



Minutes

RSO Board/Exec Meeting: Mon Oct 28/24

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	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	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.** Moved as presented. Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Aug 26, 2024)** Moved as presented. Mathew/Pace. Unanimous. Carried
3. **Treasurer's report - David** Financial documents were sent out prior to the meeting
 - Outstanding from last meeting - Discover Ontario fees- paid
 - Rallye Defi - Treasurer to invoice event fees
 - Second half of the sponsorship is due - Treasurer to follow up
 - Tall Pines road repair paid
 - RSO Website SSL recently renewed.

Moved as presented. Maynard/Pace. Unanimous. Carried

4. **CARS Regional Rally Director report - David C** CARS meeting last week.
 - Detailed discussion about rallysafe at Rallye Defi - there were some issues with the tablets.
 - CARS President is up for election at the CARS AGM in January 2025. Chris Kramer will not be running again.
 - RRD Conflict of interest - it was discussed that if an RRD is part of an event coordinating team in their region, they will pass off the RRD responsibilities throughout the duration of the event. Francois East will perform RRD ON duties for David C during the Rally of the Tall Pines.
 - Rallysafe issues in general - David C will start the discussion again at the CARS level
 - There was some email discussion regarding single event licences vs full national licences. There was some recent competitor chatter regarding having to pay a full licence fee after purchasing a single event licence, rather than just 'topping up'. This has been the rule for National event licences for a long time - no further discussion was had.

5. Old Business

- a. **Rally car licencing in Ontario** - David M - no current updates, David is still working on it.
- b. **Navigational Rally App (Richta)** - Louis resent the survey requesting feedback for the app when it was used at events this year. A lot more responses were received this time & Louis will take the feedback to the committee discussing the app and go from there.
- c. **Ontario Scrutineer** - Warren - Warren will be mentoring with Dave Fournier at pines, he will report back on this front after pines with his feedback regarding Dave and his desire to take this role on.
- d. **RSO Bylaws** - Kelly - updated - sent to RSO BOD for approval - BOD approved, other members of the Exec would like to look at them. Kelly to send out.
- e. **RallySafe** - See CARS report notes above - David C to start the discussion again.
- f. **DriveFest** - Good feedback from those that attended. Graham T thought the display was very good. Ross W thought it was worthwhile but has some suggestions for next year.
The display got a lot of traffic & we handed out a lot of flyers. Thanks to all the volunteers and those that put in the work behind the scenes. Definitely something we should consider next year. Graham thinks we should be able to get the space

for free, so this is something to look into. 2025 event is the same weekend as Rallye Defi again, we will start prepping for the event earlier next year.

- g. **RRD.** The RRD Ontario position is up for election again at the CARS AGM in January. Candidates for election as Directors will need to submit their names in writing four weeks prior to the AGM. Send Candidate nominations to the CARS office, office@carsrally.ca Deadline for receipt nominations is December 11th 2024. A list of candidates will be sent to the member clubs by December 19th 2024. Interim is David Cotie.
Kelly to forward the CARS email containing the announcement regarding the nomination/elections to the RSO BOD, Exec and Club Reps.

6. Navigational Rally Report - Louis

- Last weekend was the President's Prize ORRC event. Only 5 competitors attended but one was a new team that really enjoyed themselves. They found the event through Facebook.
- 1 more event left in the ORRC season. Bruce L has already been confirmed the Expert navigator Champion and Brooke the Expert Driver champion. The novice championships will be decided at the final event.
- Northern Lights is up next on November 9th
- Next year the goal is to have fewer events (possibly 4) but to make them longer and better, but not necessarily trickier. Championship will probably be 3 of 4 events, but it is up for discussion.

7. Performance Rally Report - Brandon

a. Performance:

- i. Rallye Defi - Regional portion was well organized, although there was no champagne for the OPRC podium (there was for the others)
- ii. Next up: Rally of the Tall Pines.
- iii. 2025 RSQ events - Sanair won't run. Discussion being had regarding dividing the 2WD classes more to encourage more teams to join

b. Rallysprint: MLRC have formed a committee to create 2 rallysprint events in 2025 - still in discussion - it won't be a championship, just standalone events.

c. RallyCross: The series helped get entries to other events. Brandon thought the double header events seemed to work well but the clubs struggled with some of their events this year. PMSC is looking at running 5 RX events in 2025. MLRC is still discussing RX for 2025.

