



## Minutes

### RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Feb 21, 2023

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	Regrets
	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	No
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	
<i>Unknown</i>	St. LAC Club Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Graham Tullett	TAC Club Representative	Yes

## Minutes

- 1. Approval of/additions to agenda.** – OPRC Stewards and OPRC event permits added to the agenda under performance rally discussions
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Dec 12, 2022)** Approved as presented. Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried

**3. Treasurer's Report – David** financial documents were sent prior to the meeting

Approved as presented. Maynard/Mathew. Unanimous. Carried

Discussion:

- 4 Clubs still to pay affiliate fees
- OPRC Fees – David to send out invoice to RPN
- ORRC Fees – David to send out invoices to January Jaunt and Polar Bear Rally

**4. CARS update – Warren** – Regional Rally Director report. There are two meetings combined in this report; January 18 & February 15<sup>th</sup>

**a. Treasurer:**

- i. **From Jan 18th:** Discussion took place regarding insurance rates for rally schools Chris to discuss this with our insurance carrier for 23 rate consideration.
- ii. **From Feb 15th:** The 23 rates have been rec'd, rate increases as expected between 5-7% for all individual items. Alternatives for the rally school rate continues to be discussed.

**b. CRC:**

- i. **From Jan 18 th:** RPNM, well in hand, RMR docs in bound for review, The new National Series Manager role description v2.0 was reviewed and adopted. This puts some of the National Scrutineer work into the NSM role and will be monitored as the year unfolds. YL will seek assistance if needed. The NSM vision was discussed
- ii. **From Feb 15th:** RPNM went well, many accolades to the organizing committee, much positive feedback received about the event. CRC awards presentation was well received. CRC event Standardization project continues to be worked on, collection of document stage at this point.

**c. Canadian Motorsports Hall of Fame Gala (Sat Feb 25<sup>th</sup> \$95 tickets):** Francois East, Ross Wood, Bruce Leonard and Clarke Paynter will attend the Hall of Fame Gala where Terry is being inducted. 3 Subaru Canada reps will be attending along with CARS.

**d. Organizer rep:**

- i. **Jan 18<sup>th</sup>:** Follow up: Discussion around ways to improve communication between organizers and CARS. The organizer and board forum will now be held twice per year in an effort to improve communication.
- ii. **Feb 15<sup>th</sup>:** Plans in process to coordinate a mid-season organiser forum.

**e. Competitor rep:**

- i. **Jan 18<sup>th</sup>:** As a result of feedback from some competitors, Discussion re the future of the Production classes.

- ii. **Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**: The improvement in social media coverage at RPN was excellent and was noticed by many people. Further production class discussion took place. A discussion took place regarding stage service times.

**f. Marketing:**

- i. **Jan 18<sup>th</sup>**: Waiting on further proposal regarding social media activities. The John Munroe classic rally championship announced it has a sponsor coming on board ERA motorsport of Indianapolis.
- ii. **Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**: Discussion of a tire manufacturing contingency program for 2023 details to follow. Work continues with the marketing initiative, next meeting march. An MOU agreement has been reached with ERA Motorsport of Indianapolis on the Classic Championship sponsorship, and an announcement has been drafted and is almost ready to publish. There has been a lot of very positive feedback from the rally community well beyond Canada. A large increase in website views has occurred recently.

**g. Future of Rally:**

- i. **Jan 18<sup>th</sup>**: Work began on the future of Rally in Canada, Group will be formed with a target to involve external contributors. Directors are to submit suggestions to JF. JF will create a plan/Terms of Reference. Use focus groups.
- ii. **Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**: Discussion regarding the shared direction document, review required by directors, feedback to be provided. It was suggested that a facilitator be sourced, directors to provide ctee member suggestions.

**h. ARC:**

- i. **Jan 18<sup>th</sup>**:
  1. 2023 Rule Book is now with DD for issuing.
  2. FIA Vehicles bulletin went out
  3. Standardization of documents is in hand. Still waiting on a couple of events to submit documents.
  4. Classic championship implementation was worked out. GB, MB and JH will work on the plan this week. Scoring. Standings. Entries. Eligibility. Changes to scrutineering form? GB
  5. Permanent car numbers. JH shared a document outlining the issues. The board generally felt that this should be adopted, but JH will circulate the document for more detailed discussion at the next meeting.
- ii. **Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**: A rule change request had been circulated to the elected board to revise the ROV tire rule to allow each individual event to choose if they want to define which tires will be allowed. ARC to provide final wording for revised rule.

