Watt (PMSC)/Trevor Hancher (SPDA) moved that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

AGM adjourned at 4:46pm.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCUSSION

1. **Bylaw Committee** - RSO would like to form a committee to look into the current RSO Bylaws and suggest appropriate changes &/or additions. There were a number of issues RSO came up against while discussing the resignation of the Regional Rally Director position & how it should be handled. Current bylaws do not address this. Members who volunteered for the committee: **Ross Wood/Martin Loveridge/Warren Haywood/Peter Gulliver & RSO will also ask Alasdair Robertson to join**

2. **Thoughts on Upcoming Events:** CARS has announced guidelines for when a decision needs to be made with regards to whether events are to be run or not.
  - a. **July MLRC Rallysprint** - Decision to be made by June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - b. **MLRC Black Bear Rally** – Usually applying for permits & road permissions 8 weeks prior to the event but currently MNR are not accepting any requests. BBR is up in the air until further announcements are made by the government. MLRC not in favour of moving event to September onwards as it's too close to Pines if that is to run
  - c. **OPRC Season** – Board will discuss the Championship – depends on what remaining events run as to whether a Championship is viable. BBR up in air. No decision made with regards to Defi but sporting events on hold in Quebec until end of August. If both of these cancelled it would leave Tall Pines & that is also under discussion depending on what other CRC events are running.
  - d. **OPRC Prize Fund** – Still under discussion with sponsors & will depend on how many more OPRC events will run this season – BOD to discuss further
  - e. **2020 Tall Pines** – Still under discussion. Will depend on other CRC events and CARS decision with regards to the National Championship. Question was posed – would Pines still run as a regional only – a scaled down version? Would still be ECRC as well if that Championship continues this season. Would people still be willing to enter an event if it wasn't part of a Championship? Tall Pines committee still to discuss these questions.
  - f. **CRC Championship** – This is on the agenda for discussion at the next CARS meeting. Scenarios being discussed if certain CRC events are cancelled and what that will look like for the championship.
  - g. **June PMSC Rallycross at Burnt River** – will probably not go ahead. Even if things start to open up a bit more they don't want to be insensitive by having competitors travelling through communities. PMSC will announce soon.
  - h. **Rescheduling Events for later in the year** – Could be difficult as it will be hard to fit all events in to limited spots. Also have to consider other aspects of daily life being postponed to later in the year; competitors being able to afford to compete; volunteers having the time & funds to be able to help out etc.
3. **Rallycross event insurance** – Just a reminder that Rallycrosses now need separate insurance 2 weeks in advance of the event – this request must go through Warren
4. **New ASN in Canada** – Nothing official yet – If a new ASN forms, CARS will evaluate the need to join it. Currently have insurance for events without being involved with ASN so will continue to monitor the situation.
5. **Timing Equipment usage in Quebec** - QC events will not be using RallySafe for tracking & will be using EZTrak instead. They are also hoping to use it for timing. Peter MacDonald does not recommend using it as the primary timing system but can be used as a back-up. This will put into question their use of the RSO Timing Equipment going forward. However, Ross assures RSO Timing equipment will always remain either revenue neutral or revenue positive.



6. **Virtual Road Rallies** - Navigational organizers are trying something a little different to keep people engaged.
  - a. **Virtual Road Rally #1** - organized by Louis C, who sent out instructions. 12 Expert entries and 6 novice. Went very well & the winner donated their money to charity.
  - b. **VRR #2** – Dennis to organize – Martin is hoping to hear from him soon with the details.
  - c. **VRR #3** - Bruce L has one planned that is focused more on the co-drivers.
7. **Rally Car Registration in Ontario** – Dave Cotie would like to see more effort being put back into this subject. (As well as insurance – but they are 2 separate topics).

Darryl is still interested in working on a committee to start looking into Registration Exemptions. Dave Cotie volunteered to join this team. Dave Maynard has some contacts that may be useful. Need to start researching laws & regulations. Dave Maynard is will to present to his contact with specific 'asks' but just needs help putting it together. Once we have the request for changes put together, a number of members were willing to pass it along to their MPPs. Need Alasdair on board in some form to assist. Group to put together some objectives & run it past the BOD.
8. **Conference Call Platforms** – There are currently a lot of options available to RSO with regards to platforms that can host the regular RSO meetings, RSO Club/Event meetings & the AGM. Many of them are cheaper than our current call system & therefore would be a good idea for RSO to switch in order to reduce costs.

