



Minutes

RSO Board/Exec Meeting: Mon Sep 25/23

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	regrets
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative affairs	
Martin Loveridge	KWRC representative	yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Representative	
Bruce Leonard	MLRC Representative	yes
Mike Koch	OSCC Representative	yes
	St Lac Representative	
Lexi Nahwegiizhic	MCO Representative	yes
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Representative	yes
Graham Tullett	TAC Representative	yes

Agenda

1. **Approval of/additions to agenda.** Add to the agenda the position of Chief Scrutineer. Moved for approval as amended. Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Aug 14, 2023)** Moved for approval as presented. Mathew/Pace. Unanimous. Carried

3. **Treasurer's report - David**

Previously Outstanding:

- MCO affiliation fees *These have been paid*
- RPN - Timing equipment fee paid? *Not yet - still owe \$140 - Ross to follow up*
- Sponsorship money - second half received? *Only half received so far. If still outstanding after Thanksgiving, David will send a reminder for payment*
- Black Bear Rally - paid? *Yes*
- Money sent to ML to cover OPRC prize money handed out at BBR? *Yes this was paid*

New:

- OPRC Listing Fees - Need to bill RTP & Defi. Waived for SSR?
- 16 entries at RallyeDefi - to be billed

Moved as presented. Maynard/Mathew. Unanimous. Carried.

4. **CARS Regional Rally Director report - Warren**

CARS Report August 24 meeting

- a. Finance: On Track for 23. First draft of 24 budget in the works
- b. CRC report:
 - i. BDC went very well, well attended on both competitor and spectator side. Well managed event with a good entry.
 - ii. DEFI looking in good shape all docs in order.
 - iii. PFR Western Fire season issue may hamper events ability to proceed. *Since the meeting the National event was canceled and just the Regional will go ahead in October.*
 - iv. RDC well in hand all docs reviewed some suggestions for changes made awaiting feedback.
- c. Marketing: AMP reporting successful social media program, working diligently to keep the approach fresh and continue to expand reach. Developing standard package for each event.
- d. Organiser Rep: Standardization project, core team assembled and will continue work on gathering docs etc. work to ramp up post DEFI.
Ross Wood would like clarification on the makeup of the team who are discussing this project - WH to follow up
- e. Competitor Rep: Class discussion taking place, ARC to work on.
- f. ARC: Looking to stagger appointments for Org, Comp, Tech positions.
- g. TRC: Boost control monitoring project continued work with test units, plan to have equipment and monitoring data for RDC.

Next meeting Sept 21 2023 - once minutes are finalized, WH will share at the next RSO meeting.

5. **Old Business**

- a. **Rally car licencing in Ontario** - Warren/Dave M - DM to touch base with Graham to see what exemption requests were made in AB & BC.

- b. **OPRC Permit** - Warren & Brandon - This is not an official permit, as those are granted by CARS. This is a document that can be sent to OPRC events from RSO showing that the event is a part of the OPRC - this can then be displayed on the event noticeboard etc. **BP & ML to work on this.**

6. Navigational Rally Report - Louis

5 events have taken place so far in 2023. We have 3 events left: Automatic on Sep 30th. President's Prize on Oct 21 "Tour of Rice Lake" starting at Port Hope, and Northern Lights on Nov 18.

There are currently 4 potential Expert teams that could win the championship and 1 Novice that is well out in front but not a certainty yet.

7. Performance Rally Report - Brandon

a. Performance:

- i. Rallye Defi Petit Nation: A very fun event. 16 OPRC entries, 15 finishers. (Leblanc was DNF). Only 5 of the teams were Ontario based. Folks enjoyed the new schedule and there were only a few hiccups with the regionals concerning parc ferme.
- ii. Rally of the Tall Pines: Final event of the season. Emmanuel Cecchet is the clear leader in the driver's championship right now but it will still be decided at Tall Pines. RW - Some folks from the TP team went to RallyDefi for RallySafe training as Keith will not be available for Pines. It was a very good training opportunity.

b. Rallysprint: Nothing to report

c. RallyCross.

- i. PMSC - Held an event the weekend before Defi & had 20 entries
- ii. FreeFlow Invitational event - Held the weekend of Rallye Defi had 25 competitors. 4 runs each on 2 different tracks = lots of seat time.
- iii. Sep 16/17 weekend saw a PMSC/MLRC double header weekend with 21 and 14 entries respectively.
- iv. KWRC recent event had 37 entries
- v. 2023 RX Championship - Had 25 entries into it with about 10 entries traveling to multiple events. BP is looking into what the 2024 championship could look like - updated classes etc. He feels there was enough participation in 2023 to try again for 2024. At least 6-7 teams stayed overnight on the double header weekend to compete in both events.
- vi. RX Organizer meeting to be scheduled to discuss 2024 series. ML will organize - the meeting can also discuss a class set-up for side-by-sides.

