



# *RallySport Ontario*

Canadian Association of Rally Sport

## **RallySport Ontario 2021 Annual General Meeting**

# **Delegate's Package**

March 19, 2022  
Via virtual platform





## 2021 Rallysport Ontario Board

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

## 2021 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: Bruce Leonard  RSO Representative: Bruce Leonard</p>
	<p><b>Motorsport Club of Ottawa</b>  President: N/A  RSO Representative: Will Arnold</p>
	<p><b>Peterborough Motor Sports Club</b>  President: Dan Demers  RSO Representative: Louis Cabardos/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: Nikki Lachapelle  RSO Representative: Mike Koch</p>

**RallySport Ontario**  
**2021 Annual General Meeting**  
4pm on Saturday, March 19 2022.

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 March 20, 2021 (2020 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. Secretary (two year term)
  - b. VP Navigational (two year term)
  - c. 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*



## **2020 Annual General Meeting**

4:00pm on Saturday, March 20, 2021  
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 23 in attendance, with 57 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 –**

Approved as presented. M/S Kelly Mathew (MLRC)/Bruce Leonard (MLRC). Unanimous. Carried.

3. **Introduction of the 2020 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 2019 AGM held on May 2, 2020

Approved as written. David Maynard (SPDA)/Warren Haywood (SPDA). 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. Pete Gulliver (PMSC)/Brandon Pace (KWRC)

## 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:

*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.*

Some discussion of the financial reports. Treasurer David wanted to thank Jane Leonard for her work on the review of the financials.

Moved to accept financial report as presented. David Maynard (SPDA)/ Pete Gulliver (PMSC). 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. President (two year term)

**Martin Loveridge** was nominated by Pete Gulliver (PMSC)/Ross Wood (MLRC)

No other nominations.

Martin Loveridge accepted.

Martin Loveridge acclaimed.

### b. VP Performance (two year term)

**Brandon Pace** was nominated by Bruce Leonard (MLRC)/Warren Haywood (PMSC)

No other nominations

Brandon Pace accepted.

Brandon Pace acclaimed.

c. **Treasurer (2 year term)**

**David Maynard** was nominated by Dave Cotie (MLRC)/Jane Leonard (MLRC)

No other nominations

David Maynard accepted

David Maynard acclaimed

d. **Trustee (three year term)**

**Bruce Leonard** was nominated by David Maynard (SPDA)/Trevor Hancher (SPDA)

Bruce Leonard acclaimed

11. **Appointment of Reviewer of the Books**

**Jane Leonard** appointed reviewer of the books.

12. **Adjournment**

M/S David Maynard (SPDA)/Bruce Leonard (MLRC) moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

AGM adjourned at 4:25pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCUSSION**

• **Tall Pines**

- Bruce L – Recent Bancroft meeting for Pines – still looking good, preliminary route will be same as 2020, but it will still be resultant on the government restrictions at the time. Planning is moving ahead.
- Ross W – The fire chief mentioned that the town would be more amenable to the event if it could plan on running without spectators. Town of Bancroft will expect TP to help assure no spectators if the event is to run without them
- BL – The proposed route has no spectator areas – Iron bridge will not be used, and Quarry Road itself is part of the route.
- Hastings Rds are on the route but spectators on those stages tend to be spectators on private property which can't be policed.
- Alan O – No spectators will mean decreased business for hotels & local businesses.

• **Any updates on GDS & Insurance** – Warren H – no updates yet.

- RW – talked to CARS and they've had nothing back from the insurance company yet but if they can't get it organized through GDS then it can be organized through CARS and Stoneridge like last year

• **RallyCross**

- PMSC RallyX – Pete G – PMSC is going ahead with planning for the 2021 PMSC rallyX championship. Currently planning 5 events to be held at Free Flow MX Park in Belleville. Pete visited Free Flow on March 19<sup>th</sup> where he was shown the changes to the track for

2021. With the MLRC RallyX series leaving their regular location in Bancroft, the MLRC RallyX events will also be using the Free Flow location.