Martin L & Roger Sanderson to look into lower cost alternatives for conference call platforms & present at the next RSO meeting.
9. **Modified HAM licencing** – Justin C informed the group that due to the current situation, HAM licencing has been modified in a way that may let some people exam over the phone/via video. This might be beneficial in order to get the outliers that haven't been able to get to examinations in the past.
10. **Final Thoughts** – Thank you to everyone for joining the call & for being patient while we got everything organized. Thank you to the BOD for their ongoing support.

# **Director Reports**

## RSO Presidents Annual Report, 2020 AGM

As every other pundit has written it's been an interesting year.

If you don't know me I've been involved with rally for a little over 40 years, a bit in competition in navigational and performance rally but mostly as an organizer. I was appointed as President of RSO in March 2020 in a series of events that saw the president at that time move into the role of Ontario representative on the CARS board. My plan is to stand for election as president at the RSO virtual AGM on March 20, 2021.

At the time I was appointed some wag suggested I was made captain of a ship in dry-dock. We had hopes to salvage something from the 2020 performance and rallysprint season but as restrictions on competition came, went and came again it wasn't to be. Navigational rally did the best it could and got enough events to make a championship, one of the events running from my office in Ingersoll. Several of the clubs still managed to put on Rallycrosses and the odd non-championship navigational rally. Everybody just did the best they could.

It's unfortunate the OPRC couldn't run. The RSO board had arranged (prior to my arrival) for a \$10k sponsorship package to promote performance rally but that couldn't be awarded. The sponsors, Ontario Motor Sales, Clarington Hyundai and Enercare Home Services/Martin Air Heating have generously extended their offer to 2021 so here's hoping that we get an OPRC season this year.

Plans for Rallysprint this year are in place. A committee representing several clubs in place and already has had several meetings. The entry list is full with 15 cars and there are a few on the waitlist. The three event season will start in August. We can thank Darryl and Paul for the efforts to get the series going initially and their continuing involvement. I think the success of the series shows the need for events at the lowest possible cost, both in terms of money and time commitment.

For the performance rallies in 2020 the RSO board voted to waive most of the levies, dropping the organizers cost by about \$200 a car. That ended up being a hollow gesture as we didn't get any Ontario based OPRC events running anyway. The board will be looking at how we can reduce event costs for 2021 and hopefully some of the savings can be reflected in lower entry fees. Performance rally isn't cheap at the best of times but we'll do what we can to keep the costs down.

There is some work being done to see if we can get some kind of Provincial rally car registration similar to what they have in B.C. and Alberta. Dave Cotie is heading up that committee but as you can imagine the government has bigger fish to fry at this time. Also, getting insurance companies onside is a challenge; in B.C. they have government run car insurance.

We've missed three of the eight ORRC navigational rallies so far this year due to the current restrictions. While we've been able to have events with a minimum of contact between the competitors and organizers the issue is people traveling between restricted zones within the province. There have been some ad hoc virtual rallies that have generated a following.

Organizers have been creative in several significant ways with no-contact route cards and online registration. However we're probably going to need most of the province in yellow or green before we can resume the ORRC series.

While we hope things will ease up in the coming months we've had that carrot dangled at us before. We'll just have to be ready to go when we are allowed to run. It's especially hard for organizers of performance events since it takes months of planning and permissions to get the rally ready to run, and these days just getting road permits is problematic with the MNFR and local councils not meeting in person.

On the upside, I have to say that the executive team and the extended board have been incredible to work with. Kelly, as secretary, is amazing. Alan has done a great job as VP Performance and we're going to miss him when he steps down at the AGM. We are looking for someone to fill that role.

This was Louis's first year as VP Navigational and he worked hard to keep the championship going. Darin who stepped down from the position in March is still helping out with the website and other technical issues.

