



Minutes

RSO Board/Exec Meeting: Mon Feb 24/25

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	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative affairs	
Martin Loveridge	KWRC representative	yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Representative	
Bruce Leonard	MLRC Representative	yes
Mike Koch	OSCC Representative	
	St Lac Representative	
Lexi Nahwegiizhic	MCO Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Representative	yes
Graham Tulett	TAC Representative	yes

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1. **Approval of/additions to agenda.** Approved as presented. Mathew/Pace. Unanimous. Carried
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Jan 27/25)** Approved as circulated. Mathew/Maynard. Unanimous. Carried
3. **Treasurer's report - David** Financial documents were sent out prior to the meeting.
 - Outstanding from last meeting -
 - Rallye Defi - Event fees - **Not paid yet.** DM to send another reminder
 - RSO 2025 Affiliation billing - all clubs have been invoiced for 2025 affiliation fees - Still to pay: PMSC and SPDA (PMSC to pay soon & Trevor to follow up re SPDA fees)

Moved for approval as presented. Maynard/Leonard. Unanimous. Carried.

4. **CARS Regional Rally Director report - David C.**
 - a. Detailed presentation at the recent CARS meeting from the company involved in CRC media promotion for 2025. They are hoping to host a webinar on 'how to promote rally'
 - b. TAC affiliation - David questioned the CARS BOD on why TAC was not able to reinstate their affiliation. CARS asked why TAC wanted to join CARS if CARS did not provide their insurance. David to talk with Martin & Graham to formulate a response.
 - c. CARS meeting this week to discuss the Safety Delegate position. Still no National Series Manager candidates either.
 - d. Per ML - CARS is putting together the Bylaws committee to discuss getting them updated after the motions put forward at the AGM.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Rally car licencing in Ontario** - David M - no new updates
 - b. **Regional Technical Delegate** - Need to find an Ontario scrutineer and Regional technical delegate. Martin talked to Chris Krepski at RPN to see if he'd be interested in the Regional Technical Delegate position. Martin will follow up with him.
 - c. **RSO AGM** - March 15/25.
 - i. Directors' reports are due by the end of February. 2 outstanding. All other documentation is prepared.
 1. RRD Report - David will reach out to Warren to see whether he'd like to prepare the RRD report or if he can give an outline of topics to cover in it.
 2. Treasurer's report will be done once the financials are reviewed
 - ii. Official Notice has been given. 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. Justin Cohen is unable to help host the AGM this year. We will use the regular webex platform we use for RSO meetings.
 - iv. Peter Watt is willing to hold the trustee role again if nominated
 - v. **2024 Club Memberships lists**- have been requested from Clubs
 1. received: MLRC, PMSC, KWRC, TAC
 2. Still need: MCO, SPDA, St Lac, OSCC
 - d. **OPRC Sponsorship - Video proposal** - update in Growth Initiatives
 - e. **Additional sponsorship opportunities** - RW has no new updates on this yet.

- f. **OPRC car classes for 2025** - ML followed up with some of the OPRC 2WD production teams & they would be happy if OPRC kept the production class. BP would like the production 2WD class to stay for 2025 but with the aim to transition to the CARS Rules in 2026

6. Navigational Rally Report - Louis

- a. **Snowy Safari** - Feb 15th. 17 teams entered. The weather provided a great challenge, with light snow to start off with, getting heavier as the event progressed. Ross managed to round up an extra sweep team that was well used, with 7 off road excursions requiring a tow out of snow banks. Due to some mechanical issues with Car 0, the later stages in the event were affected and some control teams were not in place at the correct time. However, it appears to have been a great event with lots of positive response.
Andrew Miller who had originally entered the event, had to withdraw but donated prize money. Door prizes were also handed out at the driver's meeting. Bruce found that as a competitor it was both challenging and fun.
- b. 2026 Winter rally will be back to MLRC's Polar Bear, with the clubs taking turns each year to host their events.
- c. Next up in the ORRC series is Blossom in May

7. Performance Rally Report - Brandon

- a. **Performance:**
 - i. OPRC Results - Brandon to update after RPN on RSO Website
 - ii. Rallye Perce Neige Maniwaki: 22 regional teams entered (3 ON based), with 16 finishers.
 - iii. Up next - Rally of the Voyageurs on April 5th - supp regs online as of Feb 24
- b. **Rallysprint:** MLRC has 2 events planned for 2025 - more info to come.
- c. **RallyCross:** Confirmed PMSC & KWRC events. MCO is planning on 2-3 events as well. This means we will be able to host a 2025 championship similar to 2024, with MCO events replacing MLRC events. Rules will be the same.