- **EZTrak** – Peter MacDonald – The units can now be used for timing – recent testing against the timing beams has less than 10<sup>th</sup> of a second difference. BDC has expressed interest in using the units for timing and tracking at the 2021 event. The EZTrak units are also available for TSD usage & can be used for contactless TSD timing – **Contact Peter if needed**
- **Western Canada Events** – May 24<sup>th</sup> Rocky Mountain Rally is still planning on going ahead – it will all depend on restrictions. Keith has moved the Rocky back to Alberta to appease restrictions but they are ever changing.
- **ORRC** – Louis C – Spring Run Off is ready to run but may have to be cancelled due to restrictions
- **OPRC** – BBR is still planning to run using the Parnell Quarry road, but will again be dependent on restrictions
- **RallySprint** – Full steam ahead for 3 events – 15 entries sold out in 24hrs.
- **Rally car insurance** – Dave Cotie is leading the RSOs group looking into this with help from BC & AB rally associations. Competitor Eric Vanderwal asked for any help with getting insurance - Ross Wood will put hi in touch with a few people.
- **Darin Mayes** – Update on his timing equipment – Darin has been writing some new features on his RallyX and Autocross timing equipment. 4 clubs will be using them in the next few weeks. He is also looking at developing start lights. They will be a little different for Autocross because they use beams whereas the RallyC use a countdown
- **Websites** – Darin Mayes has been updating RSO and helping PMSC. The RSO contract for the website is up at the end of the year – he may look into something else. The digital certificate is also up at the end of the year – Darin is intending to look at the free versions for it.
- **Fire Suppression** – Kevin Devries asked if there was talk at the National level of introducing a built in fire suppression system?
  - Warren H – CARS not currently discussing introducing the need for a fire suppression system. Graham Bruce is exploring alternatives at the moment as the current systems available will have temperature related challenges at the winter events due to their aqueous nature.

**Final Thoughts from RSO President Martin Loveridge** - Thank you to everyone for joining the call. Thank you to Alan Ockwell for his time on the BOD he has been an excellent addition to the team; to Warren Haywood for doing a great job in his role with the CARS BOD, as well as to the rest of the BOD.

Warren thanked Martin for doing a great job in his role as RSO President.

Meeting ended 5:15pm



# **Director Reports**

## RSO Presidents Annual Report, 2021 AGM

The last twelve months have had their challenges for everybody and rallying was no exception. However, with the dedication and ingenuity of clubs and organizers, we did manage to get some events in the books and complete championships. The reports of the various RSO board members will cover these topics and there is no need for me to rehash them, other than to express my admiration for the people who persevered to make the events happen.

It's true we had to adjust the way we administered the championships and that is still affecting us for 2022. Rallye Perce Neige has been moved to April 2 and January Jaunt is scheduled to run on March 26 but after that we are hoping for a full slate of events for the remainder of the year.

In the OPRC there are a couple of changes that should only apply to 2022. Rallye Perce Neige will have two OPRC rounds as will the Lincoln Electric Rally of the Tall Pines. Along with Black Bear and Rallye Defi that will make six events in the championship. As a board we are of two minds about having double events: more events in the championship is a good thing, but the idea of the OPRC is to have shorter, lower cost events that possibly can be completed in one long day. The organizers for Perce Neige have stated the two regionals format is only for 2022 and comes from the unavailability of the Kitigan Zibi stage when the spring break-up will be happening.

That also plays into the idea that we need more standalone OPRC events in Ontario. That's a great platitude but hard to correct as mounting a performance rally is a huge task these days.

You probably know that CARS has mandated the use of Rallysafe at all national events for 2022 and probably beyond. Rallysafe is a great system for tracking, alerts and scoring but it comes with a cost of about \$250 per car per event plus the one-time installation kit. That cost probably puts it out of range for standalone regional events which would like to see entry fees in the \$500 range. The \$50 alternative, EZ-track, will not be available this year; with them shut out of the national events there aren't enough regional only events to make the system financially viable. That's too bad as EZ Track worked well for us.

A very positive part of the OPRC is the continuing series sponsorship from Clarington Hyundai, Enercare and Ontario Motor Sales. A total of \$15k will be distributed to people placing in their class with about \$4K of that dedicated to Black Bear. More information on rules and prize distribution will be on the RSO website. The sponsors have indicated that there are other active things they would like to see to support performance rally in Ontario. We are really grateful for their support.

There are a couple of Rally Sprints planned for 2022 but the organizing structure has changed. Up to 2020 the series was planned and promoted via an initiative from Darryl Malone and Paul Hartl. They stepped back for 2021 and a committee of mostly MLRC members defaulted to organizing. The three planned events scaled back to two with concerns over ever changing and confusing Covid rules being a significant part of the problem.

The Sprints for 2022 will be organized by KWRC and MLRC but as individual events with sup regs and organization coming from the respective clubs. The events will be aggregated into a championship. Here again, more organizers are needed.

