



RallySport Ontario 2023 Annual General Meeting

Delegate's Package

March 23, 2024
Via virtual platform





2023 Rallysport Ontario Board

President	<i>Martin Loveridge</i>
Vice-President, Navigational	<i>Louis Cabardos</i>
Vice-President, Performance	<i>Brandon Pace</i>
Regional Rally Director	<i>Warren Haywood</i>
Treasurer	<i>David Maynard</i>
Secretary	<i>Kelly Mathew</i>

2023 RallySport Ontario Executive

Executive Assistant	<i>Ross Wood</i>
Equipment Manager	<i>Ross Wood</i>
Chief Scrutineer	<i>Chris Krepski</i>
Legislative Affairs Representative	<i>Alasdair Robertson</i>
Webmaster & Scorer	<i>Roger Sanderson</i>

RallySport Ontario Member Clubs

	<p>Kitchener-Waterloo Rally Club President: Martin Loveridge RSO Representative: Martin Loveridge</p>
	<p>Maple Leaf Rally Club President: Bruce Leonard RSO Representative: Bruce Leonard</p>
	<p>Motorsport Club of Ottawa President: N/A RSO Representative: Lexi Nahwegiizhic</p>
	<p>Peterborough Motor Sports Club President: Ashley Last RSO Representative: Louis Cabardos/Pete Gulliver</p>
	<p>Subaru Performance Drivers' Association President: Joe Trinidad RSO Representative: Trevor Hancher</p>
	<p>St. Lawrence Automobile Club President: Rob Metcalfe RSO Representative:</p>
	<p>Toronto Autosport Club President: Robert McAuley RSO Representative: Graham Tullett</p>
	<p>Ottawa Sports Car Club President: Nikki Lachapelle RSO Representative: Mike Koch</p>

RallySport Ontario
2023 Annual General Meeting
4pm on Saturday, March 23 2024.

Via virtual online platform

AGENDA

1. Call to order and Welcome
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Introduction of the 2023 Board of Directors and Executive
4. Approval of the minutes of April 22 2023 (2022 AGM)
5. Director's Reports
6. Financial Reports
7. Old Business
8. Confirmation of the Acts of the Board
9. New Business
 - a. **Motion #1:**

Motion: To amend the RSO Bylaws concerning the election of the Regional Rally Director by removing the governance of the procedure from RSO & allowing the CARS procedure to become the sole method to nominate and elect the RSO Regional Rally Director.

Preamble:

This is the current CARS procedure for nominating and electing the RSO Regional Rally Director.

- CARS opens up nominations for RSO CARS Regional Rally Director 60 days prior to the CARS AGM date - anyone can put their name forward (nominee bios are appreciated)
- Deadline for the receipt of nominations is 30 days prior to the CARS AGM - therefore this will be dependent on the CARS AGM date (i.e. not the same every year)

- Once the deadline has passed, CARS will then send out the list of candidates that it received for the position, to the RSO Clubs (maybe directly/maybe through RSO Secretary)
- Clubs will have the 30 days prior to the CARS AGM to poll their members for the Club overall vote.
- **RSO Clubs (only)** will then vote at the CARS AGM -using their polled results- for the RSO CARS Regional Rally Director

This is a duplicate of the RSO procedure and therefore it is proposed that we remove the RSO procedure from the Bylaws.

It appears there is no benefit from RSO replicating this procedure prior to CARS requesting nominations - the results will be the same. Only RSO Clubs have the final vote at the CARS AGM after polling their members. Currently Clubs essentially have to do this member polling twice.

Proposed Bylaw amendments:

4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4.1 The property and business of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of six Directors of whom four shall constitute a quorum. Directors must be members, individuals, at least 18 years of age.

4.2.4 Directors shall be elected for a term of two years by the members at an Annual Meeting of the Membership, with the exception of the Region Rally Director who will be elected by the RSO clubs only *at a CARS AGM*.

4.2.1 The election for the Region Rally Director will take place *at the CARS AGM normally in odd numbered years. The nomination and election process is governed by CARS bylaws. Candidates for the Region Rally Director can self-nominate or be nominated by others by the deadlines established by CARS,*

via a write-in (email) vote no later than November 30 of even numbered years. The Director elected by the clubs shall be the Official nominee of RSO to be presented to the CARS AGM in the January following election and supported by RSO clubs for election.