- i. **TRC:**
  - i. **Jan 18<sup>th</sup>:** Discussion regarding pop off valves and electronic boost monitoring. Possibly develop a random check system. To be resolved in 2023.
  - ii. **Feb 15<sup>th</sup>:** The status of the Boost monitoring initiative was discussed, GB is to see if we can get 4 monitoring units to be sent to each event for random monitoring.
- j. **Next meeting March 23<sup>rd</sup> ,**

Respectfully submitted  
 Warren Haywood  
 Regional Rally Director

5. **Old Business -**

- a. **AGM** – Directors reports are due by end of week. All AGM info will be sent out to Club reps next weekend and is available on the RSO website
- b. **Online Codriver Course update** – Alan O busy with other things. KWRC might put something together for an in person course for new co-drivers

6. **Navigational Rally Report – Louis**

- a. January Jaunt (TAC) – 19 entries – most the event has had in a number of years.
- b. Polar Bear Rally (MLRC) – 32 entries, lots of good competition. Everyone kept it on the road. Great breakfast
- c. Next event ORRC event: Spring Runoff Apr 23 (entry form online)
- d. Online Results – need updating on the website – Louis will get to it over the next few days. Louis needs the clubs of the Polar bear competitors, Bruce to send.
- e. Discussion re: check in/time out rules.

Ross suggested an update to the wording of the rules concerning “check ins 45s or later they **may** give them an extra minute”. Ross doesn’t believe it is reasonable to have a start time within 10-15 seconds – suggesting it promotes speeding and isn’t friendly towards novice teams. Suggests switching the wording to **shall** instead of **may**.

Discussion to continue via email

- Action item: online Nav results – Louis to update
- Action item: Bruce to send Louis list of Polar Bear competitors and their clubs
- Action Item: Louis, Bruce, Martin & Ross to start email discussion re: updating wording in the Navigational Rally Rules concerning check in/timeout timing rules

7. **Performance Rally Report – Brandon**

- a. **Performance :**
  - i. Rallye Perce Neige – good turnout. 19 of 22 OPRC entries finished the event. Only 2 entrants were from Ontario.

- ii. Shannonville Stages & Sprint – has 4 entries so far (all 2WD). There is a cost for events to enter the ECRC however Brandon thinks it might be advantageous to the event if they are able to get it entered at this late a date. Cost for an event to enter ECRC is \$400-500 (BL)
    - Action item: Brandon to follow up with Pete & Crawford regarding the possibility of the event signing up for ECRC
  - iii. RSO Stewards @ Qc events – No RSO appointed stewards. The event doesn't need to have them as it's a National event. Ross believes we should have an RSO steward at all RSO events. There was no particular issue at RPN but thought it should be brought up for discussion. RSO would have to pay accommodation/travel as they wouldn't be covered by CARS. Bruce is concerned that there should be bilingual regional steward – that could be the RSQ regional steward. We have assigned them in the past, would be good to look at the history.
    - Action item: Look into the history of when we used to assign RSO stewards to events in QC. Warren to check email history/Kelly to check minutes
  - iv. Permits – Brandon suggested RSO have a different format for OPRC event permits. Currently there is only 1 CARS event permit, but RSO has made other specific permits in the past so perhaps we can create one which is more appropriate
    - Action item: Brandon & Warren to work on a more applicable RSO OPRC event permit
    - Action item: Restart the Growth committee up to assist with this and other items
  - v. Rally car licencing in Ontario – Ross We should try to resurrect the efforts to get rally cars licenced in Ontario similar to what they were able to achieve out West. Warren noted that previous work done on this relied heavily on a local member of parliament. David M knows his local MP and would be willing to reach out to see what can be done if he can get some guidance on the subject first. The folks out west are more than willing to advise.
    - Action item: Ross to put David in touch with the folks out West who were instrumental in making it easier to register rally cars out there.
- b. **RallySprint** : The Shannonville event has a Sprint portion to it (April 1)

- c. **RallyCross:** A few events have taken place already this year – mainly MCO winter events. KWRC had an un-planned pop-up event. MLRC has now committed to 2 events this season Jun 11 & Sept 17.

