



Minutes

RSO Board/Exec Meeting: Mon Feb 2/26

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

1. **Approval of/additions to agenda.** Add 'Fees refund for RTP' as per ML. KM/BP. Unanimous. Carried.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Dec 8/25)** Moved as presented. KM/BP. Unanimous. Carried.
3. **Treasurer's report - David** Financial documents were sent prior to the meeting. Moved as presented. DM/KM. Unanimous. Carried.
 - **Outstanding from last meeting -**
 - **Rallye Defi - 2024** - Still owing
 - **Rally Defi 2025 Levies** - Still owing
 - **2025 Rallysprint Levies** - Paid
 - **DOCR ORRC levies** - paid
 - Dave C will send the email for Yanick - possible contact for Defi.
 - David M to send 2025 financials to Jane Leonard to review for the AGM
 - Expenses - Website - Renewal for 3yrs
 - 2026 affiliation fees and OPRC listing fees paid by KWRC already.
 - Louis C to send ORRC awards invoice
4. **CARS Regional Rally Director report - David C.**
 - a. **Rules & Regs:** CARS sent out a clarification regarding the penalty at virtual chicanes.
 - b. **CARS AGM:**
 - i. Budget was passed, including funds to start the electronic logbook process.
 - ii. 2025 Awards dinners are split between the East & West.
 - iii. Elections: RallyWest president re-elected. Current President of CARS re-elected. Eric Dube elected for RSQ.
 - iv. Discussions: Possible format changes for CRC. Confirmed the 2026 CRC calendar. Possible East coast CRC event in 2027.
 - c. **New Club:** Out West. A predominantly Autocross club that would like to start rallycross events
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Rally car licencing in Ontario** - Safety Document committee update. The documentation was submitted to the ministry on January 5th. They confirmed receipt and will respond once discussed. Eric Vanderwal did a great job writing it up and has been following up with them. CARS is also prepared to follow up/support RSO on this.
 - b. **OPRC Championship Decals** - yes & remaining will be handed out at Maniwaki
 - c. **2026 Calendar** - Up to date so far - Just need to change the date of President's Prize rally to Oct 24.
 - d. **RSO AGM Mar 21** - notification to go out soon. Documents will be up to date & added to RSO Website shortly, along with online proxy forms. (Positions up for election: VP Nav, Secretary, Trustee - R Sanderson position - Roger eligible to run again)
 - i. Directors Reports - deadline is the end of Feb
 - ii. Club Membership lists - received from MLRC, PMSC and KWRC. Reminders sent to the other clubs.
 - e. **Tourism Grant for RTP** - RTP committee is still discussing this. A big factor that will affect the event is that the grant requires the rally to be 2 days, which would be a substantial adjustment to the schedule & planning etc. On-going.
 - f. **RSO Budget meeting** - was on Jan 5 - BOD approved 2026 Appendix A RSO Fees. This can be posted on the RSO website.

6. **Navigational Rally Report - Louis**

- a. **Polar Bear Rally** - first event of the ORRC calendar. 9 entries so far. In the past its been slow getting advanced entries, & most entered in the last couple of weeks before the event.
- b. **2026 ORRC Calendar** - now set. President's Prize rally will be switched to Oct 24 - starting out of Westport and using most of the fabulous old winter rally roads east of there.

7. **Performance Rally Report - Brandon**

a. **Performance:**

- i. Rallye Perce Neige - 17 OPRC entries. Should be a good event. RSQ has speed factor rules in 2026 championship - ineligible for RSQ championship points if over 80 speed factor.
- ii. Rallye Defi - Yanick has already reached out to promote the OPRC at Defi.

b. **Rallysprint:** no updates

c. **RallyCross:** KWRC held an event last weekend. Lots of media there taking photos & videos. RSO RX series needs a sign-up & promotion. Currently only 2 clubs on the event calendar however, MLRC are in talks to join with KWRC event location to put on another RX event. Possible double-header weekend.

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

9. **Regional Technical Delegate Report** - Martin L has talked to Alton Gonsalves to see if he'd be interested in the role. Some form of mentorship would be involved. Martin L will talk to Chris K @ RPN to see if he'd be interested in helping get Alton up to speed.

