



Minutes

RSO Board/Exec Meeting: Mon Aug 26/24

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
% Warren Haywood	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	no
	St Lac Representative	
Lexi Nahwegiizhic	MCO Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Representative	yes
Graham Tulett	TAC Representative	

Minutes

1. **Approval of/additions to agenda.** Martin brought up that we should start thinking about the 2025 calendar. Moved as presented. Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (June 10, 2024)** Moved as presented. Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried
3. **Treasurer's report - David** Financial documents to be sent out prior to the meeting
 - Some increased licence revenue from CARS
 - Discover Ontario hasn't been billed yet - DM will do this
 - Expenses paid in July - Trailer insurance, prize fund awards (SSS & BBR) & some supplies and road improvements.
 - BBR \$600 remaining from prize money as competitor wanted it to go back into the pool for distribution - BL to confirm with DM which cheque #.

Moved as presented. Maynard/Mathew. Unanimous. Carried

4. **CARS Regional Rally Director report - Warren** Not much to report as Warren was not at the last CARS meeting.

5. Old Business

- a. **Rally car licencing in Ontario** - ongoing - David M has delivered the letter to the transportation minister via mail & email. He will see him in person over the next couple of weeks.
- b. **Navigational Rally App** - on- going research. Louis reached out to some organizers & competitors for feedback but didn't receive much in response. There is no big push to use the app at events, it could be useful for certain classes/at certain events but Louis will give it the rest of the year to see if he can get any more feedback. Roger suggested sending out a reminder for folks to respond.
- c. **Ontario Scrutineer** - This needs to be sent to the RSO Secretary for posting. Warren will follow up with volunteer who was the scrutineer at BBR to see how he felt that went, and whether he'd be interested in being assistant to the Lead scrutineer at RTP, using it as a possible training ground for the Ontario Scrutineer position.
- d. **CARS positions** - Sent to Secretary to get posted. Links added to RSO website. Will still need to share on social media
- e. **RSO Bylaws** - Kelly - updated - sent to RSO BOD - BOD to read over and approve posting.
- f. **RallySafe** - no further discussion at the CARS level - Warren to follow up with this at the next CARS meeting.
- g. **DriveFest - Martin** Notes from Martin: We've talked about promotion and growth for a while now, and discussed the upcoming [DriveFest](#) at CTMP (Mosport) on the Sept. 6-9 weekend. The hassle with that weekend is many of us will be at Defi including me, Brandon and Bruce. However, Ian Wright has been looking into DriveFest and it has been recommended as an excellent way to get some exposure. A car club Sean McConnachie is a member of (R Club) has a 10x60 foot space near the track start line that they are willing to share with us. Apparently the booth costs about \$6200 and if we want to share with them we could do that for \$1000 Ian and Bruce are already working on finding if we can get some rally cars for display, seeing what we can do about having some handouts and perhaps a draw for two tickets to the VIP bus at Tall Pines. It's a tight timeline with lots of details

to work out like staffing and moving cars to the track but with Ian spearheading the initiative I'm confident we can put on a credible show.

Ian Wright is organizing the booth and currently has 10 volunteers to help cover the 3 days and 6 vehicles (a mix of rally cars from all classes). Unfortunately it's the same weekend as Defi but we should have enough helpers. Christina Tomlinson is helping out designing handouts and Ian is looking to get an RSO banner & postcards for promotion.

Motion: Moved that RSO authorizes \$1000 of funding to be used to share the costs of the booth at Drivefest, as well as another \$300 to be used for RSO promotional material.

Maynard/Mathew. Unanimous. Carried.

- *Ian to work on banner layout and will send to RSO for approval before ordering.*
- *Ian to have booth invoice sent to treasurer for payment of \$1000 booth costs (RSO's portion)*
- *Bruce & Ian to work on postcard design*
- *Warren can assist if necessary*

6. Navigational Rally Report - Louis

- a. **Next event** - October 5th Automapic Rally
- b. **President Prize Rally** - Louis is looking at changing the start location. Some discussion on the best location in the area of the event.
- c. **Championship**- Expert is currently still undecided but the novice championship is probably as is - there is only 1 Novice team that has done most of the events.

7. Performance Rally Report - Brandon

a. Performance:

- i. BBR - great event from a competitors point of view. Some great community aspects with BBQ afterwards. Went very well. Good number of entries (17) - Olivier David is leading the Championship having competed in the first 3 events. A number of the folks sitting in the top few spots in the championships are entered in Rallye Defi in 2 weeks.
- ii. Rallye Defi - 37 entries overall, 11 are OPRC entries.
- iii. OPRC.online - should be updated very soon.

b. Rallysprint: Brandon is hoping there is some chatter for 2025 RS

- ##### **c. RallyCross:** Going well but the main problem this season is that the weather has canceled/postponed events. The double-header at FreeFlow went well in July. Overall leader in the championship is Brandon Pace. Rallycross has definitely encouraged cross- club participation. Overall it's very encouraging.