Our outlook for 2022 is cautiously optimistic. RSO's focus will need to be on promoting existing championship events and encouraging clubs to create new ones. There is a graying out of existing organizers, myself included, but club membership numbers are up with lots of enthusiastic competitors and the challenge will be to get these people into leadership roles.

There are three board positions up for election at the AGM; Secretary, Treasurer and VP Navigational. If you are interested in any of these positions please let Kelly know. I believe that the incumbents are all willing to stand again. There will be one trustee to be elected as Peter Gulliver's term has reached its maximum.

In closing I have to thank the RSO board for their work and dedication to keeping the sport going.

Martin Loveridge

President, RallySport Ontario

## REGIONAL RALLY DIRECTOR REPORT – 2021

With the start of the year still deeply forging through the fallout from various pandemic related restrictions Ontario on the whole has done a fabulous job of managing in these challenging times. With much attention being paid to ensuring that the events within the region meet the provincial guidelines for gatherings and sporting events our dedicated group of organizers and organizing clubs has been able to successfully host a number of events this year.

### **Region Rally Activity**

Ontario region is host to 8 CARS affiliated clubs for 2021 all of which had a number of TSD events, Rally cross, Rally sprints, regional and National performance rally events planned for the season. The early part of the year was still a period in which we saw cancellations and postponements.

RSO held its co-driver school delivered by Alan Ockwell, which was well attended and an overly successful virtual learning session.

The Ontario Road Rally Championship suffered a number of cancellations in the early part of the year, in order to award the championship the remaining three events were successfully billed as double headers.

KWRC is rebuilding this year when it comes to Rally cross activities with a new facility in the works. PMSC, MLRC and MCO were able to get a number of events run in their respective championships.

The Ontario Rally sprint Championship (ORSC) was able to host two of the three planned events having to cancel one for lack of volunteers.

The OPRC was supported this year with sponsorship monies from Enercare, Clarington Hyundai and Ontario motor sales being directed to the Novice and sub 75 speed factor participants. The season had one cancellation early on but was completed with the double header held at the Lincoln Electric Rally of the Tall Pines. The OPRC championship will be awarded this year.

The sole National Performance Rally event for the region The Lincoln Electric Rally of the Tall Pines was successfully held with 29 registered teams.

We left 2020 and retained our hope and optimism for rally to return in Ontario and although a little later in the season than we would have wanted rally is back and we all look forward to the 2022 season.

Respectfully Submitted

Warren Haywood

Ontario Region Rally Director

## VP Navigational Rally – 2021 Report

The start to our 2021 season was severely affected by Covid 19 restrictions. The traditional first event wasn't even put on the calendar and the following 4 were cancelled. It wasn't until October that we held our first rally.

With only three events till the end of the year, there were not going to be enough to form a championship. We arranged for each rally to have a break between legs and we scored each leg individually for ORRC purposes. This gave us six events. We scored the best 66% as usual. The Expert championship wasn't decided till the last event and the top three drivers were only separated by two points. The Novice championship was more of an attendance award.

Entries in navigational rallies has been poor in recent years. 2021 was no different. Total entries in the ORRC classes for the 3 events was 23, yielding an average of 7 teams per event. This breaks down into 12 Experts with an average per event of 4 and 11 Novices with an average per event of 3. As for individuals, there were 13 different people that competed in Expert and 23 in Novice. That includes drivers and navigators. There were more people who helped as organizers and checkpoint crews.

It is difficult to say how much Covid 19 had to do with these numbers but low turnouts have been common in recent years. There is a core of Experts, that continue but it seems that once new competitors move up to Expert by winning Novice, they cease to enter. I believe that many teams would rather just stay at the Novice level. This will be something to be considered for the future.

Yours in the sport,  
Louis Cabardos  
RSO VP Navigational

## Secretary Report – 2021

2021, much like 2020 saw everyone still making adjustments for the ever changing restrictions.

Once again the gathering we had in March for the 2020 AGM was held virtually through the WebEx platform. It worked well and has since remained the norm for both RSO monthly meetings and Club meetings alike. Thankfully, our regular sweep team member Justin Cohen was once again able to provide technical expertise and assist with the smooth running of the AGM.

At the 2020 AGM, Martin Loveridge was voted back in as President, we saw a new Performance Rally VP join the Board with Brandon Pace, and David Maynard returned as RSO Treasurer for another term. Bruce Leonard was elected as trustee.

