

Rally West 2015 AGM Minutes

Saturday November 14th, 10:00 to 17:00,
Calgary Sports Car Club - 4215 - 80th Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta

Call to order

By Mike Dyer 10:37 am

Approval of Agenda

Motioned by: Steve Wadley

Seconded: Debbie Dyer

Accepted

Approval of Minutes of 2014 AGM

Motioned by: Keith Morison

Seconded: Steve Wadley

Accepted

Financial Report – Peter Hill

Overall financial health is good despite missing our 2014/15 budget by ~\$4.7K. This was more due to lack of spending than excess revenue. Spending was down by 49% of the previous year, while revenue was up by 34% - due to an increase in WCRC entries.

Timing equipment repairs are normally a big budget item, but this year the expenses were less than usual.

The current account balance stood at \$17.5K at the end of October, with \$7K in a GIC.

There is \$8.25K still to pay down on the timing equipment (including spares) although the book value is \$14.6K due to the 10% of original value annual amortization.

2014/15 un-audited financials are available to anyone who would like to look (and volunteer to audit.)

Motioned by: Keith Morison

Seconded: Adam Vokes

Accepted

Banking for 2015 / 2016

Motion to continue with Bank of Montreal

BMO has corrected their major deficiency (e-transfers) so my recommendation is to stay with them.

Motioned by: Peter Hill

Seconded: Chris Galeki

Accepted

Club Reports

ERC Dave Sharp

president@edmontonrallyclub.ca

Not present

Crowsnest Pass Rally Club

vp@cnprc.ca

Eric Grochowski

The club is alive and growing, but more leadership needed.

Tried to put on a Rally Sprint, found roads, but schedule problems prevented it running.

General discussion of potential in the Pass area

CSCC Brad Derzaph bderzaph@gmail.com

Rocky Mountain Rally was a few weeks ago and was a great success. Thanks to Keith Morrison and others involved in bringing the rally back on course. Weather, as usual, was an issue and did cause cancellation of 3 stages on Sunday. There was a landowner issue on Saturday that was dealt with and further discussion was had with the owner to ease future relations. The possible change of date for Rocky will hopefully improve the weather situation.

Overall, the Calgary Sports Car Club held 4 TSD rallies and 3 stage rallies, one being a national event. Our next event is the novice "Hunting of the Snark" TSD on November 15th, organized by Pete Chadwick with assistance from Kurt Schantz. Entry level for the event is good and we are expecting an increased number of entries for the 2016 TSD series.

Our top priority for 2016 is to recruit event organizers and offer them training. Currently we consistently rely on common group and burnout is a big concern. Losing only a few could impact the feasibility of an event and preventative action needs to be taken to ensure we have a larger reliable group of organizers we can call on.

Volunteer recruitment for the events has improved and nearing the date of the event, applications are typically being rejected due to positions being filled.

QCMA info@qcma.org

Not present

Executive Reports

Technical & Vehicles – Mike Dyer

8 new log books this year, even split between AWD / 2WD

Discussion re: car speeds on existing roads.

Can we move helmet / belts / seat dates onto the self-declaration form?

TSD Report– Kurt Schantz

Thunderbird run by the WCRA out of Merritt BC had 37 entries. 3 teams from our region entered with Geoff Hill finishing 6th overall and 2nd Calculator.

A sloppy Trail of the GNU organized by the CSCC ran with 21 entries out of Rocky Mountain House AB. Leanne Junnila calculating for Taisto Heinonen ended up 2nd overall only 6 seconds out of first place while Geoff Hill finished 3rd calculating for David Williams another 9 seconds behind. 18 teams from the region were entered.

Mudlark organized by the CSCC ran around Calgary in May albeit without any mud. There were 10 teams from the region entered. Ben Fleming and Todd Willsie took their first overall win running Calculator, Richard Childs and Helen Welter running Historic finished second and Novices Ryan Parisien and Seth Bortenlanger took 3rd overall with a clean run.

The 10th Anniversary Northern Loon rally was run by the Edmonton Rally Club on July 12th 2015. Mike Elhard with Mike Thorn calculator took 1st in their Denali with Novices Garrett Chappel and Matro Chanski 2nd in a Corolla and 3rd was another Novice team of Nik Radisic and Brando Malo in an RX8. All 4 teams entered were from Edmonton. While the Loon was supposed to be a championship event it was removed at the last minute due to extremely late supplemental regulations. We commend the ERC for running the event in the face of way too much rain & destroyed roads. The Loon will be on the calendar again in 2016.