## 8. Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair

## 9. Scrutineer’s report – Chris Krepski .N/A

## 10. Equipment Managers report – Ross Wood -

- a. **Equipment** – Found an excellent source for Red tape through Bruce Schulz. (\$6.29/roll vs \$26 through CARS)

Action item: Ross to send invoice to David to pay Bruce

- b. **Timing Team** – The team travelled to RPN for back-up timing. Good for the event that they did as Rallysafe had some serious glitches. The top 7 or so teams for a number of stages weren’t registering results or connecting to the system. The in-car units weren’t ‘reporting’ to anything. Keith was called and made some changes remotely but it took a while before the issues were fixed and Car Zero didn’t have tracking for the full event.

This also means that cars were not being tracked electronically (plus were not being tracked via radio).

The timing team did give a clock to each stage start so they did have official time at the time controls.

## 11. Growth Initiatives

- a. **ORRC Promotion** – email sent to club reps to get event info sent to Eric Vanderwal to have RSO help promote the ORRC events. Not a requirement but if clubs would like some help, feel free to reach out so we can help promote through RSO social media. Polar Bear is going to send out an email to competitors with official results, so Bruce will include the question “how did you hear about us?”. Roger to add the same question to other ORRC event entry forms

- Action item: Bruce to follow up with competitors to see how they heard about the event (given the high entry #)

- Action item: Roger to add “how did you hear about the event” as a question on the ORRC event entry forms going forward

## 12. New Business

- a. **CARS waivers** - Ross - a general clarification - not just re performance rally. CARS insurance company have said that no waivers are needed for TSD events. They suggest leaving it up to events as to whether they want to request them. Ross suggests RSO recommend that TSD events still require waivers, even if back to the paper version. Clubs present agree that waivers will still be used, even if

just a paper waiver for people to sign. Polar Bear used paper waivers & everyone was agreeable to signing as it's something they are all used to.

**b. RSO Website – need to update the event list (not just the calendar) –**

**Action Item: Roger S and Martin L to work on getting this updated**

**13. Club News –**

**a. Kitchener–Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**

Jan 28 Annual Dinner, Feb 4 SNATR, Feb 5 Pop-up Rallycross, Next meeting Mar 9, Mar 18 next SNATR

**b. Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) N/A –**

**c. Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Bruce Leonard)**

Polar Bear was a big success. 32 entries. Big Thanks to Martin L for rescuing the results – there were some issues but Martin helped to get them sorted. Official results are being sent out to competitors, once the problems were found and fixed. Thanks to Ross for wrangling volunteers. Good facility. Further away from Bancroft than normal, but still a good facility. Great event, good breakfast. All went well. Some teams from Quebec that loved it. Sweep didn't have to remove any cars from snowbanks. Some residents did question if it was a performance event with closed roads but everyone behaved themselves. There was talk of a resident shining a bright light at competitors but Bruce is going to look into this further.

Donna Castledine Memorial is on Saturday March 25 at Bond Head Community Hall. 1pm-5pm drop in. Bruce to send out an email with information.

**d. Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Mike Koch).Not making much progress on**

LHFR. Jim talked with a few folks in the area but unlikely to happen soon.

Working on some TSD events (not ORRC)

**e. Peterborough Motor Sports Club (PMSC) (Per Louis Cabardos)**

Ice racing – earlier event was postponed until Mar 4+5. Ice racing is active.

Shannonville Stages and Sprint – April 1

ORRC event Spring Runoff – Apr 23

RallyX – 5 event series plus backing Free Flow's invitational event

Autocross – Still looking at venues and then dates

**f. St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Robert Switzer) N/A**

**g. Sports Performance Drivers' Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)**

AGM this coming weekend in person – not sure they have enough people attending so may have to move it to a virtual event. NWMR is "possible".

h. **Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tullett)** Things are pretty upbeat as attendance at events is up.

Ice racing last week end – struggling with rent with a 40% increase for the location but the permit cost has decreased. Participation was up for both days.

Time attack season is almost upon us. Possible instructional event for April 1.

Time attack is fairly self-sufficient.

Discover Ontario ORRC event –Hoping that participation will be high similar to January Jaunt & Polar Bear.

Very positive with increased participation.

**14. Next Meeting - *Monday April 17 @ 7:30pm***

Meeting ended: 9:22pm Maynard/Pace