



Draft Minutes

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Apr 19, 2021

LOCATION – Video Conference Meeting @ 7:30pm

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Martin Loveridge	President	Yes
Warren Haywood	CARS Rally Director for RSO	Yes
Brandon Pace	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	Yes
Chris Krepski	Chief Scrutineer	Yes
	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Yes
Will Arnold	MCO Club Representative	No
Bruce Leonard	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Mike Koch	OSCC Club Representative	No
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	No
<i>Unknown</i>	St. LAC Club Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	No
Graham Tullett	TAC Club Representative	No

Agenda

- 1. Approval of/additions to agenda** – Add quick discussion re: co-driver course. Moved as amended. Mathew/Cotie. Unanimous. Carried
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Mar 1, 2021)** Moved as presented. Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried.
- 3. Treasurer's Report – David** Financial documents to be sent out ahead of the meeting. Only 2 transactions since last report. \$100 income from St Lac joining fees and \$50 expense for insurance extension. Moved as presented. Maynard/Haywood. Unanimous. Carried.

4. CARS update – Warren –

- a. CARS financial
 - i. Some licences have been sold to date adding a small amount of income but overall little change.
 - ii. It remains steady with no events having little to no expenses other than normal operational items.
- b. Series update
 - i. Side bar waiting for Cochrane to go ahead in hopes that it will be the first event in the year to go ahead, organisers working hard to with AHS for approvals.
 - ii. BDC moving ahead with plans as is RMR
 - iii. Francois mentioned some lapping events have been taking place rallies remain a challenge based on provincial guidelines.
- c. ASN
 - i. ASN unable to negotiate a national level insurance package on a pay as you go basis. It has been left to the territories to source insurance for the 21 season as was done for 20.
 - ii. Brokers did not offer a package aside from that which Stonridge did however Everett decided that they would no longer be insuring motorsports.
 - iii. Stoneridge sourced another provider which is Markel Canada, who have agreed to provide a package as of May 1st.
 - iv. Clubs are required to pay for the current extension from Stoneridge to cover for April.
- d. Subaru
 - i. CRC support was included in the manufacturer's budget for 2021 however direction has not been confirmed as of this meeting but it was indicated that we would have an answer near to the end of March 2021.
 - ii. Some discussion going on with Frederic Senterre from RSQ to produce an on-line video production for the RSQ events
 - iii. There has been some discussion with Frederic to assist in bridging the financial gap for the 8th event more to come on this.
- e. ARA/CARS: CARS has made some connections south of the border with respect to technical rules in hopes that there would be more collaboration as it may be in the best interest of the competitors and the sport as a whole. Specific mention to the ruling regarding WRC hardware outcome.
- f. Rule book
 - i. John presented the new rule book format which spans a variety of updates one of which is its scaling is now compatible with 8.5x11 and is ready for printing from a web based PDF rule book.
 - ii. The French rule book would maintain the same format as the English

- iii. A motion was made to support the new format and the continued work the motion was adopted
- g. ARC
 - i. New RC rules were proposed with the inclusion of the allowance of SXS. The rules have also been revamped to be clearer as more of a stand-alone rule set rather than an add on.
 - ii. Some wording has been adjusted to accommodate the UTV addition and excluding cross cart
 - iii. A motion was made and adopted to send the rules out for two week review
 - iv. New RS draft rules were discussed formatting cleaned up to again enable this rule set to be a stand-alone document.
 - v. A motion was made and supported to send out the changes for two week review
- h. RC insurance
 - i. Bruno Carre is working on setting up a meeting with transportation authorities in QC
 - ii. Warren working on adding some Ontario resources to the mix
- i. Rising Star: John has asked ASN for support for CARS to begin the creation of Trials.

