



Minutes

RSO Board/Exec Meeting: Mon Dec 9/24

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
David Cotie	CARS Rally Director for RSO	yes
Ross Wood	Exec Assistant/ Equip Manager	yes
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	yes
% Warren Haywood	Chief Scrutineer	regrets
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	no
Lexi Nahwegiizhic	MCO Representative	no
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Representative	yes
Graham Tulett	TAC Representative	yes

Minutes

1. **Approval of/additions to agenda.** Additions to include: KWRC awards dinner, old timing equipment, adding rallysprint to OPRC schedule at 50% points.
Moved as amended. Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Oct 28, 2024)** Moved for approval as presented. Mathew/Pace. Unanimous. Carried.
3. **Treasurer's report - David** Financial documents were sent out prior to the meeting
 - Outstanding from last meeting -
 - Rallye Defi - Event fees - still not paid - reminders have been sent
 - Second half of the sponsorship has been received and has all been paid out to competitors.
 - New items:
 - RTP levies cheque to be delivered Wednesday (BL)
 - Some RTP expenses will be sent to treasurer (RW)
4. **CARS Regional Rally Director report - David C** Not a lot to report. There is a CARS meeting this week.
 - a. Licencing - varying discussions on Licencing. Also noted that St Lac and TAC did not pay CARS Club memberships for 2024. *Graham will check up on the TAC 2024 CARS membership & follow up with Debbie to see why they aren't listed as an affiliate.*
 - b. A couple of rule discussions coming up. One proposal relating to an incident where a competitor was driving on a rim at Charlevoix.
 - c. Still looking for National Series Manager, National Scrutineer, National Safety Officer & Organizer Rep (although Ross hasn't heard much about this position)
 - d. President is up for election at the next CARS AGM.
 - e. KWRC have put forward proposals; for the President to be elected by the member clubs, not the BOD, and to have the CARS meeting minutes available sooner so that members can know what is going on.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Rally car licencing in Ontario** - David M - Will keep working on this. Could Alsadair could help out with this? David can reach out if he thinks it will help.
 - b. **Navigational Rally App (Richta)** - The committee looking into using the app at Navigational events didn't see enough of an advantage, so this project is on hold for now. A few minor changes to the navigational rules could allow Clubs to use the app for events if they wish. It was also noted that Clubs could ask permission to use the app/ask for a rule exception for an event, to accommodate using the app.
 - c. **Ontario Scrutineer** - Warren - see Scrutineer report for more information. ML to reach out to Warren to see if he would be willing to stay in the role of Ontario Scrutineer. Role name changed to Region Technical Delegate (approved by members present at the meeting).
 - d. **RSO Bylaws** -RS & ML to go over the Bylaws
 - e. **DriveFest** - Has been cancelled for 2025 & beyond. We should look for similar events to promote the sport at.
 - f. **RRD.** Deadline for receipt nominations is December 11th 2024. A list of candidates will be sent to the member clubs by December 19th 2024. Kelly to follow up with clubs to ensure they receive the list of candidates from CARS after the 19th.

- g. **RallySafe Tablets** - Bruce & Jane, now considered the RallySafe experts in the East, have been invited to RPN. Bruce doesn't think there is a need to buy tablets at the moment. We would need approximately 12 tablets (we're currently using the RallyWest tablets). The system works well if its taken care of, and folks are trained properly. RSQ have been looking at purchasing tablets. Keith has been replacing some of the RallyWest units. If we were to buy tablets, how do we go about ensuring they are compatible with RallySafe - what additional equipment would we have to purchase (dongles etc)

6. Navigational Rally Report - Louis

- a. Navigational season is all wrapped up. It was a mediocre season with a decrease in entries since 2023. Averaging 10 teams per event, although we had similar numbers of expert teams, we had much fewer Novice teams.
- b. 2024 Results:
 - Expert Driver is Brooke Jacobs
 - Expert Navigator is Bruce Leonard
 - Novice Driver is Evgeny Shumilov
 - Novice Navigator is Svetlana Gulimova
 - Top Club: KWRC
- c. A committee made up of a few organizers & experts discussed having fewer events in 2025 but try to make them 'bigger & better'. Louis will contact event organizers to discuss what to include in events - prizes/prize money etc. Rules will not need to change if we have 4 events (they are set up for that)
- d. Louis will order the ORRC 2024 trophies (1st place only for each class)
- e. Snowy Safari on the Feb long weekend (Sat Feb 15). Organization is well under way. The start will be in Minden at 10pm, going overnight into the morning. Roger & Martin to help out with the website promotion for the event.

