



Minutes

RSO Board/Exec Meeting: Mon Apr 17/23

Video conference call

Name	Position	Present
Martin Loveridge	President	yes
Brandon Pace	VP Performance	yes
Louis Cabardos	VP Navigation	yes
Kelly Mathew	Secretary	yes
David Maynard	Treasurer	yes
Warren Haywood	CARS Rally Director for RSO	yes
Ross Wood	Exec Assistant/ Equip Manager	yes
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	yes
Chris Krepski	Chief Scrutineer	yes
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative affairs	no
Martin Loveridge	KWRC representative	yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Representative	no
Bruce Leonard	MLRC Representative	yes
Mike Koch	OSCC Representative	yes
	St Lac Representative	
	MCO Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Representative	yes
Graham Tullett	TAC Representative	Regrets

Agenda

- 1. Approval of/additions to agenda.** Warren asked that Agenda item 12b be moved to a Board only discussion after the meeting has concluded. Moved as amended. Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Feb 21, 2023)** Moved as presented. Mathew/Pace. Unanimous. Carried
- 3. Treasurer's report - David** Financial documents were sent out prior to the meeting. Moved as presented. Maynard/Haywood.

Discussion:

- Still waiting for affiliation fees for 2023 from SPDA and MCO (Trevor H to contact SPDA)
 - Currently no ORRC revenue as the events have not been invoiced - Polar Bear x29 and January Jaunt x19. Dave to invoice the events
 - Accounts receivable are the \$200 in affiliation fees and Rallye Perce Neige fees
- 4. CARS Regional Rally Director report - Warren**
 - a. Finance:** First Q revenues are strong due to successful rule book advertising sales and high license sales revenue. Discussion on revenue sharing from the log book issuing fee that CARS now charges. RSQ has been receiving this fee and has in turn shared it with other rally development stakeholders. Other regions leave the revenue at CARS. There was a feeling that we need to be consistent across the country with log book fees including any inspection fees that an individual inspector may charge. As an interim measure, the fees will be split \$60 to CARS and \$40 to the region, while the ARC revise and clarify the policy. JH/JF
 - b. CRC Report:**
 - i. No feedback from Rocky yet on sups or event preparations.
 - ii. YL has been out for bids for replacement stage side banners, Arches and Podium backdrops. Various products were presented and discussed. MB is to determine the status of the Western items. YL is to select which items he would like to purchase and will work with JF and CK to determine cost limits and podium backdrop design/spacing/content etc.
 - iii. The Subaru sponsorship contract is being discussed at Subaru Canada and we will know the outcome of those discussions in mid April.
 - iv. PFR have increased their organizing group by recruiting several organizers from the rallycross clubs in the province. Also, it has been confirmed that some of the stage roads that the event uses have had the restrictions on them lifted by the Province, thus allowing access to some of our usual stage roads for that event. YL will engage with PFR organizers a little earlier than usual to provide assistance if needed.
 - c. GDS:** GDS have hired Elise Racette full time and will now be our primary point of contact.
 - d. The FIA rally star** competition has been reassigned from Peru to Uruguay due to safety concerns.
 - e. High speed Demonstration:** Discussion regarding the pros and cons of allowing a non competing rally car to run at high speeds to promote rally. The individual that is willing to do this has been contacted and he will make a proposal as to exactly what the details are surrounding the program.
 - f. Future of Rally in Canada initiative:** There was unanimous agreement within the board that this is an initiative that we would like to see go forward this year. However, none of the board members felt that they had either the time, the knowledge or the skills to lead the initiative successfully. Discussion around looking outside the board for an individual or group to lead this initiative and

names of possible leaders are to be submitted to JF. Action by all directors. WH will polish the mandate to make it more suitable for wider distribution.

- g. **RSQ issue with Sanair:** FE outlined some issues around vehicle eligibility and waiver use at Sanair. Waivers in QC apparently do not absolve the event completely from liability. Discussion around the eligibility of Road Race prepared vehicles and the effect of using different roll cages and higher horsepower vehicles. A motion was made, seconded and carried to allow a one-time exemption to rule 27.2.1 that will allow Sanair to run on a paved surface.
- h. **ARC First Aid and Medical Rule Changes:** Following up from a license group meeting that had been held previously, the Board reviewed a rule change submission that would put the medical fitness to compete responsibility on to the license applicants. The Board also reviewed and discussed the same principle for First Aid certification whereby CARS would develop an on-line annual safety protocol test rather than have a first aid certificate. The Board supported and adopted the rule change to discontinue the doctors medical requirement and convert that to a self declaration. The Board felt that dropping the requirement for competitors not to have a first aid certificate is premature and did not approve that rule change.
- i. **Organizer Rep:** The mid-year meeting between the organizers and the CARS Board is well supported and will go ahead. RW will organize it. YL and RW are to continue to work on the Standardization of Documents project.
- j. **Competitor Rep:**
 - i. The Once per year registration process is now up and running at RSQ.
 - ii. The project to introduce permanent or annual car numbers rather than being issued for each event has now been outlined and passed over to the Admin Rules Committee.
- k. **Marketing:** There will be a meeting on Wednesday next week with the Marketing group to review the latest proposal.
- l. **Technical Rules:** Boost Control project is all in hand, with the development of test components and the production of a new and more resilient box.
- m. **Next Meeting** April 18th at 7.00 pm ET. Meeting adjourned by motion at 22.11 ET

Respectfully submitted,
Warren Haywood

5. Old Business

a. AGM

- i. **Club Membership lists** - missing St Lac and TAC (followed up with TAC)
- ii. **Meeting Platform** - Justin Cohen confirmed to host with WebEx. Meeting invitations will be sent out this week along with all other info
- iii. **Financials** - need these to send along to attendees. **Treasurer to send to Secretary in advance of the AGM to distribute.**
- iv. **Proxies** - very few have been sent, only received 1 Club proxy so far which was only signed by one member - have emailed that Club for an update. Club Reps - please have these signed by **2 members** of the Club exec and send to me prior to the AGM
- v. **Elections** - have any folks come forward for the roles up for election? No new folks have come forward, but those currently in the roles have expressed an interest at remaining in the role if nominated. Brandon Pace (VP Performance) will not be present at the AGM.