Dave, our treasurer since 2017 and VP Navigational before that keeps us on track. Warren has a big job reporting to RSO on CARS activities and issuing event permits under CARS jurisdiction. He attends the CARS board meetings and the associated duties also take up a lot of time.

Our extended board includes Chris Krepski who heads up the scrutineering team, RossWood who is involved with most aspects of the sport and Eric Vanderwal who created and updates the RSO Instagram account which has gained quite a bit of traction. There are so many others who have helped get us through the year I can't name them all but I do appreciate your efforts and input.

In the year before Covid we were suffering from low entries in performance rally and we need to work on getting more people running this year. The generous awards package I mentioned earlier will help but we still need to encourage existing competitors to come out and mentor new people joining the sport. Rallies are also social events and we need to engage, encourage and support new people in the sport. If you see someone new, go up and introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. That will get more new people into the sport and keep them here than any other single thing we can do.

Here's hoping for a better 2021.

Martin Loveridge

President, RallySport Ontario.

# REGIONAL RALLY DIRECTOR REPORT – 2020

## 2020 Regional Director Report

As we look forward to 2021 with the optimism that rally related activities across the province and country will return we look back on what amounted to a year of racing inactivity. We did focus our efforts on some housekeeping of the sport and supported the rally activity that could take place within the restrictions we were presented with.

## Region Rally Activity

Ontario region is host to 8 CARS affiliated clubs for 2020 all of which had a number of TSD events, Rally cross, Rally sprints, regional and National performance rally events planned for the season.

The impact of the pandemic has cancelled the bulk of the TSD events however some were able to run later in the season with some Table Top Rallies taking place.

Collectively KWRC, PMSC and MLRC were able to get 7 Rally cross events off the ground later in the season.

Unfortunately the Ontario Rally sprint Championship (ORSC) in its entirety was cancelled along with the Ontario Performance Rally Championship (OPRC) only having had one event run on the calendar in February.

The sole National Performance Rally event for the region The Lincoln Electric Rally of the Tall Pines also landed on the cancellation block as a result of gathering restrictions.

Similar to each region Ontario experienced the challenges that were faced in 2020 with event planning and provincial restrictions that seemed to change daily. The commitment to forge on in all cases was there until there was no other responsible option. This resolve bodes well for the sport in the region and when restrictions permit we can optimistically look forward to a strong return to rally competition in all disciplines.

## Administration

CARS worked through a variety of administrative related items during the year.

- Sourced comprehensive insurance package
- Rule book updates both on the administration and competition rule sets.
- Subaru sponsorship package management
- Worked with GDS (ASN Canada) to develop an affiliation agreement
- Worked through various initiatives to support the participation in the rallysport activities that were able to take place.

Respectfully Submitted

Warren Haywood

Ontario Region Rally Director

## VP Navigational Rally – 2020 Report

2020 was a landmark year for navigational rally in Ontario. Many sports series were cancelled or had so few events that there were no winners announced. Due to navigational rally's season spanning from early January to late November, enough events were run to declare a complete season and thus determine series champions. Five of the scheduled nine events ran. Four of the five main clubs were able to hold at least one event. Attendance was about normal for recent years with a total (not average) of 18 Expert entries and 28 Novices in the 5 events. Geographically, events ran between Colborne to the east, Bancroft to the north and Ingersol to the west.

Entries continue to be low compared to what there could be but there is a core of competitors that do most of the events. Some novice crews come and go.

KWRC continues to have a strong club and has a great club level series in their Saturday Night at the Rallies events. This really is a beginner friendly series and is a feeder to the ORRC series. PMSC has occasional club level events but they are not very well attended.

One thing I would like to work on in 2021 is a greencrew "school" to provide green crews with more direction as to what their responsibilities are and how to accomplish them.

In conclusion, navigational rallying in Ontario continues to survive but with low turnouts compared to the amount of effort that goes into the preparation of the events. It seems that organizers are still prepared to continue to hold events despite this low reward.

Louis Cabardos

VP Nav

## Secretary Report – 2020

2020 saw a number of changes within RallySport Ontario, both on the board and in the way we had to adjust to comply with restrictions imposed early in the year.

