



Draft Minutes

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – December 20, 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	Regrets
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	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.** No additions to the agenda. Moved for approval as submitted. Pace/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Nov 8, 2021)** Moved for approval as submitted. Mathew/Koch. Unanimous. Carried

- 3. Treasurer's Report – David** Financial documents were sent out ahead of the meeting. Moved for approval as presented. Maynard/Mathew. Unanimous. Carried.

Discussion:

- a. AR \$2510 still owing from Rallye Defi. David has been following up by email but hasn't had any response yet from Louis (Defi organizer). Last communication was Louis asking for correct address to send the E-transfer to. Nothing since. Ross to follow up with Louis
 - b. ORRC listing fees waived for 2021
 - c. RSO sent cheque to Ross but MLRC has already covered it. RW & DM to sort this out via email.
 - d. RallySprint series had a surplus of \$3617. A portion of this (\$600 will be coming to RSO) – more under Performance Rally
- 4. CARS update – Warren –**
- a. CARS Dec 14th Meeting: CARS board held a brief meeting to vote in the new CARS president. Jean Francois Guite will be president elect for the remainder of the year until the AGM where he will officially take over the role of CARS president.
 - b. Dec 16th Meeting
 - i. Financial:
 1. Chris shared the draft budget final proposal. This balanced budget includes no fee increases and has incorporated \$7000.00 for 1st year Eastern implementation costs associated with RallySafe. Reviewed and accepted by the board to present to the membership at the AGM.
 2. The insurance account ended with a small loss which ate up the bulk of the reserve due to some events having lower than anticipated entries.
 3. The 2021 Year End was reviewed. Overall financially positive results for a year that had an uncertain outcome. In 2021 CARS did not have to draw on reserves as initially planned, ending the year which will assist in offsetting the greater loss in 2020.
 - ii. Championship:
 1. Terry reported on the Tall Pines steward report highlighted some of the challenges that the event faced as well as the positives of the event to which there were many.
 2. BW took place, overall the event seemed to go well, had its unique challenges report to follow.
 3. RPN next event
 4. Terry currently reviewing the rule book, John has been updating the master.
 5. Terry working on 2022 Steward assignments

6. Francois indicated effective immediately in regards to Quebec's changing COVID restrictions all competition is on hold in the province, hopefully this will be lifted by RPN.
 7. Tire stud issue raised from BW. It was agreed that Graham would refine the tire stud rule to keep in line with the intent of the rule. Propose the changes for board review and approval.
- iii. AGM weekend prep:
1. President and director reports compiled
 2. Listed a number of official appointed positions that have agreed to carry on for 2022. RSQ nominee Francois East, RW nominee Chris Kremer, Terry Epp Series Manager, Keley Holt under DR. Blois will be the CARS medical delegate, JF Guite President elect, Debbie Dyer remains Office Manager.
 3. Schedule for the AGM weekend
 - I. Thursday Jan 6th Extended Board meeting
 - II. Friday Jan 7th CARS/Organizer meeting
 - III. Sat Jan 8th AGM
 - IV. Saturday Jan 8th 1400-1600 Open RoundTable
- iv. Sponsorship:
1. BW was filmed
 2. The board reviewed the AMP visual presentation from the 14th meeting. It was decided a small group review the needs of CARS and determine where it might benefit the championship to work on first from a marketing POV and report back to the board.
- v. RallySafe: The board accepted the recommendation from the committee.
1. Chris presented a detailed costing sheet for the program and has incorporated some of the set up costs of the system into the CARS operating budget to keep the costs per car lower.
 2. Although regional rallies are not required to use a tracking system it was agreed that having the option needs to be affordable. Chris was asked to re work the calculator to propose a subsidized rate for regional and sprint events.
- vi. Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting Jan 6.

