



Minutes

RSO Board/Exec Meeting: Mon Jan 27/25

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	Regional Technical Delegate	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	
Lexi Nahwegiizhic	MCO Representative	no
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Representative	yes
Graham Tulett	TAC Representative	yes

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1. **Approval of/additions to agenda.** Approved as presented. Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Dec 9/24)** Moved for approval as presented. Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried
3. **Treasurer's report - David** Financial documents to be sent out prior to the meeting. 2025 Budget to be discussed under New Business.
 - Outstanding from last meeting -
 - Rallye Defi - Event fees - **not yet paid- DM to follow up again**
 - RTP Levies cheque - **paid**
 - Some RTP expenses - **Paid**
 - RSO 2025 Affiliation billing - all clubs have been invoiced for 2025 affiliation feesReport was moved for approval as presented. Maynard/Leonard. Unanimous. Carried.
4. **CARS Regional Rally Director report - David C.**
 - a. CARS AGM - was held earlier this month.
 - i. Elections:
 1. Bill Westhead was elected as CARS President
 2. CARS Technical Director: Matt Pullen
 3. CARS Organizer Rep: Nicki Lachapelle
 4. RRD for Ontario: David Cotie
 - ii. A couple of motions were passed
 1. For CARS to look at how to involve members in the election of the CARS President rather than it just being decided upon by the BOD
 2. For the CARS meeting minutes to be readily available in a timely manner so that Clubs & members are more aware of what is going on.
 - b. BOD & extended Board (RRDs) had one on one meetings with the new CARS president to address current issues/questions. David brought up discussions regarding the format of the CRC and safety certification in Ontario. RSO are trying to work on this but it would be good to have CARS backing RSO up as well
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Rally car licencing in Ontario** - David M - David was able to talk with the Transportation Minister and he has referred it to the appropriate person to look into it further. on-going.
 - b. **Regional Technical Delegate** - Warren - ML believes we should look for someone to fill the role of Event Scrutineer as well as Regional Technical Delegate. Warren is willing to help out for now and assist with training someone in that role
 - c. **RSO Bylaws** -RS & ML to go over the Bylaws for further issues, but the current version with the 2023 AGM discussed adjustments can be posted to the RSO website.
 - d. **RRD.** - David Cotie was acclaimed at the CARS AGM
 - e. **RSO AGM** - March 15/25.
 - i. **Directors' reports are due by the end of February.** All other documentation is prepared.
 - ii. Links will be sent out for the GoogleForm proxies (club & individual) as well as the usual 'paper' copy. (Roger & Kelly to test prior to release)
 - iii. Positions up for election: President, VP Performance, Treasurer & Trustee (outgoing Peter Watt). **ML to talk to Peter to see if he is willing to take on**

the Trustee role again. Members in the other positions up for election are willing to run again for these roles.

- iv. **2024 Club Memberships** - have been requested from Clubs (received MLRC, PMSC, KWRC)
- v. **Absent from AGM** - David Cotie (RRD) informed the BOD that he would be unavailable for the RSO AGM.

6. Navigational Rally Report - Louis

- a. First event of the year - Snowy Safari on Feb 15th. Start location has been secured and the rest of the organization is well on its way to being completed.
- b. 2024 ORRC awards were handed out at the KWRC banquet, that went well.

7. Performance Rally Report - Brandon

- a. **Performance:** First OPRC event of the season is Rallye Perce Neige Maniwaki on Feb 1st. So far, only a couple of ON teams are entered. 5 events on the calendar for 2025, with event #2 being KWRC's performance event Rally of the Voyageurs on the Fire Access (Quarry Rd) at Catchacoma on April 5th.
- b. **Rallysprint:** MLRC has 2 on the calendar - The Club has secured some cash sponsorship for these events. No further update at this time
- c. **RallyCross:** There was a prelim meeting between MCO & PMSC to run a double header weekend at Free Flow this season. BP is positive we can run a similar championship series in 2025 that we did in 2024. MLRC is in talks with a possible RX venue in 2026

Brandon would like to put forward that he does not have a lot of time this season to dedicate to promotion of Performance Rally, so help is appreciated.