Due to the restrictions put on in person meetings, the 2019 AGM due to be held in March 2020 was postponed until May and was held virtually through the WebEx platform. It was a learning experience to organize this but it worked well and has since become the norm for both RSO monthly meetings and Club meetings alike. Thankfully, our regular sweep team member Justin Cohen was able to provide technical expertise and assist with the smooth running of the AGM.

At the 2019 AGM, Martin Loveridge was confirmed the interim President for RSO after Warren Haywood had stepped down earlier in the year & was voted in as CARS Regional Rep at the CARS AGM in January. We saw a new Navigational Rally VP join the Board with Louis Cabardos, and I returned as Secretary for another term.

In 2020 there were 6 RSO video call meetings attended by all members of the BOD and the majority of Club representatives. Just a reminder that if Club reps cannot attend the meeting in person, they are welcome to send along topics or questions they wish to be discussed.

Unapproved meeting minutes can usually be accessed within 7-10 days on the RSO Website [www.rallysport.on.ca](http://www.rallysport.on.ca)

Often my role on the RSO Board has me involved with other projects, but as the 2020 events were few and far between, 2020 mainly consisted of the usual secretarial duties of organizing meetings, ensuring the minutes were circulated & posted and following up on tasks set at those meetings.

Hopefully we are able to host more events in all the series in 2021 – I'd like to see what I can get involved with this year.

A big thanks to all those who volunteer their time on the BOD and Club committees, as well as the event organizers and volunteers. It takes a lot of dedicated people to make sure we can compete in all disciplines in the sport.

Hope to see you out on the stages this year!

Kelly Mathew

RSO Secretary

## 2020 VP Performance - Director's Report

Like many things in life, the 2020 Ontario performance rally season was significantly impacted by the pandemic and provincial shutdowns. While many events were cancelled, there were a few highlights, along with some positive signs for 2021.

The Rallye Perce-Neige in February was the only OPRC round able to run. Marc Bourassa and Élise Racette took the win, while Jim Stevens and Brandon Pace were the top 2wd team. The remaining events were cancelled and the championships were not awarded. Similarly, the rallysprint series had to be abandoned when it became clear it could not go ahead.

Our clubs organized rallycrosses when and where local regulations permitted. Event formats were modified to comply with provincial health guidelines:

- KWRC held four successful rallycross weekends. Competitors were grouped into batches of ~20-25 cars and run separately across two or three sessions.
- MLRC hosted three events in Bancroft, averaging approximately 20 entries each.
- MCO's popular winter series had four rallycrosses in the early part of the year.
- PMSC ran two rallycrosses in the spring and will score those events in a combined 2020-2021 championship.

2021 has started off quietly with events postponed or cancelled in the early part of the year. But there are some good things in the works:

- The 2021 rallysprint championship sold out within hours of registration opening. This popular series will build upon a successful debut in 2019 with three rounds in late summer and early autumn.
- Clubs are ramping up their rallycross plans with lots of events in the works.
- The first two rounds of the 2021 OPRC (Perce-Neige and Lanark Highlands) have been cancelled. But our organizers for the later rallies in the year are moving forward with their planning, and our series sponsors are on board, so we're hoping to have three or four OPRC events in the second half of the year.

Of course, everything depends on the path taken by the virus, government restrictions and vaccine rollout. RSO will post updates as things take shape.

Finally: I will not be seeking re-election at this AGM. It's been great working with the rally community and the RSO board. And I'll make sure there is a smooth transition to my successor.

All the best in 2021  
Alan Ockwell  
VP Performance Rally



## **RSO Treasurer Report - 2020**

With 2020 rally activities reduced to Rallye Perce-Neige and five navigation rallies the majority of financial transactions were refunds of entry or listing fees for events that were cancelled.

We received \$10,000 in sponsorship money for the Ontario Performance Rally Championship which is being held as a prepaid expense until performance rally events can be held again.

The reduced revenue and expenses resulted in a net loss of \$266.23. The \$15,000 Guaranteed Investment with Desjardins matures next year and will be available in April 2022.

David Maynard  
Treasurer