



Minutes

RSO Board/Exec Meeting: Mon Aug 14/23

Video conference call

Name	Position	Present
Martin Loveridge	President	yes
Brandon Pace	VP Performance	yes
Louis Cabardos	VP Navigation	Regrets
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	no
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	no
Graham Tullett	TAC Representative	yes

Agenda

1. **Approval of/additions to agenda.** Approved as presented. Koch/Mathew. Unanimous. Carried.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (June 12, 2023)** Approved as presented. Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried
3. **Treasurer's report - David**
Outstanding:
 - MCO affiliation fees - Not paid yet - David still following up
 - RPN - OPRC levy paid, timing equipment fee of \$180 not yet paid
 - Sponsorship money - We've received half of it, the other half is outstandingCurrent:
 - Black Bear Rally needs invoicing for the event this past weekend (incl timing equipment fees)Moved for approval as presented. Maynard/Mathew. Unanimous. Carried.
4. **CARS Regional Rally Director report - Warren**
Warren was not present at the recent CARS meeting so nothing to report. However there have been no recent bulletins/important notifications to make RSO aware of. Warren will report back after the next CARS meeting
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Rally car licencing in Ontario** - Warren organized a phone call with Martin Burnley, Graham Bruce and Dave Cotie to try to get the ball rolling on this again. Martin is getting in touch with his contact out west to see who the equivalent contact would be in Ontario. Dave Maynard (who will be the RSO person to contact Ontario government) needs a format for how the letter should be addressed and our 'asks'. Warren will get this from Martin, to see how they approached the correct channels in BC and AB & pass along to DM
 - b. **OPRC Permit** - Warren & Brandon working on improving the OPRC permits for events - this will be adjusted and sent to Defi as the next OPRC event on the calendar
 - c. **Virtual Meetings in the RSO Bylaws - Kelly/David** - David M read through the RSO bylaws and they do not state that meetings had to be in a physical location, therefore opening it up to allow virtual meetings for both the regular monthly meetings and the AGM. It was agreed then that as it is not mentioned, we do not need to add anything and can carry on with virtual AGMs if the Board sees fit.
6. **Navigational Rally Report - Louis was not present - Martin L gave a quick update**
The next ORRC event is Automapic & Murray has that well in hand - starting in Tilsonburg. The November Northern Lights event is almost fully organized, with Roger & Doug working on that.
7. **Performance Rally Report - Brandon**
 - a. **Performance**
 - i. MLRC's Black Bear Rally - last weekend. 14 entries 13 finished. 100% of the volunteers showed up & there was a \$700 anonymous donation for volunteer gift cards. Frog Racing (US based team) also provided a couple of gift bags for volunteers.. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.
Danny K brought the drone out and managed to get some good footage

There were a couple of minor issues in scrutineering but were items to be updated before the next event. There was some feedback from competitors that there is a lot of 'dead time' between recce and the start of the event, however, this time was just sufficient to have volunteers in place before the course cars went through.

At the last minute, Car 0 couldn't attend, so adjustments were made and problems solved. Organizers had to talk to one team that came into the stop box at the end of a stage at full speed.

Steward Jim Stevens had some recommendations for the event but was pleased overall.

Sponsorship money went over well. Everyone entered in the event was a RSO club member.

Martin provided cash for the sponsorship prizes - Treasurer to send \$4500 to ML

- ii. Next - Round 4 - Rallye Defi. Not many entries so far, but there are a couple from Ontario that will be going, but haven't entered yet. Warren & Brandon will work on the updated OPRC permit to send to Defi organizers.

b. Rallysprint - No update

c. RallyCross. - Sold out KWRC event on the 19th (subsequently canceled due to weather). The PMSC supported Invitational event at FreeFlow had to be rescheduled, which has been done for the same weekend as Rallye Defi.

8. Legislative Affairs Report - Alasdair - No report

9. Scrutineer's Report - Chris Krepski No Report

10. Equipment Managers Report - Ross Wood

a. Trailer Insurance - CARS insurance company wants full inventory on the trailer items. Been a while since they have asked for this, but not unusual.

b. BBR Road Maintenance - Loom Lake needed some work, as it was fixed up 2 years ago. The team rented a skidsteer and hauled gravel from the quarry. It cost about \$500 in total (\$250 for the skidsteer plus tax and fuel). Ross would like to see if they could do something similar for RTP to avoid high road maintenance bills.

11. Growth Initiatives -

- a. OPRC Prize giving at RTP** - this needs to be discussed further. It was suggested that the OPRC end of season prizes could be handed out at RTP. This would mean a separate podium would have to be organized. This also doesn't necessarily reflect the actual OPRC final 2023 results, so this would be another podium. Competitors if entered only in the OPRC portion of the event would have to wait until the end of the night to collect awards if they have won end of year - even if they DNF the event. **MORE DISCUSSION TO BE HAD PRIOR TO TALL PINES**

12. New Business

13. Club News

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

RX and BBQ schedule for Aug 19 at 2pm. 36 entries - if rained out, they are looking at alternative dates.

Recent karting evening with 20 attendees - lots of fun had by all

- b. Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO)**
- c. Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Bruce Leonard)**
 - i. See notes in Performance rally re BBR. Bruce also noted that allowing competitors to run with the car numbers already on their vehicles helped keep costs down slightly - Warren updated that CARS Admin rules committee is currently discussing permanent car numbers
 - ii. RTP - The club is looking at whether they should use MotorsportReg for event registration - it doesn't work well for entries with 2 competitors (driver/codriver). They'll look into this further.
Organizing team is looking at getting Keith Morrison out for the event to oversee RallySafe as there were issues last year and it seems Keith is really the only person who is fully trained on the equipment.
- d. Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Mike Koch)**

Very much a racing club so not much happening on the rally front. The club has surveyed its members to see what days would be good for club events and what kind of events they want to do. Mike & Jim have a couple of easy navigational events set to go if folks at OSCC are interested, to try to get rally back on their radar.
- e. Peterborough MotorSports Club (PMSB) (per Louis Cabardos)**

Roger S - the Club held a couple of fun rallies instead of their summer club meetings. Poker Run in July and Trivia Rally in August.
- f. St Lawrence Automobile Club (St Lac)**
- g. Sports Performance Drivers Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)**
- h. Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tullett)**

Discover Ontario RALLY in June had 11 entries and was enjoyed by those that attended.
Last weekend they held their summer BBQ which had average attendance. They have 2 contract navigational rallies coming up that they organize for charity. Graham suggested taking a look at DriveFest as a future venue to promote rallying - he will give us an update on the event at the next meeting

14. Next Meeting - Monday Sept 25 @ 730pm

Meeting Ended: 9pm