8. Legislative Affairs Report - Alasdair - No report

9. Scrutineer's Report - % Warren Hayward nothing to report

10. Equipment Managers Report - Ross Wood -

- a. **Insurance** - been working on the inventory list - almost done
- b. RSO Banner - already discussed - couldn't find the old one in the trailer (previously discussed)
- c. **Road Repairs** - Black Bear - Thanks to Jeff Parnell Contracting for donating the stone that we used for road repairs

11. Growth Initiatives - see old business re Drivefest

12. New Business -

- a. **Prize money distribution at BBR** - Notes from Martin: At Black Bear, the second 4WD car was Yohan Tessier and he won \$600 from the prize fund. He wrote to Bruce and said he won't cash the cheque and he'd like to see it go to other competitors. Bruce checked with Matt with the suggestion that the money be distributed to the newer competitors. The suggestion was that the \$600 be distributed to all the Seed 6 and 5B (Novice) competitors that start Tall Pines. There are typically six that would qualify for that at Pines so about \$100 each. Matt approved of that plan.
Implementation is pretty simple, a line goes in the sup regs and we send out cheques or transfers after the rally. **RSO Board approved this.**
- b. **Regional Rally Director position - Warren** - Position will be up for election at the 2024 CARS AGM (early 2025). Nomination process will begin in the fall via CARS. Warren is stepping down from the position as of Sep 1 2024 but is happy to help guide the interim person, and attend the next CARS meeting etc.
 - Martin L will reach out to a possible candidate who had expressed interest in the position in the past, to see if he would still be interested - at least for the interim as the position will be up for reelection in the new year.
 - If this candidate is interested, RSO can nominate him to CARS as the interim RRD.
 - If he is not interested, with CARS' permission a member of the RSO BOD could attend the CARS meetings until the new RRD is elected at the CARS AGM.

13. Club News

- a. **Kitchener-Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**
 - Rallycross series - Club has been lucky to run 4 events and a practice event. They had to modify some of the events a little with the weather but they went well.
 - Last weekend's rallycross will be discussed this week due to a rough track and how they are going to combat this issue. Last rallycross of the season will be on Sep 21.
 - August go-karting event went very well.
 - Automapic Navigational Rally is well in hand for Oct 5
 - Sim Racing event scheduled for Oct 9 where a MLRC vs KWRC challenge is to be contested! - should be a great evening.
 - Next club meeting is on Sep 12.
- b. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (As per Lexi Nahwegiizhic)** no report
- c. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Bruce Leonard)**
 - BBR was a good success - good weather, lots of volunteers, good field of competitors and very positive competitor rating forms as well as some positive suggestions. The BBQ worked out very well. A section of Loom Lake was flooded prior to the event, and after several trips to do

maintenance in order to build up the road it was usable. Still a large water splash but was well worth the effort put into it.

- RallyX - Had a good event & the next will be on Sep 15.
- Rally of the Tall Pines - call for volunteers goes out in 2 weeks. Planning is well underway.

d. Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Mike Koch) no report

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

Struggling a little this year. Most of the rallycross events have been canceled due to weather. Autocross canceled due to low turnout (only 1 event this year). In the summer, the fun event wasn't well attended. Admittedly club events are not well advertised. Second fun event is the trivia rally this week. PMSC tried to organize a karting event as well but didn't get a lot of folks who wanted to participate so that was also canceled.

f. St Lawrence Automobile Club (St Lac) no report

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

Not a lot going on. Track day in early August was well attended. There seem to be lots of last minute entries - possibly waiting for weather updates before committing.

Last event of the season coming up.

Would be good to have NWMR in 2025 if possible as one of the PMSC events will have to be dropped as they are organizing a winter rally for the 2025 season.

h. Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tulett) No report

14. Next Meeting Monday Oct 21 - @ 730pm

Meeting Ended: 8:56pm

Aug 26/24 Action Items:

Item	Action	Who
Discover Ontario Rally Fees	Dave M to invoice Discover Ontario	DM
Returned competitor cheque from BBR	Bruce to advise the Treasurer of the cheque number for the returned prize fund cheque (\$600)	BL, DM
Ontario Scrutineer position	Warren to follow up with David Fournier to see if he would be interested in the role, as well as doing some training as assistant to the Lead Scrutineer at RTP	WH
CARS Roles still available	Share CARS positions to social media that are still available (National Series Manager & CARS Safety Delegate)	KM
RSO Bylaws	BOD to read over the changes that were made before they can be posted to the RSO website	Board
Rallysafe issues at events	Warren to follow up with CARS re events having similar issues with Rallysafe	WH
DriveFest promo material and payment of booth costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invoice to be sent to treasurer to pay \$1000 booth cost ● Ian W to send banner design ideas to RSO BOD for approval to get banner made up asap. ● Postcards & leaflets to be designed & created for Drivefest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Warren to assist if necessary 	BL, IW, WH

Regional Rally Director position	Martin L to reach out to Dave Cotie to see if he is still interested	ML
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