8. Legislative Affairs Report - Alasdair - no report

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

10. Equipment Managers Report - Ross Wood -

- a. **Rallye Perce Neige** - Back up timing team - there was at least one incident where they had to use it as primary timing for a competitor.
- b. BBR & Voyageurs: both will use similar light/clock set up.

11. Growth Initiatives -

- a. Sponsorship in form of video production: Bruce had a meeting with Matt B & his marketing crew at Novus. Time is running out to have a short video prepared prior to Voyageurs. Bruce has been putting some ideas together & needs some suggestions from people who may want to help with storyboarding etc. ML has some contacts who would like to be involved, and will forward to BL. Bruce would like to have a group call with Matt & his team to get something finalized before Voyageurs. There will be no prize money for 2025

12. New Business -

- a. **Waivers for TSD events** Ross wanted clarification that CARS does not require waivers for TSD events. Correct. They are not required, however, *We (RSO) recommend to organizers that they use waivers for TSD events.*

13. Club News

- a. **Kitchener-Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**
Busy year already.
 - AGM in January with 70 people in attendance. 1st SNATR on Feb 8 including 3 new teams.
 - Some members were at both RPN and Snowy Safari.
 - Rally of the Voyageurs - MNR permissions are ongoing. Supplementary Regulations are online. Stewards are sorted.
 - Next SNATR is on March 22 (Gord & Phil to organize)
 - Club was hoping to host a winter RX but the venue received too much snow, and now it's melting so it will be too muddy.
 - Promotion of Voyageurs - Kelly to post on OPRC social media - Kaley will help promote from there.
- b. **Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (As per Lexi Nahwegiizhic)** No Report
- c. **Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per Bruce Leonard)**
 - Rallysprint in June on Loom Lake Rd - similar to previous RS event held there
 - KWRC/MLRC Sim challenge coming up. 18 entries. Routemaster is setting up the stages & these should be published ahead of time for folks to have a look at them
 - Rally of the Tall Pines - still waiting on confirmation from the Town of Bancroft re renewing for next 2 years. Haven't heard back from Lincoln Electric yet re event sponsorship.
 - David C to follow up with Bruce re another sponsorship opportunity
- d. **Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Mike Koch)** No report
- e. **Peterborough MotorSports Club (PMSC) (per Louis Cabardos)**
 - Ice racing event on the Feb 15th weekend. It's been going well this year. The changes to the stud rules appears to have brought a few more competitors back
 - Snowy Safari went well in February (see previous notes)
 - Rallycross - all organized through Pete Gulliver
 - PMSC meeting this week to include discussion on the 2025 Autocross events
- f. **St Lawrence Automobile Club (St Lac)** No report
- g. **Sports Performance Drivers Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)**
Club is still in winter hibernation mode
 - Currently waiting to confirm AGM venue
 - Spring Car Control school is still working on dates
- h. **Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tulett)**
 - The ice racing wraps up this weekend
 - The donated ice racer worked well, with a number of competitors taking advantage of it.

- The club is going to try to encourage some members to use it for Rallycross - Graham asked whether the Club could keep the car at the Free Flow location so that it doesn't have to be trailered back and forth and stored somewhere between events. Brandon understands that the owner of Free Flow is amenable to this & Graham should reach out to them.

Next Meeting - AGM on March 15 @ 4pm
Meeting Ended: 9pm

Feb 24/25 Action Items:

Item	Action	Who
Defi event fees	Reminders have been sent - May have to follow up again	DM
Directors Report - Treasurer	Report to be done once financials reviewed	DM
Directors Report - RRD	Follow up with WH to see if he wants to prepare the report/give guidance	DC
Google Forms RSO AGM Proxies	Test form links so that they can be easily accessed by members	KM & RS
TAC affiliation with CARS	Formulate a response to CARS questioning the reason for TAC requesting affiliation	DC, ML, GT
Novus Auto Group Sponsorship	Suggestions needed for folks who'd like to be involved with video planning/storyboard. ML has some contacts	ML & BL
2025 OPRC Results	Update 2025 OPRC results on RSO website for RPN	BP
Voyageurs promotion	Social media promotion of Voyageurs through OPRC FB & IG	KM