4.2.3 Candidates for Region Rally Director can self-nominate or be nominated. All nominations must be submitted *by November 1 of even numbered years.*

4.2.4 The Scrutineering committee for 4.2.2. shall consist of the Secretary and the Treasurer of RSO.

4.2.5 *4.2.2* No individual shall have more than one vote. The person carrying the vote shall be either the club President or the Official club representative. *Being a member of multiple RSO clubs does not entitle an individual to vote more than once on a motion. An individual RSO member can carry duly assigned and verified proxies.*

4.2.63 Beginning in 1994 three of the Directors shall be elected to a one year-term and two of the Directors shall be elected to a two-year term. Subsequently, three Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years, three in even-numbered years. Each Director's term in office shall be no more than two years

b. Motion #2

Motion #2: To amend the RSO Bylaws concerning RSO AGM proxies to include online forms for individual member proxies.

Preamble:

Currently the RSO Bylaws require individual proxies to be submitted as 'written proxies'. If there is a way to introduce the use of google forms to create something similar and allow for electronic submission, we may increase the number of members that vote at the AGM by simplifying the process of submitting proxies - especially as we have moved towards a virtual AGM becoming the norm.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment:

11.6 Each member in good standing, present at a meeting, shall have the right to exercise one vote. A member in good standing may, by means of a written or **electronically submitted** proxy **(in a manner approved by RallySport Ontario)**, appoint a proxy holder to attend and act at a specific meeting of members in the manner and to the extent authorized by the proxy. A proxy holder must be a member in good standing of the Corporation.

10. Elections

- a. Secretary (two year term)
- b. VP Navigational (two year term)
- c. Trustee (three year term)

11. Appointment of Reviewer of the Books

12. Adjournment

The formal meeting may be followed by informal discussion of further items of interest to the members



2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes
4:00pm on Saturday April 22, 2023
Online Virtual Meeting

Minutes

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 4pm, and quorum was declared with 5 of 8 clubs represented. The secretary reported that there were a total of 12 in attendance with 35 registered votes. President Martin Loveridge welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for participating and supporting the community
2. **Approval/Changes to the agenda**
Approved as presented. M/S Kelly Mathew (MLRC)/ David Maynard (KWRC). Unanimous. Carried
3. **Introduction of the 2022 Board of Directors and Executive** - RSO President Martin Loveridge introduced the Board of Directors and Executive. Secretary Kelly Mathew introduced the Club representatives.
4. **Approval of the minutes** of the 2021 AGM held on March 19th 2022
Moved for approval as written. Pete Gulliver (PMSC)/ WarrenHaywood (SPDA). Unanimous. Carried.
5. **Directors Reports**
All Director's reports were available online ahead of time on the RSO website as well as being sent out to members in the Delegate's Package. No questions were asked of the Director's reports.
Moved as presented. Bruce Leonard (MLRC)/ Mike Koch (OSCC). Unanimous. Carried.
6. **Financial Report**

The financial documents were sent prior to the meeting, to Club representatives and those who had expressed interest in joining the meeting.

The overall summary written by RSO Treasurer was also posted to the RSO Website.

Financial Summary:

In 2022 rally activities experienced a post pandemic resurgence. There were 6 Ontario Performance Rally Championship events held, \$15,000 in prize money was awarded to the top competitors. A big thank you goes out to the series sponsors: Clarington Hyundai Enercare Ontario Motor Sales After several years of little to no road damage expenses an expense of \$13,105 was incurred to repair roads for the Rally of the Tall Pines. The cost was shared equally with Maple Leaf Rally Club. The Ontario Road Rally

Championship held 7 events with a total of 19 different teams competing. The \$15,000 Desjardins Insurance investment certificate purchased in 2016 matured with a value of \$20,284.79. The full amount was reinvested in another Desjardins Insurance investment certificate maturing 10 June 2027. The principal is fully guaranteed and the return is based on the growth of a basket of 20 diversified global companies. The year 2022 finished with a net income of \$5,179.13 a bank balance of \$13,230.12 and a General Reserve Fund of \$20,284.79 held in the Desjardins Insurance Guaranteed Advantage investment certificate.

Treasurer went through the revenue and expenses documents explaining specific items.

Moved to accept financial report as presented. David Maynard (KWRC)/Kelly Mathew (MLRC). Unanimous. Carried

7. Old Business - nothing to discuss

8. Confirmation of the Acts of the Board

M/S Ross Wood (MLRC)/ Pete Gulliver (PMSC). Unanimous. Carried.