Graham T took his car out to the last RX event of the season & he was surprised at how smooth it was. He wondered if CARS would extend the stage length allowed, so that competitors could perhaps do double laps or longer courses. Graham is going to contact CARS to see how to get the request/discussion started.

8. Legislative Affairs Report - Alasdair - no report

9. Scrutineer's Report - % Warren Hayward no report

10. Equipment Managers Report - Ross Wood -

- a. **Trailer Equipment** - A tape order has been placed for Pines with Debbie at CARS. Doug Edwards is busy getting things prepped - stakes etc

11. Growth Initiatives -

- a. OPRC website - renewed for 2 years
- b. RSO Website - SSL renewal was expensive. Martin L/Roger S will talk to Darin about this as it seems like the cost is high - is there a way to switch to another host?

12. New Business -

- a. **Tablets for Rallysafe (Dave C)** The current tablets used at National events are owned by RallyWest and they are struggling with aging tablets. Some discussion into RSO purchasing tablets or sharing the purchase with RSQ. However, the tablets would only be used in Ontario by 1 event & RSQ may not be able to contribute.
Bruce L is the go to person in the East for RallySafe and he is confident he can clear up the issues and make them go smoothly for Charlevoix this coming weekend.
There will be more discussion in the future, Bruce will report back to the BOD & exec after the event.
CARS rules only mandate the use of RallySafe as a tracker, so events could potentially not need tablets at all and go back to regular clock timing & timecards. Treasurer advised appropriate tablets would cost around \$350 each - they only need to run 1 app.
- b. **Tall Pines Road repair (Ross W)** Only 4km that needed grading/road repair. The team took 2 trailer loads of stone & as long as there's not a heavy rain storm, there shouldn't be any more work needed on the roads.
- c. **Calendar**
Martin has been working with the clubs to put together the 2025 Calendar. KWRC is thinking of an April performance event but they still need to look into road permissions from the quarry folks etc.
Tentative date for the RSO AGM is Saturday March 15th

13. Club News

- a. **Kitchener-Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)** Busy year for KWRC. 5 rallycross events plus a practice day. Some weather issues but they managed to host them all. Navigational events were not very well attended this year. Last event of the season will be Northern Lights which is currently being worked on. The Club banquet is schedule for January
- b. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (As per Lexi Nahwegiizhic)** No report
- c. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Bruce Leonard)** Rally of the Tall Pines is coming up next month. It was a slow start but it's coming together now. Need another 80 or so volunteers. Had one competitor withdraw today. Still working on the supplied pacenotes, as one stage is unwritten and it will be a struggle scheduling in getting these done (on going). The event committee will discuss whether it is worth providing notes next year. The VIP program is coming along, and location for the post-event dinner will be at Dungannon. It will be an earlier finish this year.
- d. **Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Mike Koch)** No report
- e. **Peterborough MotorSports Club (PMSC) (per Louis Cabardos)**
Not a great year for Club events.
Only 2 autocrosses this year due to low entries. A new venture with a club in Oshawa didn't go as well as they thought it would.

Due to the weather, they only managed to run 2 Rallycross events, and Club rules mandate 3 events for a championship. Therefore no autocross or rallycross championship for 2024.

f. St Lawrence Automobile Club (St Lac)

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

Nothing really to report. Current projects are volunteer dinners and planning for 2025.

Trevor is still considering organizing NWMR for 2025.

h. Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tulett) TAC's year is all wrapped

up now. Looking at 2025, they are a little worried about ice racing as there are few entries and they can't afford to increase costs to competitors. Their time attack events are successful but the lapping days that were added were expensive.

14. Next Meeting - Dec 9 @ 730pm

Meeting Ended: 9:22pm

Oct 28/24 Action Items:

Item	Action	Who
Defi event fees	Treasurer to invoice	DM
OPRC sponsorship (2nd half of funds)	Treasurer to follow up with the sponsor to obtain the 2nd half of the funds	DM
RSO Bylaws	Send to exec to read over	KM