10. **Equipment Managers Report - Ross Wood** -

- a. Timing team - Heading to Rallye Perce Neige as back-up timing.
- b. Security Tape for events - Restocked & should be set for the rest of the year, including Tall Pines. Treasurer has received the invoice.

11. **Growth Initiatives**

- a. **Motorama** - RSO had had a booth there in the past. Tall Pines found their previous sponsor Lincoln Electric while there, but we didn't see a huge advantage for rallying in general with the booth.
- b. **Grand Bend** - Ian W & Jeff L heading up rallying promotion at an event there this year.
- c. **CSCS** - Hoping we can do some promotion with these events again in 2026

12. **New Business** -

a. **Rally of the Tall Pines fees** - The event lost money in 2025.

- i. **Motion #1:** *To refund the 2025 Rally of the Tall Pines, 50% of the paid road damage fees as well as the \$50/car OPRC fees.*
ML/KM. Unanimous. Carried.
- ii. **Motion #2:** *To donate \$1500 towards the 2025 Rally of the Tall Pines video production fees.*
BP/LC. Unanimous. Carried.

Treasurer to send an E-transfer to Rally of the Tall Pines regarding the above motions.

13. Club News

- a. **Kitchener-Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**
 - 2 weeks ago was the Club awards dinner where some of the RSO awards were also handed out. A good evening with about 70 attendees. Guest speaker presented about the 1907 Peking to Paris Rally.
 - RallyX last weekend. Pop-up event due to great conditions. Scramble to get it organized but it was a great day. Well plowed. Lots of exposure on social media. A good number of new competitors turned up.
 - This coming weekend, some KWRC members are heading to Rallye Perce Neige
 - SNATR 2 weeks after RPN
 - Co-driver course on April 4th
 - RX test day on Apr 18
 - Club membership is at 75 so far for 2026
- 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 - great event. Event debrief has some challenges to overcome for 2026.
 - MLRC AGM on March 10
 - Polar Bear Rally (ORRC) on Feb 14/15. Permits still in the works.
 - 2026 Membership renewal is a little slow.
 - Bruce to put out another newsletter promoting the Polar Bear
 - Next club meeting, RX will be on the agenda
- d. **Ottawa Sports Car Club (OSCC) (per Mike Koch)** No report
- e. **Peterborough MotorSports Club (PMSC) (per Louis Cabardos)**
 - 2025 Awards were last Wednesday. Dan Demers took his 20th Club Championship award.
 - Ice Racing - Events started for 2026. Feb 21/22 - there's an another ice racing weekend.
 - RallyX are organized for the year
 - AutoX - still working on the 2026 calendar
 - ORRC - organizing the President Prize rally on Oct 24
 - Louis talk on the recent passing of PMSC club member Len Arminio a couple of weeks ago
- f. **St Lawrence Automobile Club (St Lac)** no report
- g. **Sports Performance Drivers Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)**
 - The club is inactive over the winter.
 - AGM - still working on the date for this
- h. **Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Graham Tulett)**
 - 1st ice racing weekend 2 weeks ago. Went well. Coldest weather for a number of years (-38°C on the saturday). Great track, very successful weekend. 60 entries on Saturday, 70 entries on Sunday. They managed to get some Time Attack competitors to compete
 - Time Attack - schedule set plus a possible Fall event at Calabogie.
 - DOCR event set for June (ORRC)
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Next Meeting -

RSO AGM - Saturday Mar 21 @ 4pm

RSO Meeting Monday April 13 @ 730pm

Meeting Ended: 9:15pm BP/DM

Feb 2/26 Action Items:

Item	Action	Who
2024 2025 Rally Defi event fees	Treasurer to continue to follow up with Defi - to email Yanick	DM
2026 Listing fees & Affiliate Fees	Treasurer to invoice	DM
2025 Directors Reports	BOD to send to Kelly by end of February	BOD
RSO 2026 Calendar	New President's Prize date needs adding to RSO Website	RS
Send E-transfer to Rally of the Tall Pines	Treasurer to send ET to RTP regarding 2 passed motions	DM
RSO Appendix A - Fees	Post to RSO Website	KM
RSO AGM notification & documents	Send RSO AGM notification out. Post AGM documents. Create Google Form proxies.	KM