The Loop Rally organized by the CSCC ran overnight in/around Pincher Creek on Sept 19th All 14 entries were from the region. Peter Hill and Geoff Hill in Unlimited finished 1st, while Steve Wadley and Geoff Hill running Calculator had to settle for 2nd only 40 seconds behind. Dave Wilson and Ryan Vincent dusted off the legacy and finished 3rd overall. Eric Grochowski and Bill Dubreuil were 4th overall running in Paper class.

The final event was the SCO Rally (Sports Car Olympics) run by the QCMA in Regina. The event started in Regina and ran up to Fort Qu'Appelle before finishing back in Regina with a pizza buffet. 3 teams from the region entered with 2 teams from SK and 1 from Calgary. Huge thanks to the QCMA and Heather for getting it done! Ryan Gerstmar and Noel McAvena finished first, second went to Ben Fleming and Todd Willsie while Adam Knutson and Julian Bartel finished 3rd.

RallyWest once again has 2 sets of tires to award to First Overall and First Novice. Congratulations to Ben Fleming and Andrew Miller!

WCRC Report – Krystian Ostrowski
Not present

Timing System – Kurt Schantz

The timing gear has run pretty solidly this year with the only issues being the age old thick dust, radio range and batteries. No major repairs have been needed this year only broken cable ends and missing screws from the tripods, timers and radios. With only Big White left to run in mid-December we hope to get to the end unscathed.

We are exploring ways to speed up deployment by separating the equipment into flying finish, stop and start units at a minimal cost. Annual repairs are mostly limited to faded labels and waterproofing.

Kurt is actively looking for another interested body to help out at events so anyone who can commit to a multi-year 6-event plan, loves electronics and mud.
Please email kurt@rubberchicken.net.

CARS Board Director Report – Eric Grochowski

I am happy to report that 2015 was a successful year in Rallywest. Throughout the course of the season, there has been a growth in the number of competitors for all levels of rallysport currently active in the prairies – in TSD Rallies, Rallycrosses, and pro-rallies. The events held in region were very well organized and highly rated, and volunteer engagement has improved along with some new faces taking on roles and responsibilities in our leadership ranks. What could still use improvement is the entry numbers for some individual events (schedule changes in 2016 as well as momentum from 2015 should help with that), and more support for senior rally organising roles (although some progress has been made in this area, more help is needed at this level). Despite the downturn in the Alberta economy, indications are strong that 2016 will another successful and well attended year for rallysport in the Rallywest region.

After the damage to many of the classic stage roads due to the floods of 2013, there was a brief period of instability in the Western Canadian Rally Championship calendar. While the roads have still not been repaired (Powderface Trail still closed as of November 29 2015), the 'new' Radium regional rally has become a favorite in place of Kananaskis, Cochrane continues to be a strong event (glad to have the new stage there as well), and the Rocky Mountain Rally in 2015 was rated as the best one in years. The WCRC calendar is stable, and with Rocky moving back to May in 2016, the spread of events over the season has improved, both Nationally and Regionally. Of course, with the Big White Winter Rally now provisionally on the CRC national calendar for 2016, competitors in Western Canada can now score in 3 national events, the minimum required to qualify, without leaving the region. The Rallywest technical director has been issuing log books to a higher than usual number of newly build rally cars as well. I say confidently, the sport of pro-rally in Rallywest is looking very healthy.

From the TSD rally point of view, it is very refreshing to have some new event organizers in the region. Congratulations and respect is owed to Pete Chadwick for taking on a senior TSD role in Rallywest and his first event, the Hunting of the Snark TSD in November had a solid entry count and was a fantastic rally. New competitors are starting to take the TSD sport seriously in our region, and I expect we'll see an increase in attendance next year along with some real fights for the championship as well.

Our region has 4 clubs currently, the Edmonton Rally Club, the Calgary Sports Car Club, the Queen City Motorsports Association, and the newly minted Crowsnest Pass Rally Club. Of these, only the Crowsnest club did not hold any events in 2015. There are some excellent roads available in their area, and I expect a pro-rally test day to be the first event they will host, and hopefully in 2016 as well. It's always difficult for new clubs to get going, and I know that the other clubs in region will help support them in any way they can.

