



Minutes

RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Dec 12, 2022

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
	MCO Club Representative	
Bruce Leonard	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Mike Koch	OSCC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	Regrets
<i>Unknown</i>	St. LAC Club Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Graham Tullett	TAC Club Representative	

Agenda

- 1. Approval of/additions to agenda.** – 1 item added – Louis would like to discuss the request from JS Besner to have his event feature in the ORRC Calendar
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Nov 7, 2022)** Approved as presented. Mathew/Pace. Unanimous. Carried
- 3. Treasurer’s Report – David** Financial documents were sent prior to the meeting. Moved as presented. Maynard/Mathew. Unanimous. Carried

- a. Follow up from last meeting – BBR invoiced and paid
 - b. Website expenses – renewal of contract for 3yrs with GoDaddy (Mike Koch asked that this be moved from advertising/promotion to the specific website category in expenses)
 - c. Sponsorship 2022 – already received \$10,000. Just waiting on remaining \$5000 from Matt B via ET
 - d. RTP – has been invoiced
 - e. Treasurer to update website payment in the financial documents and resend to everyone.
- 4. CARS update – Warren – From November 16th Board meeting**
- a. **Financial report:** Final review of the 2023 budget to be reviewed at next meeting
 - b. **CRC Report**
 - i. By the time of this report LERTP will have taken place.
 - ii. By the time of this report BWWR will have taken place and so the 2022 championship will have come to an end.
 - iii. The 2023 Calendar has been published.
 - iv. The RDC scoring issues were discussed and ARC was asked to review the scoring rules and implement changes to the rules to reflect the process which actually takes place in order to ensure the integrity of the final posted results.
 - v. The rally community lost a great champion of the sport in Brian Hyland recently. The CARS board is taking steps to commemorate Brian’s contribution to rallying in Canada.
 - c. **National series Manager:**
 - i. A discussion took place to review the selection process and define when candidate(s) will be interviewed.
 - ii. Conduct a Strategic Direction session consisting of the full board and perhaps some invited contributors – this will need a defined process and someone to conduct the session.
 - iii. Define the needs in 3 specific areas i.e. NSM, Marketing and National Scrutineer.
 - iv. The need to have standardized documents for events and competitors has become an important need. John has developed a list of which documents need to be standardized and will continue to work on this.
 - v. By the time of this report the new NSM had been announced Yannick Lefebvre was the successful candidate.
 - d. **Year End:** Planning is taking place for the year end and AGM.
 - e. **Competitor Rep:** A discussion took place regarding some feedback the CR has taken in regards to the double points for the season final event BWWR.
 - f. **Marketing:** Continue working with on the development of multiple agreements with respect to the marketing proposal.

- g. **Admin Rules Committee:**
 - i. Some rule adjustments need to be made to RUV definition and the intent of rule 7.2. ARC was to provide new drafts regarding these discussions and send back to the board for review.
 - ii. ARC shared a document that was generated from board discussions around standardization for national events. Further discussion to take place.
- h. **Technical Rules Report:** The group responsible for classic rally rules reported on the proposal for two streams of solutions.
 - i. The first is the proposal to have a new championship created for vehicles built prior to 1985 using the O2WD rules.
 - ii. The second proposal is to hold a sprint event for classics within the envelope of a national event. Seems to be good support for this approach at least at the Board and committee level. The ctee will collect feedback from organizers.

Next meeting December 14th

Respectfully submitted

Warren Haywood.

5. **Old Business** -

- a. **Regional Rally Director** – results from the Club votes due today by midnight. Currently have 5/8 club responses – follow up emails sent for results from remaining clubs. Kelly to update BOD, exec and Clubs with resulting vote on Dec 13.
- b. **RSO Calendar** – Updated link sent out to BOD, Clubs & Exec. Still waiting on a few events.
- c. **Rallycross Championship** – information for the 2023 championship is available on the RSO website & we will get some social media postings put together to announce it
- d. **Pines Grading Bill** – update on discussions with grader (Ross/Bruce) – Road damage Fees to be added to the Budget meeting to discuss parameters going forward.
Bruce approached the MLRC BOD for approval of ½ bill to be paid by MLRC. This was approved.

Motion: Rally of the Tall Pines & RallySport Ontario should split the cost of the grading for the 2022 RTP event. RSO to pay \$6552.50 for the RSO portion. Loveridge/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried.

MLRC will pay the full grading invoice and RSO will pay it's portion to MLRC.
MLRC to invoice RSO.

Ross discussed previous costs of the grading and it averages out to be similar as it hasn't been paid for since 2018.

- e. **RSO AGM** – confirmed April 22 with Justin Cohen to act as host again to run the voting etc through WebEx. Positions up for re-election: VP Performance, President, Treasurer & Trustee (Ray Felice outgoing) – Roger S willing to put his name forward for the Trustee position.
As it will be a virtual AGM there will be no banquet. ORRC award winners have been notified and awards will be presented at first couple of ORRC events. OPRC awards are being prepared by Martin L and the majority could probably be given at RPN in February. The rest can be mailed. OPRC winners have been announced through the end of season write up on OPRC website and posted on social media.

6. **Navigational Rally Report – Louis**

Last event of the season was Northern Lights. It went well.

Series champions have already been congratulated.