7. Performance Rally Report - Brandon

- a. **Performance:**
 - i. Results: 1st Overall OPRC Driver: Olivier David, 1st Overall Co-driver Ian Lantz. 1st 2WD Driver Mark Toufanov, 1st 2WD codriver David Bell. Novice Driver Olivier David.
 - ii. Similar # of teams compared to 2023.
 - iii. Prize money was very well received (ML mentioned there will be a prize fund for 2025).
 - iv. 2025 calendar will include RPN, BBR, Defi & RTP. KWRC is looking to host an April OPRC event using the Quarry Access Rd at Catchacoma. More details to come.
- b. **Rallysprint:** MLRC is hoping to host 2 Sprints in 2025. June 14 & Sep 13. Discussion was had as to whether we could also open it up to OPRC competitors to receive half points towards OPRC championship. Some saw it as a positive idea to encourage more competitors. Some had reservations about the proposal. Need more information before discussing further. Brandon will create a written proposal with all the information necessary to make a decision & send it out to the BOD & Club reps.
- c. **RallyCross:** A decent 2024 season even with only 9 events held. 2025 series may be in trouble with only 2 clubs hosting events. Still looking into whether the ontario series could go ahead. MLRC doesn't see a way to remain hosting Club RX events as they are continuing to lose money.

8. **Legislative Affairs Report - Alasdair** - no report

9. **Scrutineer's Report - % Warren Hayward**

Regional Technical Delegate report:

- No new logbook requests have been rec'd recently, nothing to report.
- I am planning on asking Andrew Millar to prepare a 33mm restrictor for us for use in 2025.
- It may be a worthwhile exercise to send out a top three "tech hot button" items to all of the Ontario teams before RPN. These would be items which are in the rule book but are repeatedly missed or overlooked prior to tech. If the BD thinks it would be effort well spent I am happy to put together the list and cite the relevant rule for each. ***It was agreed at the meeting that this was a good idea - ML to reach out to WH about it.***
- I would propose also that we change the name of this role within RSO, as the Technical person you do far more than a scrutineer. Rationale, In reality this role may perform scrutineering duties from one event to another or may never perform scrutineer duties. While Scrutineering is one of the items this person would do it's not the only thing, thus Technical Delegate is a more fitting title, open to suggestions here for sure. It broadens up the base a bit to include items like managing the logbooking process, providing a resource of technical information to region teams, and must include work between events to ensure that the Ontario teams are prepared for event scrutineering.

Propose change from Regional Scrutineer to: Region Technical Delegate - this was agreed upon during the RSO meeting

- Tall Pines Tech Report:
 - Tech inspection opened at 14:00 closed at 20:00
 - 27 cars were inspected; 5 Inspectors were present in addition to CS

Process: One team of two and One team of three inspecting the cars for conformance to the tech sheet, CS to inspect seat mounting and belts for any play, bail wire, belt angle, check restrictor where applicable. Review the tech sheet, answer technical questions generated by the teams if any and issue the Shakedown pass which was also the passed tech notification.

- The shakedown pass process that RTP put in place this year was perfect in every way and in practice worked as car #69 did not pass tech, was scheduled for re inspection the next morning and the crew attempted to do shakedown and were turned away. If this isn't a standard across the CRC it should be.
- Items that came up in tech:
 - Car 205 Fabric Extraction point FR; Noted in LogBook, reported to the Sweep Team, had two separate conversations with the team that this needs to conform to the rule, pointed it out in the supps.
 - Car 54 Seat base is OMP/Sparco bolt into stock mount points, noticed it had play, identified that the seat bracket where bolted to the base was too far forward allowing the bracket to flex the base. Team removed the car from tech and fixed the problem, returned for re-inspection Friday night.
 - Car 69 Had a loose seat mount to chassis, team removed vehicle from tech and I planned to reinspect in the am. They repaired the issue and went to shakedown. They were turned away, came back

to HQ where I inspected their repair and passed the vehicle. Also noted in the LogBook that they were missing pictures, THE SAME NOTE I MADE IN THERE LAST YEAR!! It's a little shocking frankly that notes that we write in the books don't get reviewed from one event to the next. The catalyst in this car is empty, noted in logbook.