9. New Business - No new business put forward. General discussion will happen after the meeting

10. Elections

a. President (two year term)

Martin Loveridge was nominated by David Maynard (KWRC)/Pete Gulliver

No other nominations

Martin Loveridge accepted.

Martin Loveridge acclaimed.

b. VP Performance (two year term)

Brandon Pace was nominated by Warren Haywood (SPDA)/Bruce Leonard (MLRC)

No other nominations

Brandon Pace accepted.

Brandon Pace acclaimed

c. Treasurer (two year term)

David Maynard was nominated by Kelly Mathew (MLRC)/Bruce Leonard (MLRC)

No other nominations

David Maynard accepted

David Maynard was acclaimed

d. Trustee (three year term)

Roger Sanderson was nominated by Kelly Mathew (MLRC)/Bruce Leonard (MLRC)

No other nominations

Roger Sanderson accepted

Roger Sanderson acclaimed

11. Appointment of the Reviewer of the Books

Jane Leonard was appointed reviewer of the books. David Maynard (KWRC)/Louis Cabardos (PMSC). Unanimous. Carried

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting - Mike Koch (OSCC)/ David Maynard (KWRC)

AGM adjourned at 4:23pm

General Discussion

- President Martin Loveridge wanted to thank the Board for their participation and hard work over the last year in their respective positions
- Louis Cabardos also thanked Martin for his work in the president role.
- Bruce Leonard - Has a number of RSO items (official stamps, DVD Player, TV, Banners etc) that he has collected through spring cleaning - these items will be delivered to Martin L at the Spring Run Off ORRC event on Sunday Apr 23 for storage
- Pete Gulliver - wanted to point out www.motorsporthistory.ca is a group that will help clubs digitize old footage, documents, photos etc of events and help archive them. Clubs can contact them through the website if help is needed.
- Bruce Leonard - Shared several older rally photos & the meeting attendees discussed the events, cars and competitors - thanks for sharing Bruce.

Director Reports

2023 RallySport Ontario President's Report

For rallysport in general, 2023 was a pretty good year. For the first time in three years none of our events were delayed or canceled by Covid and all our scheduled events ran except for some rallycrosses that were canceled by wet weather.

The inaugural year of the ORCX RallyCross series started to gain some traction and is poised to be bigger in 2024. Unfortunately, MCO couldn't put on its popular winter series in 2024 but

hopes to have it back in 2025. KWRC and PMSC plan a full schedule over the summer and MLRC should have two events as well. There is no cost to have your event scores counted in the ORXC, you just need to fill out the simple entry form at <https://forms.gle/PdFhMUHLjwoLy4ac9>. You only get to count events after you fill out the form so do that early. 2024 rules and standings will be posted at <https://rallysport.on.ca/rally-cross/>
RallyCross has turned out to be the most popular form of rally; low cost and fun.

Unfortunately, we didn't run any Rally Sprints in 2023 and there are none scheduled for 2024. That's partly due to a lack of organizers and the complexities of organizing the events. There is a small hope that one or two will happen in 2024 but I'm not that optimistic.

As you will read in other reports, there is still a dedicated core group organizing and competing in navigational rallies. TAC and KWRC have cooperated in sharing the Saturday Night at the Rallies series with Discover Ontario and that will continue for 2024 with January Jaunt and Discover Ontario. Navigational rally is a great way to tune your communication skills in-car and brush up on timing; plus it's fun.

The Ontario Performance Rally Championship (OPRC) did quite well in 2023, in no small part due to the significant \$15,000 prize fund sponsored by Clarington Hyundai, Clarington Kia, Marigold Ford, Ontario Motor Sales and Durham Harley-Davidson. That fund will continue in 2024 and the combined dealers have increased the sponsorship to an amazing \$25k. You can see the prize fund distribution and eligibility requirements at <https://www.oprc.online/>
The prize fund did help boost entry levels for the OPRC significantly and should do even more for 2024.

From an RSO perspective our job is to administer our championships and help clubs mount and promote events. Sanctioning, licensing and insurance is provided by the Canadian Association of RallySport (CARS). Personally, I helped in some measure with all the 2023 Ontario-based performance rallies, all the ORRC navigational rallies, and many of the rallycrosses. It's been a pleasure to work with so many dedicated organizers and competitors.
I'd like to thank the RSO executive for all their hard work in 2023 and for their continuing commitment in 2024.