Respectfully submitted
Warren Haywood
Regional Rally Director

Discussion:

- *CARS BOD looking forward to working with the new President*

- *RallySafe – Chris K is still reviewing costs. Warren has asked him to look into the potential of the National events subsidizing Regionals as the regional events won't have access to EZTrak.*
 - *RallySafe is exploring non-GSM potentials – which could lead to a further decrease in cost*
 - *ML – will spectators/teams have to pay for the rallysafe app? At Rocky they did. WH to follow up with this.*
 - *RW – On behalf of the organizers, Ross as asked CARS to send him the criteria that was used to decide on RallySafe, as well as the detailed results of the survey.*
 - *The \$7000 costs in the first year of implementation will be for training organizing teams in the east.*
- *AMP Presentation – AMP Digital owned by Bruno Laverdiere (President is Nicolas Laverdiere). Presented to CARS a proposal for promoting the sport. A committee made up of Warren Haywood, Clark Paynter, Chris Kramer & Warwick P has been created to look over the proposal. Still in its infancy but WH will keep RSO updated going forward.*

5. Old Business

- a. **First Aid course** (Warren) – course host Jan has some availability. 2 dates in January and one in Feb. IF current restrictions still allow it to go ahead the course can be done ½ virtually and half in class. Warren will keep following up to see if we can get this organized. Already have folks who are interested in it.
- b. **RSO Calendar** – All updated online with ORRC, RallySprint and RallyCross dates. OPRC needs to be confirmed

6. Navigational Rally Report – Louis

- a. January Jaunt – been moved from Jan 15 to Mar 26.
- b. 8 events planned for 2022.
- c. 2021 double header worked very well
- d. 2021 Expert driver was separated by 1 point each in the top 3.
- e. Working towards 2022 – calendar has been sent & all organizers confirmed
- f. Polar Bear – Looking at potential alternatives – current restrictions would not allow the breakfast to take place & it's possible that the Fish & Game club would not want to rent the hall. The appeal of the event is the winter date & overnight challenge so there's not really an option to postpone it – it's a do or don't situation.

7. Performance Rally Report – Brandon –

- a. **Performance Rally:**
 - i. **2022 RPN confirmed OPRC participation** (if it goes ahead with the new Quebec restrictions)

- ii. **Tall Pines** – confirmed wouldn't want to do a double header again in 2022
- b. **RallySprint** - At the last meeting, Jacek stepped down as committee lead. Discussions have been had where Clubs will individually organize events rather than a committee but MLRC have not yet discussed this in-club yet for 2022. They will however, probably organize 1 if not 2 RS events. Discussion on surplus 2021 funds from the series.

Motion to accept that the surplus funds from the 2021 RallySprint Championship be distributed as follows: \$1000 towards a RallySprint Championship Competitor Prize Fund, \$600 to RallySport Ontario and \$2017 to MLRC for the organization of the Championship. Pace/Maynard. 1 Against. Carried.

Warren – Going forward it would be preferable to see the distribution numbers in writing.

- c. **RallyCross** -
 - i. 2021 – PMSC managed to get all their RX events in however other clubs were not so lucky
 - ii. Between the 4 clubs for 2022 there are 19 events currently scheduled.
 - iii. Still looking at a RallyX championship for 2022 & Brandon will be following up with potential RX Committee members to help get the discussion going again.
 - iv. **MCO** - Things at MCO are well underway for the winter rallycross season! (Permit applications have already been submitted to Warren)
 - 1. They have 9 events planned for winter 2022. 3 Test N Tunes along with 6 championship events. Dates are as follows:
 - I. Jan 8th - Test N Tune
 - II. Jan 22 - Round 1
 - III. Jan 29 - Round 2
 - IV. Feb 9 - Night event - Test N Tune
 - V. Feb 12 - Round 3
 - VI. Feb 23 - Night event - Test N Tune
 - VII. Feb 26 - Round 4
 - VIII. March 5 - Round 5
 - IX. March 12 - Round 6

2. Changes for this year:

- I. After a trial year last year, we are allowing studded tires to count towards MCO championship points
 - II. SxS/UTV will be allowed
- v. MLRC – Planned schedule for MLRC rallyX dates: January 30th, February 27th, June 19th, September 18th, this will possibly be a double header weekend with PMSC running on the Saturday. Bruce S is organizing again. It was discussed that 2 weeks notice is a reasonable timeline for event cancellations where COVID is concerned. Weather cancellations are harder to give advanced notice of.

8. Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair – no report

9. Scrutineer's report – Chris Krepski - Not a huge amount to report. A couple of competitors have approached him with new builds.

10. Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood

- a. **Back-up timing for 2022 RPN** – for 2022 RPN has to use RallySafe but they're also hoping to use the RSO timing team as their back up timing. Ross's suggestion is (similar to RallySprints) to cover the flying finish with shadow clocks. RPN also asked if we could just send the equipment & no people to run it. Ross suggested this wasn't a good idea & the RSO BOD agrees. CARS hasn't stated what the back up timing system has to be – doesn't have to be electronic. There's a possibility we will still go to RPN if it isn't cancelled. In the past the RSO timing team has been used at BDC but probably not this year & there's a good possibility RSO will not be renting out the equipment much at all in 2022.
- b. **CARS mandating Timing/Tracking system or CRC events** – already been discussion in the CARS report. Ross believes it's a big step backwards to lose tracking for the regional events.

11. Growth Initiatives –

- a. 2022 OPRC Sponsorship. Warren has been in contact with the 2021 sponsors and they are interested in coming on board again for 2022. \$5000 from Enercare & \$10,000 for 2022 from the Clarington Group. Warren has also been in talks with a couple of other potential sponsors. Still need to finalize the details with the current sponsors – take a look at the rules and make sure we're still working within the parameters that the sponsors set. Warren will coordinate discussions on sponsorship distribution suggestions. Mike Koch suggested some form of thankyou photo/plaque for the 2021 sponsors to show our appreciation. This can be discussed further.

- b. OPRC Website: New OPRC website www.oprc.online has been created by Nick & Kelly Mathew to have an area specific to the championship: blog posts, calendar, results & a place to showcase the sponsors. The RSO website has been updated to link to the OPRC website through the performance rally section of the website..

12. New Business

- a. **RSO AGM** – Virtual date set for March 19th. Kelly to contact Justin Cohen to assist in the hosting again. Same set up as previous 2 years. Announcement and documents will go out at the start of February.
- b. **2021 awards** –
 - i. ORRC awards – Louis is working on these.
 - ii. OPRC – Bruce L will be submitting a yearly codriver trophy similar to the driver trophy. Warren suggested a permanent trophy in memory of Jeannie MacGillivray. Kelly suggested the Novice driver award. Planning needs to go into this.

Also don't need to wait until march to create the trophies & hand out to competitors.
- c. **2022 Budget Meeting** – Date set for Jan 10th RSO BOD & Ross
- d. **Updating the OPRC Rules for 2022** – Martin, Brandon, Kelly & Bruce to go over OPRC 2022 ruleset & decide on any changes to present to the BOD/Exec for approval of changes.

13. Club News –

- a. **Kitchener–Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)** Last event held was the double header ORRC. Good number of folks advancing from RallyX up to RS and OPRC. The usual end of season dinner & chat has moved virtually.
- b. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (per Will Arnold)**. See RallyCross update above
- c. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Bruce Leonard)** Tall Pines overall was a success. It was interesting to not have spectators present. Ross reported that the key Bancroft folks that he has talked to had only positive feedback to the event. They will be holding their debrief meeting virtually as opposed to the usual in-person gathering, on Jan 16th. First RallyX of the season is scheduled for Jan 30th but it is unlikely to go ahead at this point.
- d. **Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Mike Koch)** Recent OSCC AGM voted in Nikki Lachapelle as the new OSCC President. Not too much happening right now within the club.

- e. **Peterborough Motor Sports Club (PMSC) (Per Louis Cabardos/Peter Watt)** – Ice racing committee meeting this evening, PW doesn't think it will be able to run this season but we'll have to wait & see. Final PMSC meeting for 2021 (AGM) was held in person. Exec remains the same. Successful competition season with the biggest money maker being the RallyCross series in 2021. A couple of competitors have moved up to RallySprint & performance rally but the majority stay within the RX series.
- f. **St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Robert Switzer)** - No Report
- g. **Subaru Performance Drivers' Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)** Nothing to report – generally dormant over the winter months
- h. **Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tullett)** No report

14. Next Meeting - Monday Jan 31 at 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned at: 9:36pm