8. Legislative Affairs Report - Alasdair - No report

9. Scrutineer's Report - Chris Krepski - No report

10. Equipment Managers Report - Ross Wood

The RSO timing team have been approached by RPN to act as back-up for the 2024 event. When the official request comes through, Ross will also discuss payment for the 2023 event equipment rental that is unpaid.

11. Growth Initiatives -

- a. **OPRC Prize giving at RTP** - It was suggested @ previous meeting that the OPRC end of season prizes could be handed out at RTP. Discussion at this meeting decided that it would be too much to organize this for the event. It would mean a separate podium would have to be organized. This also doesn't necessarily reflect the actual OPRC final 2023 results. It would have to be done

at the end of the night when competitors might not necessarily be around to participate.

Other methods of promoting the Sponsors was discussed. Road side banners would be good, but would have to be placed where the CRC media were not filming as it's a conflict with their sponsors. Also discussed was the opportunity for the sponsors to set up a booth - BL believed this would be ok.

WH/BP/KM/BL/ML to discuss further ideas

- b. **Sponsor Rebate Program** - Matt Ballinger who is the driving force behind the OPRC prize fund sponsorship for 2023 announced 2 rebate programs. Information was sent out to clubs - they were reminded to ensure their club members were notified about the rebates.

12. New Business

- a. **Navigational Rally App** - Louis - LC suggested creating a committee to consider using apps like the Richta app for navigational rallying. There are several options available. It was suggested to try it out at Northern Lights, but perhaps there is not enough time to prep. It was also suggested to use the 2024 season to test it, and go from there. **LC to email folks to recruit for the committee to discuss/research the apps. LC will spearhead this and get a meeting organized to discuss options.**
- b. **Chief Scrutineer Position** - Effective at the end of September Chris Krepski will be stepping down from the role. Suggestions from Chris for a replacement: Ryan Huber, Andrew Miller, Mike Van Rees. Until someone accepts the position, Warren Haywood can be the point of contact for anything Chief Scrutineer related. **WH to put together a post to send out to Clubs and put on Social Media requesting folks to put their names forward for the position.**

13. Club News

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

RX - last weekend's rallycross had 37 entries & catered lunch
Automapic ORRC event this coming weekend & will be green crewed tomorrow.
Next rallycross - Oct 21 with a rain date of Oct 28
Annual dinner in January - Suggestions for the speaker = Jim Kenzie
Maple Mille - recent 3 day classic car event in the Huntsville/North Bay/
Collingwood areas. Uses navigational rally format but more a tour of the areas.
1600km over the 3 days. 6 KWRC entries.
- b. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (As per Lexi Nahwegizhic)**

Lexi is the new rallycross coordinator at MCO. Current issues facing the Club are broken equipment and the time to organize events. Lexi has taken it over and will be working on getting the MCO RX series back in action - possibly 2024 events are canceled but Lexi will be working to get the events going again going forward. Lexi is looking at sponsorship possibilities, acquiring more equipment and researching track grooming (would they like to sponsor the events?). MCO will use the KWRC timing equipment and ML has offered to help get it set up. Clubs offered help where needed - just reach out.
- c. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Bruce Leonard)**
 - i. Tall Pines - Supp regs have been distributed for evaluation. Using the same route as 2022 has saved a lot of work and organization. There will be one regional alongside the National for 2023 but it will be 2 stages longer than previous years. RTP committee will reach out to CARS to request permission to use provided notes for competitors - for 2023 the 2022 notes will be used, with a disclaimer that they were written in 2022

and it is the responsibility of competitors to check them during recce. **BL to send the event schedule to Kelly so that these notes can be updated to reflect the 2023 event.**

VIP program - work is on-going with this.

Event Lanyards - these will now have the event schedule on the back of the ID badges.

Volunteer registration - now open

Organizing team - Ian Wright (assistant coordinator) cannot be present for the event. Volunteers will do RallySafe training online prior to the event.

Road Damage - RW says the roads are in very good condition and doesn't anticipate much road work needing to be done prior to the event.

d. Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Mike Koch) Nothing to report

e. Peterborough MotorSports Club (PMSC) (per Louis Cabardos) .

The RX and Autocross championships are all wrapped up, along with the 2 summer fun events. Regular club meetings will resume over the next few days. 1 Club event left "Tour of Rice Lake" - after which the Club Champion will be decided.

f. St Lawrence Automobile Club (St Lac)

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

The last track day was a couple of weekends ago. It was a mediocre turnout as it was the same day as the CSCS finals. They are seeing a general decline in the number of competitors at the moment.

h. Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tullett)

Contract rallies are under control and the 2nd event was green crewed last week. Graham attended the Drivefest event and gave a run down on the weekend. A good selection of cars from classics up to Exotic super cars. Many car clubs present. Interesting event & promotional set up ranged from something very small, to more elaborate booths. Lots of exposure. Would be worth considering for 2024.

RSO will look into it for 2024 participation

14. Next Meeting - Mon Nov 13 @ 730pm

Meeting Ended: 9:15pm