2022 Club Championship – although dominated by KWRC over the past years, TAC took the Club award this season.

The Novice championship wasn't very hotly contested this year. The winners did all but one event, but 2nd & 3rd place only attended one event.

2023 – The first event will be January Jaunt on Jan 21, followed by Polar Bear in February.

Currently 8 ORRCs on the 2023 Calendar..

Jean-Sebastien Besner contacted Louis to see if his Nav rally could be included in ORRC calendar. Louis doesn't think this would work however, Bruce suggested that perhaps MLRC's Polar Bear could suggest a challenge between the two events.

Louis will respond to Jean Sebastien regarding the ORRC but also supports the challenge with the Polar Bear and will copy BL and ML on the email.

7. **Performance Rally Report – Brandon**

a. **Performance**

- i. 2022 turned out to be a decent season. Winners have been announced with a write up on the OPRC website and posted on social media.
- ii. Discussion on double header events: Most discussion points were against them. Due to length of event, keeping costs down, damage in the first event means competitors may not be able to compete in the second event.

Currently 4 events on the 2023 calendar. If we can get another event of 2 off the ground we won't need double header events. Bruce suggested that if it remains at 4 events, Tall Pines could organize 2 regionals to bring the total events to 5. If another event is created Tall Pines could just organize the single regional.

Brandon to follow up with Rallye Perce Neige to ensure they are aware that only one regional event at RPN will count towards the OPRC (Event #1 if 2 regionals are organized similar to 2022) so that they can make competitors aware in the Supps.

- b. **RallySprint** Losing some competitors and has been difficult to organize events. Brandon suggested running in conjunction with performance events but this has had its challenges in the past, specifically regarding course cars & managing the schedule
- c. **RallyCross** Lots of events on the 2023 calendar already. Plus the stand-alone Free Flow event.
Seems to be a great starter series to get folks involved in the sport. The 2023 Championship information is up on the RSO website – just needs to be promoted more.

8. **Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair**

- 9. **Scrutineer’s report – Chris Krepski** Not much to report. May have to take a look at a car over the holiday period. Steve Van Rees took a look at an updated cage recently (based at Ryan’s). Frank Sprongl also mentioned to Chris that a client will be looking to get a cage approved. Client to contact Chris to arrange this.

- 10. **Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood** - Having to source another provider of red tape – almost ran out at Tall Pines

11. **Growth Initiatives**

- a. **Online co-driver course** – with RSO approval, Kelly would like to approach Alan Ockwell again to do a intro co-driver course over Webex, similar to the one done for the rallysprint competitors last year but fully geared to performance (OPRC/CRC) events. Kelly to contact Alan to gauge interest.

12. **New Business**

- a. **Set Budget meeting** - set for Monday Jan 16th . Will need to finalize 2023 RSO Fees (Appendix A) as well as the budget itself. Treasurer has been notified as he had to leave the meeting early
- b. **2023 OPRC Sponsorship** – Brandon to follow up with 2022 sponsors to gauge interest for 2023. Need to prepare a post to announce the prize money winners and post before the end of the year. Brandon to work on this.
Also need to look at adding a rule to the prize fund eligibility that at least one event has to be contested in Ontario. One of the winners this season did not attend an OPRC event in Ontario but took home the 1st prize.

13. Club News –

- a. **Kitchener–Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**
First Rallycross planned for Jan 7th
Annual awards dinner planned for Jan 28th
- b. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) N/A** – Rallycross schedule for 2023 is available on the website
- c. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Bruce Leonard)** Rally of the Tall Pines was very successful. Good weather & roads. VIP program was back as well as spectators. Event debrief will be in January.
- d. **Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Mike Koch)** 2 TSD events planned for 2023. One for May/early June and the other possibly mid-September. Louis asked if one of the TSDs could be an ORRC event? As per Mike, the events are a little more club level to get some activities rolling. Similar to KWRCs SNATR events.
- e. **Peterborough Motor Sports Club (PMSC) (Per Louis Cabardos)**
 - i. *From Pete G:* Successful Rally X season in 2022. We are well along with plans for 2023. Which will see five Peterborough Mitsubishi Championship events PLUS a Non series event in conjunction with Free Flow MX Park 'The Free Flow Invitational Rally X' over \$3000 in prize money. Two different courses to compete on. The invite goes to all competitors in RSO Organized Rally X events. The supps will explain it but prior to the FFI competitors MUST have competed in a minimum of two other RSO Sanctioned events since June 1st 2022. We are not saying Rally Drivers cannot enter but they must also support and enter other RX events.
 - ii. 2023 will be our 70th year as a Rally Club
 - iii. We support the proposed RX Championship but not really in favour of a levy or fee unless it is something minimal like \$50
 - iv. Ice racing – planning is underway
 - v. Autocrosses – planning is underway. Looking for a new venue. Kawartha Downs closed so the events were moved to Peterborough Speedway but this location isn't ideal.
- f. **St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Robert Switzer) N/A**
- g. **Sports Performance Drivers' Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)** Nothing to report. A number of SPDA members volunteered at RTP, including Trevor in Car 99.
- h. **Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tullett) N/A**

14. **Next Meeting - *The next meeting will be the budget meeting on Jan 16, 2023 at which the next RSO meeting date will be decided***