8. Legislative Affairs Report - Alasdair - no report

9. Regional Technical Delegate Report - Warren Hayward - No report

10. Equipment Managers Report - Ross Wood - RSO timing team of 6 people will be attending Rallye Perce Neige Maniwaki in February

11. Growth Initiatives -

- a. OPRC Sponsorship & Video production proposal (Bruce Leonard) - Novus Auto Group would again like to provide sponsorship for the 2025 season but in a different manner than previous seasons. There will be no prize fund for 2025, but will more than likely involve video creation. Still in discussion but there have been several ideas floated around (interviews with teams/event organizers regarding event preparation etc). Matt will be talking to his media team and videographers to see what the proposed budget can get him. More updates to follow.
It was suggested that a group be formed (3 folks from the rally side & 3 from Novus) to discuss the organization of it all, once Matt has confirmation from his marketing team.
- b. Possible additional sponsorship opportunities - Ross has a contact that may be willing to put some money towards advertising and growing the sport. RW & ML to discuss offline.

12. New Business -

- a. **OPRC car classes for 2025** - specifically 2WD production (Martin) - This needs more indepth offline discussion before delving into it at an RSO meeting - **Martin to head this discussion.**
- b. **2025 RSO Budget** - The 2024 and 2025 budget was discussed, and it was decided that the RSO fees/levies for 2025 will remain the same as 2024. The 2025 Sponsorship will not feature in the RSO budget as RSO will not be handling the money - it will more than likely be in the form of video production rather than a monetary amount that can be included in the budget. It was noted that it is unclear as to whether St Lac will affiliate for 2025.

13. Club News

- a. **Kitchener-Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**
KWRC awards dinner last week went well with about 70 folks in attendance. RSO awards were handed out and Ian Wright was the guest speaker. ML is working on the next SNATR event (Feb 8), with SNATR #2 on March 2. KWRC will be hosting OPRC #2 on April 5th- Rally of the Voyageurs
- b. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (As per Lexi Nahwegiizhic)** No Report
- c. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Bruce Leonard)**
The Club will not be organizing the Polar Bear Rally in 2025. It will be replaced by PMSC's Snowy Safari this season.
The club is looking at doing a SIM challenge in March, and some members attended Taga NFLD info sessions recently.
- d. **Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Mike Koch)** No report
- e. **Peterborough MotorSports Club (PMSC) (per Louis Cabardos)**
PMSC 2024 Awards was held on Jan 22 - not many members attended in person.
Ice Racing starts on Feb 15/16 weekend (same as Snowy Safari)
RallyCross - Pete G has all the venues and dates set for the 2025 rallycross season.
Autocross - Currently unknown for 2025 as the Club is looking for a new venue
- f. **St Lawrence Automobile Club (St Lac)** No report
- g. **Sports Performance Drivers Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher).**
Winter is a quiet time for the Club. The AGM is coming up. They will be hosting their Spring Car Control events as usual, but no date set yet. They will also be organizing 3 track days.
- h. **Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tulett)**
Graham was looking for advise as to how to get TAC re-affiliated with CARS, as the response they received was confusing. David Cotie to assist. Graham to email David with Club request.
Ice Racing season started recently. They had 70 paid entries for both saturday and sunday, which is a big increase in entries from 2024. Graham believes, the street stud class and an increase in marketing and social media has helped.
TAC now has a club ice racing vehicle available to rent and already have 3 new members signed up to race with it. They may look at this idea in rallycross as well.

14. Next Meeting - Feb 24@ 730pm

Meeting Ended: 9:10pm

Jan 27/25 Action Items:

Item	Action	Who
Defi event fees	Reminders have been sent - May have to follow up again	DM
RSO Bylaws	Post to RSO Website	KM
Directors reports	Reports are due by the end of Feb	BOD
Google Forms RSO AGM Proxies	Test form links so that they can be easily accessed by members	KM & RS
Trustee position at RSO AGM	Talk to Peter Watt to see if he is willing to continue in this role	ML
Novus Auto Group Sponsorship	Create a group to discussion direction of sponsorship (3 rally folk 3 Novus folk)	ML & BL
Additional Sponsorship	Follow up with the prospective new sponsorship	RW & ML
OPRC 2WD classes	Start offline discussion as to whether this needs to adjust to fall in line with new CARS classes	ML