In 2021 there were 8 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)

2021 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 can get back to more of a regular season for rallysport in 2022

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.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Kelly Mathew

RSO Secretary

## 2021 VP Performance - Director's Report

Ontario performance rally season in 2021 still felt the challenges of the pandemic as provincial COVID protocols continued to impact events. Many of the planned events were able to go ahead with only a few events cancelled due to pandemic related measures, allowing for great grassroots competitions across the province, pointing us in a positive trajectory moving into the 2022 season.

The 2021 Ontario Performance Rally Championship was shortened to four events though it still attracted pre-pandemic participation levels. Comparing to 2019, the total number of entries rose from 41 to 62 while the driver count fell from 37 to 28, indicating that drivers were running more events throughout the year.

The increased trend of entries was fueled by the change made to move the Black Bear Rally to August 7th, along with Lincoln Electric Rally of the Tall Pines being converted into a double regional. Black Bear participation improved by over 200% from 5 entries in 2019 to 16 entries in 2021. Tall Pines increased from 10 entries in 2019 to 37 entries in 2021 across the two events.

The other leading factor in the trend of increased entries was that of our \$10,000 sponsored prize fund, aimed to boost new and up-and-coming competitors and participation at the standalone OPRC events. The increased participation at Black Bear and the trend of drivers running more events throughout the year suggests the fund's aim is being met.

Some positive signs include:

- great competition
- increased participation
- a tight novice championship battle
- continued strong entries from Quebec-based teams

One negative trend is the number of events on the OPRC calendar. Over the last decade we continued on a slow downward trend from 7 events (2013, 2014) down to 4 events in 2021. Current issues in the World have highlighted this trend and it should be monitored moving forward.

Congratulations to our championship winners; Jerome Mailloux & Philippe Poirier are the 2021 overall Champions, Gary Sutherland claimed the 2WD driver's crown and rookie John Gerryts received the 2WD co-driver crown, leaving the Novice title to be claimed by Trevor Pougent.

From a success story in 2019, the Ontario Rally Sprint Championship has taken shape as an integral stepping stone into the OPRC from the grassroots level. In

2021 the championship took on a change in organizers with Jacek Gielas taking the helm of a committee-based approach. In 2021 the series registration did not sell out as quickly but still garnered interest. It is reflected in the average number of entries decreasing slightly to 9 per event from 10.3 in 2019. The number of events decreased to 2 from the previous 3 in 2019 as the ORSC was also affected by challenges brought on by the pandemic. 2022 will see the continuation of the championship but again from another organizational approach, with individual events to be organized by individual clubs.

At the grassroots level, rallycross continues to see a lot of interest from new competitors and strong completion from the regulars, with 4 clubs holding events across the province in 2021. Challenges throughout the year from track venues to weather made it impossible for most clubs to hold a full championship.

Nonetheless, all 4 clubs did run at least one event throughout the year.

KWRC - Found a new home at Eagles Nest Motorsport Park in Ohsweken late in the year and held 1 event there with 28 entries.

MLRC - Also found a new home, at Free Flow MX Park in Bellville where they hosted 1 event in 2021 with 18 entries.

MCO - Their winter series didn't get off to a great start due to lockdowns but managed to still host 2 events averaging a strong field of 30 entries.

PMSC - Was already established at Free Flow MX Park and were able to run 4 championship events in 2021 with 30-35 entries per event, completing their 2020/2021 championship. Additionally PMSC held a winter event with 19 entries.

2022 has started a little behind schedule with Rallye Perce Neige being rescheduled from Feb. 4-5 to Apr. 1-2 and a warm February being the demise of a few winter rallycross events. With Rallye Perce Neige and Lincoln Electric's Rally of the Tall Pines both being comprised of two regional events each this year, the OPRC will have 6 events in total on the 2022 calendar, including Black Bear Rally and Rally Defi Petite Nation. Additionally, a full platter of rallycross events planned by clubs across the province and the continuation of the ORSC, performance rally is trending positively.

Many thanks to our clubs, organizers, marshals, competitors and sponsors. See you in 2022.

Brandon Pace

VP Performance Rally



## **RSO Treasurer Report - 2021**

With 2021 rally activities again reduced by Covid 19 there were minimal transactions to report on. There were 4 Ontario Performance Rally Championship events held and the sponsorship money received in 2020 was distributed to event and series winners. The Ontario Rally Sprint Series held two events and the Ontario Road Rally Championship completed six events. To keep costs down listing and timing fees were waived and road damage fees were minimized. The reduced revenue and expenses resulted in a net surplus of \$1,653.37 for the year ending 31 December 2021.

David Maynard

Treasurer