Martin Loveridge
President, RallySport Ontario

2023 Regional Rally Director Report

Rallysport Ontario (RSO)
CARS regional sanctioning body for all rally activities within the Ontario Region

The 2023 AGM was held virtually again this year and seems to be the way CARS will manage the AGM for the foreseeable future. The AGM was well attended by our region's clubs. Great

level of participation in the follow up meetings that really set off a great season of Rally in all disciplines.

Region Rally Activity:

The season offered up lots of rally opportunities filled with close competition in all disciplines. Our events host teams from Ontario, Quebec and the US. Ontario region is host to 8 CARS affiliated clubs for 2023, putting on a number of TSD events, Rallycross, Regional and National performance rally events this season.

The Ontario Road Rally Championship consisted of 8 events again this year hosted by TAC, KWRC, and PMSC. In addition to the championship events, KWRC continues to host SNATR nav rally series.

Collectively KWRC, PMSC, and MLRC put on 13 Rallycross events, including one invitational event on this season's calendar, some were rescheduled due to weather but the vast majority were well subscribed. As we know Rallycross competition is a proven and natural stepping stone into Performance Rally so the efforts of these clubs to consistently host well organized and well attended events is a true gift for our region. The region's Rally Sprint series remains dormant again this year, hopefully we will see activity here in the future.

The Ontario Performance Rally Championship consisted of 5 events, PMSC/KWRC and MLRC hosted the only two standalone events of the 5, the 3 others were National piggy back events. The OPRC supported by Ontario Motor Sales, Clarington Hyundai, Clarington KIA, Durham Harley-Davidson, and Marigold Ford Lincoln, hosted 41 teams from Ontario, Quebec, and the US, 26 of which competed in 2 or more of the 5 events.

The penultimate round of the 2023 CRC hosted by MLRC, delivered the Lincoln Electric Rally of the Tall Pines and did not disappoint. The roads were amazing, but conditions proved to be challenging again this year. The event saw some great battles throughout the field with 19 regional starters and 9 finishers.

With the immense amount of work that gets poured into rally in the Ontario region its no wonder that we are able to put on a heck of a platter full of events in every discipline for enthusiasts to enjoy.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that make these events possible.

2024 is shaping up to be a great year of rally with a lot of truly positive change coming on the horizon from CARS.

Respectfully Submitted

Warren Haywood

Ontario Region Rally Director

RSO VP Navigational Report for 2023

We finally had a full season unaffected by Covid 19 in 2023. All eight events ran normally and we score the best 66% which is six. The Expert championship wasn't decided till the last event. The Novice championship was won by the only team to do all the events.

Entries in navigational rallies has been poor in recent years but 2023 showed a significant increase over 2022. Total entries for the 8 events was 105, yielding an average of 13 teams per event. The average for 2022 was only 8. This breaks down into 38 Experts with an average per event of 4.8 and 61 Novices with an average per event of 7.6. There were also 6 teams that ran as Open or Beginner. As for individuals, there were 26 different people that competed in Expert and 76 in Novice and 8 that ran as Open or Beginner. That includes drivers and navigators. That is up almost double from 2022. There were many more people who helped as organizers and checkpoint crews.

The fact that there were 76 individuals that competed in Novice is both a positive and a negative. It's a positive in the fact that many people tried navigational rallying, but the negative aspect is that the large majority of them did only one event.

In conclusion 2023 was a much better year than 2022 which was better than 2021. The first part of the year started out even better, but the number of entrants declined as the year went on. We are still not at the numbers of entrants that we would like to see.

Yours in the sport,
Louis Cabardos
RSO VP Navigational

2023 Secretary Report

2023 followed previous years with our new virtual meetings, including the 2022 RSO AGM. RSO held 7 regular meetings consisting of the Board, RSO and Club reps, gathering to discuss all things rally related.

All minutes for the meetings can be found on the RSO website and are generally available within 10 days of the meeting (marked as unapproved).

We also conducted a budget meeting early in the year as well as the 2022 AGM in April.

Although it wasn't greatly attended, the 2022 AGM - held virtually - was attended by the majority of Club reps and elections were conducted.

Brandon Pace will do another term as VP Performance, Martin Loveridge as President, and David Maynard as Treasurer. Roger Sanderson was voted into the Trustee position.

As usual, the majority of my time spent in the Secretary role involved prepping for the meetings & AGM; ensuring the minutes are produced, circulated and posted to the RSO website.