- b. **ORRC promotion** - Feedback from the Spring Run Off entry form question of “how did you hear about the event” will be circulated at the next RSO meeting
 - c. **Rally car licencing in Ontario** - Ross was to put David in touch with folks out west - this has been on hold for now
 - d. **OPRC Permit** - Warren & Brandon were to work on a more applicable permit - no progress yet - still working on it
 - e. **Assigning RSO stewards to quebec events where OPRC is also a part of it (RPN & Defi)** - We used to do this in the past but haven't recently and it hasn't come up as being an issue, so we will continue to not assign an RSO steward to these events.
Regional steward has been assigned for RTP (S Van Rees) but BBR does not have stewards assigned yet
 - f. **Navigational Rally Rules** - Louis to update the wording surrounding the check-in/time out rules in the navigational rally ruleset
6. **Navigational Rally Report - Louis** Spring Run Off rally (PMSC) is ready to go on Sunday Apr 23. Green crewed and so far 4 entries, but expecting more on the day. Next event after SRO will be Blossom (KWRC)
7. **Performance Rally Report - Brandon**
- a. **Performance** Shannonville had a small entry of only 7 teams but it was fun and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. 1 team technically DNF'd due to a codriver swap mid-event but were allowed to carry on but just didn't gain championship points for their finish position.
 - b. **Rallysprint** Nothing going on right now but we're looking at it for 2024
 - c. **RallyCross**. MCO had 5 of their planned 6 Winter series events. Going forward Will Arnold will not be organizing the MCO rallycross events, so the Club is looking for someone to take over that role. For the Ontario RallyCross series, Brandon is putting together more promotion for this to encourage folks to take part in other club events. There are a lot of RX events on the calendar this year, so Brandon is hoping to get more folks interested in the series and events as a whole.
8. **Legislative Affairs Report - Alasdair** - No report
9. **Scrutineer's Report - Chris Krepski** 2 logbook applications on the go in Ontario, waiting for 2 more, and has been working with a team in Quebec to get logbook as well.
10. **Equipment Managers Report - Ross Wood** Not much to report. Shannonville Stages Rally did not want the full trailer at the event, so instead provided a 'wish list' which Doug Edwards delivered to the event. Unfortunately the requested list was missing several key items that would have been in the trailer for them to use.
11. **Growth Initiatives** - First meeting back in a while (WH/KM/BP) to discuss areas we think can be improved upon and things we'd like to focus on. (discussion on: RallyX series promotion, additional stand-alone OPRC event, track day promo with a club hosting lapping days (SPDA? - Kelly to email Trevor with ideas on this), increasing consistency on social media)
12. **New Business**
- a. **WIM booth @ the Montreal GP - warren** Leanne Junilla has asked for regional promotional material for RSO rally related events. Warren asked if we could also have an RSO representative at the event - they said yes. Warren asked that:
 - i. RSO entertain a budget to send someone to the event
 - ii. RSO entertain the idea to put together some regional informative brochures
- Warren to put together an idea of costs related to both and will send to the BOD for discussion.
- b. **RSO BOD external communications - Warren** - Board only discussion

- c. **RSO Tablet purchase information - Warren** - RSQ has begun to purchase tablets to be used with RallySafe. If we get to the point where we want to purchase tablets for use at Ontario events (currently only mandated for Rally of The Tall Pines as a national event) then we can look to RSQ for guidance. Until then Tall Pines will be renting units.

13. Club News

- a. **Kitchener-Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)** The club has held 1 SNATR event since the last meeting, and the Blossom ORRC rally is coming up soon. May 20 there will be a Rallycross test day and the first rallyX of the season will be on June 3.
- b. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO)** No update
- c. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Bruce Leonard)** The club recently held their AGM where a few roles were moved around. Bruce remains as Club president. Blackbear Rally (in August) will be kept to the same format as 2022.
- d. **Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Mike Koch)** There was a TSD event in the works, but the club has not shown much interest.
- e. **Peterborough MotorSports Club (PMSC) (per Louis Cabardos)** Shannonville Stages rally ran at the start of the month - not a large number of competitors, so hopefully it will have a future. The club's ORRC event, Spring Run Off is soon (a day after the RSO AGM) - hoping for more entries on the day. Their rallycross and autocross calendars are all confirmed now.
- f. **St Lawrence Automobile Club (St Lac)**
- g. **Sports Performance Drivers Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)** The Club's AGM was held recently, where Trevor retained his rally rep position. They had an interesting guest speaker.
May 6th is the club's advanced driving weekend which is sold out.
- h. **Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tullett)** Working on the Discover Ontario ORRC event (taking place in June).

14. Next Meeting -

- a. **AGM** - Saturday April 22
- b. **RSO Meeting** - Monday June 12 @ 7:30pm

Meeting Ended: 9:10pm