- Car 1 Was missing lock pins for both the driver and co driver lap belts, team corrected on site.
- Car 17 CoDriver belt clip to chassis was bound by the seat bracket camming it between the eyelet and the seat bracket base. Team removed the car from tech and cleared the unused portion of the seat base to allow the belt to move properly. Team also instructed to get the turbo sealed, an inspection of this restrictor would be very intrusive. Given this is a top car it needs to be able to be verified easily.
- Car 144 Fire ext bracket missing 1 strap and anti sub points on both ends. Team removed vehicle and added two straps, Anti-sub points were noted in the logbook
- Car 84 Crotch belt adjust buckles both sides needed to be adjusted as they were positioned above the seat base. 34mm restrictor gage got stuck in the hot restrictor, I will follow up with Owen developments and share the results, possible material expansion tolerance issue or may just be machined in a way that my gage gets stuck. I will need to confirm some details with you.
- Car 198, 714, 544 all noted in logbook for anti sub point on fire ext.

Overall tech was good, had a good vibe, better than last year, we had a good team of volunteers. Attended the Stewards meeting and provided an abbreviated version of the above.

Respectfully submitted

Warren Haywood

Ontario Region Technical Delegate

10. Equipment Managers Report - Ross Wood -

- a. More tape was purchased prior to Tall Pines & a lot of it was used. Ross will put another order in to replenish
- b. RSO timing team has been invited to do back up timing at RPN & has accepted.

11. Growth Initiatives -

12. New Business -

- a. **RSO AGM** - on calendar for March 15 - virtual
- b. **KWRC Awards** - on January 18th. Will also hand out the majority of the OPRC, ORRC & RX awards to those who can attend. Official invites will go out shortly. For those that can't attend, Ross and Bruce will also be heading up to RPN & can deliver them there.
- c. **OPRC winner stickers** - kelly to reach out to Warren to get the OPRC winners laurel wreath stickers produced again this year.
- d. **Old timing equipment and cases** - Martin has a number of items being stored with him. Pelican cases & large clock displays. ML/BL/RW to have offline

conversation as to what is there, what we want to keep and what we want to get rid of.

13. Club News

- a. **Kitchener-Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**
Lots of Club participation at Tall Pines.
Northern Lights ORRC run by ML & RS went well (last ORRC of the season)
Awards dinner Jan 18
108 members by the end of the year. The next club meeting is later this week with the AGM in January
- b. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (As per Lexi Nahwegiizhic)** no report
- c. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Bruce Leonard)**
Tall Pines went very well. 7-8 DNFs. No huge issues within the event but plenty of challenges beforehand that will be taken into account prior to the 2025 event. The competitor feedback forms address some issues they already knew about. Planning for 2025 will start much earlier, as they were a little late with somethings this year.
No road damage that has been billed for so far; there are a couple of points to be noted in the routebook for next year.
- d. **Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Mike Koch)** No report
- e. **Peterborough MotorSports Club (PMSC) (per Louis Cabardos)** Poor season. Very few autocrosses, so no trophy. Only 2 rallycross events so no trophy there either.
2025 Ice Racing season starts Feb 15/16 weekend in Minden
Club Awards night is Jan 22
- f. **St Lawrence Automobile Club (St Lac)** Not report
- g. **Sports Performance Drivers Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)**. Quiet time of year, so nothing to report.
- h. **Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tulett)**
TAC is looking ahead to the 2025 Ice Racing season, starting end of Feb/Start of March.
A street legal class is being introduced into ice racing & they're also hoping to have a cheap prepped car for folks to enter events with, after paying a fee

14. Next Meeting - Jan 27th @ 730pm

Meeting Ended: 9:25pm Maynard/Cabaros

Dec 9/24 Action Items:

Item	Action	Who
Defi event fees	Reminders have been sent - May have to follow up again	DM