5. Old Business

- a. Rally car registration – on going
- b. Rallycross championship – recent 2022 championship meeting – Single events from LRC, KWRC, MCO and PMSC. Running like the rallysprint championship where you register in advance for all 4 events. Clubs will be allowed to run their event how they want to, they just have to declare which event is in the championship. Championship events will be held separate from regular rallyX events to ensure that paid championship competitors are able to run and regular competitors are still able to register for the regular events. The RallyX group will ensure that events do not clash. The MCO event will most likely be the first event of the year in Jan/Feb.
- c. Bylaw committee – no update

6. Navigational Rally Report – Louis:

- a. **Spring Run Off** – cancelled or possibly postponed
- b. **Blossom** – Cancelled
- c. **Discover Ontario** – Louis has messaged organizer to see if they'll go ahead with it in June, or possibly hold it later in the year – no reply back yet

7. Performance Rally Report – Brandon –

- a. **Performance Rally:** Everything on hold at the moment. Defi website is down currently – Brandon will follow up with them
- b. **RallyX** - All events currently on hold

- c. **Rallysprint** - Organization still going ahead but will all depend on local & regional restrictions
- 8. **Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair** – Nothing to report
- 9. **Scrutineer’s report – Chris Krepski** - .Chris has been coordinating a few inspections with Ryan Huber. Not much else to report
- 10. **Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood**

The Organizers of the Rallye Baie des Chaleurs have requested that the RSO Timing Team provide timing for the 2021 event, as in the past. Plans have been put in place, but this will be conditional on COVID restrictions permitting.
- 11. **Growth Initiatives (growth committee)**– no update right now
- 12. **New Business –**
 - a. **First Aid** – Warren will follow up with Jan to see how they are currently running courses
 - b. **RallySprint Co-driver Course** – Online beginner 1.5hr course scheduled for Sunday July 18 at 2pm with Alan Ockwell. Timing and controls. Open to primarily sprint competitors and remaining places open to others. Martin will ask Alan how he’d like it promoted. We will promote it on RSO Website, social media and directly to rallysprint competitors.
 - c. **Latest CARS Bulletin regarding RX & RS rules** – Martin requested a discussion regarding the latest CARS bulletin on RC & RS regulations.
 - i. 27.2.1 limits us to hay bales or cones. KWRC also uses plastic barrels and tires. It could say "items like hay bales or cones" as defined in 27.4.3.C
 - ii. 27.3.1.a requires a drivers licence. Is that needed on a closed course? b restricts passengers to 16 years old and this being somewhat of a family outing that may be more restrictive than we'd like. Younger people are Karting and that seems to be allowed. The minimum height and weight may exclude some legitimate co-drivers.
 - iii. 27.4.3 i Stop box penalty is defined as 10 seconds - should the event be able to define the penalty? At KW we find a "slow down" box works better, often people stall in the stop box and that can affect the next car. It just needs something for the driver to know to calm down after the run.

Some discussion on the topic but it was decided that rather than RSO approaching CARS regarding the new rules, Clubs should be the ones to put forward their thoughts & questions if they feel it necessary.
- 13. **Club News –**
 - a. **Kitchener–Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)** No events running at the moment. The virtual rallies weren’t gaining a lot of interest so no plans for others at the moment
 - b. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (per Will Arnold).**

- c. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Dave Cotie)** At the recent AGM Bruce Leonard was acclaimed as president. The RallyX events have now moved to the Free Flow location where PMSC hold their rallyX events. First event was scheduled for June but not looking likely now. Black Bear – still being organized but not able to apply for road permissions yet. Tall Pines – The Town want approval fo the Tall Pines covid plan from the local health unit.
 - d. **Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Mike Koch)**
 - e. **Peterborough Motor Sports Club (PMSC) (Per Pete Gulliver)** Autocross in early May has been cancelled. Next rallyX is scheduled at the end of May but probably won't go ahead.
 - f. **St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Robert Switzer)** - No Update
 - g. **Subaru Performance Drivers' Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)**
 - h. **Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tullett)**
14. **Next Meeting - June 7th at 730pm**
Meeting adjourned at: 8:45pm