In addition to this, I have been keeping the OPRC and RSO websites up to date where I can, along with promoting the OPRC on social media. New for 2024 (end of 2023) is the OPRC Instagram account that already has some good traction. Also working with the growth committee in 2023 we were able to secure the driver fund sponsorship for the 2023 and 2024 seasons.

Looking forward to seeing what can be achieved this year

See you folks out there

Kelly Mathew

RSO Secretary

2023 VP Performance Report

In 2023, the RallySport Ontario performance schedule was packed with events at both the entry and advanced levels. With continuous support from rally club members across the region, there were 15 rallycross events held as part of the new Ontario Rallycross Championship.

Additionally, five rallies were included in the Ontario Performance Rally Championship, with three held in Ontario and two just over the border in Quebec.

In the OPRC, competitors had more at stake than just the honour of being champion. Thanks to the continued sponsorship from Clarington Hyundai, Ontario Motor Sales Chevrolet and Cadillac, along with new sponsorship from Marigold Ford Lincoln, Clarington Kia, and Durham Harley-Davidson, eligible drivers were able to compete for a prize fund of \$16,500.

Year End Prize Fund Winners:

- Emmanuel Cecchet - \$2000 (Overall)
- Sebastien Clark - \$1500 (Overall)
- Jeremy Drake - \$750 (Overall)
- Mark Toufanov - \$2000 (2wd)
- Grant Rawcliffe - \$1500 (2wd)
- Jim Morton - \$750 (2wd)
- Michel Drapeau - \$2000 (Novice)

Following tradition, the OPRC kicked off with a winter event, Rallye Perce Neige, returning to its usual slot on the calendar in early February. With the event back in winter conditions, the roads in and around Maniwaki, QC attracted 22 starters, with 20 of them completing the rally.

The second event of the OPRC marked the return of the Shannonville Stages rally, primarily a tarmac event. Held at the Shannonville Motorsports Park facility in Shannonville, ON, the rally highlighted both advantages and disadvantages for drivers and organizers. Despite attracting only 7 starters, with the majority classified as 2WD, the overall benefits outweighed the drawbacks, securing Shannonville Stages' place on the OPRC schedule for 2024.

Event 3 on the calendar, Black Bear Rally, saw double the participation of the second event, with 14 starters. The stage roads were in exceptional condition, accommodating a diverse range of teams and cars with various goals, from testing new builds and attempting performance rallies for the first time to preparing for national events.

Rallye Defi Petite Nation, the fourth OPRC event, drew a strong number of entries from both Quebec and Ontario, totaling 16 starters.

The fifth and final event in the OPRC was the challenging Rally of the Tall Pines in Bancroft, ON, paired with a national event. Like its predecessors, Tall Pines attracted a significant number of entries from both Quebec and Ontario, with a total of 19 starters. Despite strong competition, the 2023 OPRC Overall Champion was not from Quebec or even Canada. American Emmanuel Cecchet claimed the title after completing all five rallies on the calendar, demonstrating his support for rally events north of the border. I'm delighted to announce that the OPRC will continue to receive support from our five title sponsors in 2024 and beyond: Clarington Hyundai, Ontario Motor Sales Chevrolet and Cadillac, Marigold Ford Lincoln, Clarington Kia, and Durham Harley-Davidson.

Furthermore, the prize fund has been increased to a total of \$25,000 to be awarded to drivers throughout 2024.

At the entry level of performance rally, four clubs—MCO, MLRC, PMSC, and KWRC—hosted a combined total of 15 club championship events. These events were utilized for the first time to establish an overlay championship, the Ontario Rallycross Champion (ORXC). Congratulations to the class winners: Dan Demers (4wdF), Billy Last (4wdN), and Tyler Thompson (2wd). While 2023 experienced some initial challenges as the first year, minor rule changes and additions have been implemented for the 2024 championship.

I extend my gratitude to the volunteers, entrants, organizers, and sponsors. 2023 witnessed the emergence of many new competitors at entry level events and the transition of several once-entry level competitors to OPRC rallies, underscoring the importance of all levels of rallying and the supportive community behind it. See you in 2024!

VP Performance
Brandon Pace

RSO Treasurer Report - 2023

2023 was a financially successful year for RallySport Ontario. Car counts were up for the Ontario Road Rally Championship. The generous sponsorship of Ballinger Enterprises, Clarington Hyundai and the Ontario Motor Sales Group resulted in another increase in Ontario Performance Rally Championship entries. Road repair costs were significantly lower in 2023 resulting in surplus of \$7,493.