The CARS AGM and CRC awards banquet will be held in Calgary in January of 2016, and will be combined with the WCRC and Rallywest championship awards as well. I hope that competitors and volunteers from our region will be able to attend and help shape the future of our sport, as well celebrate those who have had success this year. Also important, will be the election of a new Region Director to the CARS board for Rallywest. At the Rallywest AGM in November, I did not stand for re-election and Chris

Kremer was chosen as my replacement for the 2 year term starting this January. I know he is very excited to join the national board and he really wants to do a good job and help the sport nationally and regionally. He has the full support of the Rallywest directors, and I am working on a gradual transition for him until the CARS AGM in January. With that, it has been a pleasure to be on the national board for the past 5 years, and I would like to thank everyone for their support and help.

All the best for 2016,

Other notes:

TSD / rallycross events need permits to make the insurance valid.

Templates for Safety Plans not ready yet, although Eric has unofficial examples.

Discussion of "lost car" recovery planning for TSD's

CARS AGM is in Calgary, 9th January, at Port 'O Call. Tickets to banquet are \$55 each.

Region President's Report – Matt Pullen

Rallying is evolving with more cars / competitors coming out.

More promotion and the new venues are helping the improvement.

Discussion of TSD season and rule changes

Organiser points could be included in regional scoring. Different scenarios discussed.

Action: Kurt Schantz / Eric Grochowski / Mike Dyer / Kris Schofield to form a committee to review TSD rules.

Motioned by: Eric Grochowski

Seconded: Shawn Bishop

Accepted

Discussion of Performance season and rules changes

Discussion re: Novice eligibility

Proposals : Change 5 finishes to 3

Change 5 finishes to 4 starts (same as national)

Add, never placed in top 3 on a regional event

Motioned by: Eric Grochowski - Change 5 finishes to 3, effective 2017, subject to RPM approval.

Seconded: Chris Kremer

Accepted

Mike Dyer brought up the 3 minute dust windows used at Radium that caused some marshals to be working long periods without any breaks. This is something to be considered by organisers in similar circumstances.

Discussion of street studded tire rules at National events. Strong support was voiced for making a National rule change.

Shawn Bishop / Debbie Dyer will update WCRC trophies to show previous winners.

Discussion re: Organiser points, whether to apply points to WCRC championship, or develop an Organiser championship.

Also see new business.

Calendar for 2016

TSD Rallies

Snowball Jan 31

Loon July 10

Loop Sept 17/18

Western Canada Rally Championship
RMR May 27/29 two weeks earlier
Radium Nov 12/13
BW Dec 3/4

AGM Nov 19

Old Business arising from the 2014 minutes

- Kurt Schantz to provide TSD rule updates to Eric Grochowski / John Munroe / Kris Schofield for feedback before publication (left over from 2013)
- Keith Morison / John Hall to look at revised wording to RW by-laws to align the RRD nomination process between RW and CARS.

New Business

- Discussion and adoption of 2016 WCRC rule changes. (Also needs RPM to approve)
Much discussion around application of the recce rules, and organizer discretion being applied.

Motioned by: Mike Dyer
Seconded: Chris Kremer
Accepted

Elections:

(For those positions last decided at the 2013 AGM)

Vice President (Mike Dyer, incumbent – standing again)
Nominated by: Eric Grochowski
Seconded: Matt Pullen
Acclaimed

Director at Large (John Hall, incumbent – standing again)
Nominated by: Eric Grochowski
Seconded: Debbie Dyer
Acclaimed

CARS representative, (Eric Grochowski, incumbent – not standing again)
Nominee: Chris Kremer
Nominated by: Debbie Dyer
Seconded: Keith Morison
Acclaimed

TSD Rally Director (Kurt Schantz, incumbent – not standing again)
Nominee: Pete Chadwick
Nominated by: Keith Morison
Seconded: Brad Derzaph
Acclaimed

Secretary/Treasurer (Vacant – Peter Hill, resigning)
Nominee: Adam Vokes
Nominated by: Debbie Dyer
Seconded: Eric Grochowski
Acclaimed

Set 2015 AGM Date & Location

AGM 19 Nov 2016
Same time & place President to confirm depending on new affiliations
Motioned by: Mike Dyer
Seconded: Steve Wadley
Accepted

Motion to Adjourn

Motioned by: Chrisc Galeki at 3:22 pm
Seconded: Mike Dyer
Accepted

**Rally West 2015 AGM
Attendance**

Attendees:

Name:

Adam Vokes
Kurt Schantz
John Hall
Keith Morison
Deb Dyer
Mike Dyer
Eric Grochowski
Peter Hill
Matt Pullen
Shawn Bishop
Chris Galecki
Chris Kremer
Brad Derzaph
Steve Wadley
Chawna Imber
Geoff A Hill
Pete Chadwick