

2005 IRC Annual General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the IRC November 5 2005 Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held in the Duncan United Church with attendees being: Brian Carriere, Paul Smith, Gil Stuart, Glyn Trafford, Jack Vanier, Matt Playle, Meaghan Johnson, Bart Vogelzang, Dave McKenzie, and Jay Young, a new member.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m..

President's Report (no written report submitted so this is mostly paraphrased)
Being new to the sport of rallying, it was a real eye-opener as to how much work is involved in events and how much of this is done by the Rally Director. There were 114 entries in various events throughout 2005, and it is amazing getting all those people coming over from the mainland and the USA. All in all, it was a very positive experience working with everyone, and with a new family, there will be much more time restraints from now on.

Rally Director's Report

This year was a very busy but exciting year. It was full of trials and tribulations but was a lot of fun. One of those highlights was the four round Island Championship Series comprising of:

Storm the Island: An all night tarmac rally early in the year organised by Brian
Coast to Coast: Our premiere two day spring event attracted big numbers Organised by Christa

Tsunami: An afternoon/evening tarmac summer rally organised by Bart (but cancelled)

Midnight: A spirited all night event in the fall organised by Gil

Both C2C & Midnight were rounds of the BC Regional Rally Championship as, well as Coast being the first round in PCC. These rallies were rounded out nicely with the four 3 hour Novice events put on every two months through the summer. The idea was to attract newcomers to the sport, and conducted at a leisurely pace on asphalt, on a Sunday afternoon. Paul, Brian, Bart and Richard all took their turn hosting a round. The locations went from Victoria, Nanaimo, Oceanside and Courtenay.

Not to be forgotten was the IRC Rally School held in honeymoon Bay. An all day classroom and rally set up which attracted our biggest numbers yet! Held on a Saturday in the spring, 14 people from all walks of life tried their hand at our sport. It was taught by some very talented "teachers" from within our club's roster, who gave up their time to show the next generation of rallyists how it's done.

I think the crowning moment of this year was the rally cross, held up on Mount Washington. Last fall we tried to acquire a property in Port Alberni, which didn't pan out, so, I was sceptical about this new venue. My fears were alleviated when we had 11 competitors show up and more than that in workers. They all braved the rain, cold, snow and mud to put on the event. Hopefully, if things go as planned, we'll be able to get up there again next summer and run a whole series!

Looking ahead to next year, the thought from the Executive was to scale back a few events, run fewer Novice rallies and incorporate certain criteria into events. The thought was to also hold two events on one weekend to encourage competitors with discounts and foster the rally experience. This also would help with the burn out factor of our workers taking multiple weekends off to help out. Speaking of workers, a big thank you to all that came out and helped run these events. The other people I want to thank are all the organisers who "stepped up" to set these events up and keep them on the schedule and running smoothly. It makes my job so much easier with a great bunch of team players in our midst ready and eager to help out. I hope to see you out in the forests next year either running, spectating or working and remember, "Keep the shiny side up!"

Treasurer's Report

Please see the attached documents (physically attached to hard printout)
There may be a requirement in the future for having a full audit of the books, since there is a drive to get organizations doing this as a precaution, and for some insurance reasons.

Moved: That we accept the Financial Report as submitted by the Treasurer. Moved by Brian, Seconded by Glyn, Carried

Secretary's Report

There is not much to report, since the Secretary basically just takes the minutes and distributes them. There was a problem with forms, cards, and templates because of a hard drive meltdown, requiring everything to be re-created manually. Many of the old rallies and all the minutes of meetings before June 2005 have been lost, except those which were saved in hardcopy format.

Publicity Director's Report

There was a push made to work with the Times Colonist in particular, and this has paid off. They are now publishing everything we send to them.

The Board of Directors stood down, and Dave McKenzie took the Chair to conduct the elections.

The result of the elections were as follows:

President: Paul Smith

Vice President: Matt Playle

Treasurer: Gil Stuart

Secretary: Bart Vogelzang

Rally Director: Glyn Trafford

Publicity Director: Jack Vanier

Congratulations to the new Executive

The Exhaust Noise newsletter for IRC will be taken on by Gil Stuart and Brian Carriere on an alternating basis. The next one will be just after the Awards Party so that Gil can cover the awards presentations.

Ballots were voted destroyed (Brian, Glyn, carried) and meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

2005 Awards Winners

The IRC Annual Awards Party was held at Whittingham Estates Cottage in Youbou on November 26 at 7pm. The cottage was decorated in a Christmas theme by Bart and Gil ready for the arrival of members and guests. A total of 14 people participated including Steve Perret and Kathryn Hansen from Washington State. Participants enjoyed a World Rally 2005 puzzle, pizza, and gift exchange in addition to the presentation of awards. Awards were as follows:

Island Rally Series - Michelle Toffler
Island Novice Series (overall) - Shawn Harper/Donica Fisher
Island Novice Series (member trophy) - Matt Playle/Meaghan Johnson
Rallymaster - Gil Stuart
Hard Luck - Glyn Trafford
Appreciation - Gil Stuart
Dedication - Bart Vogelzang
Sportsmanship - Roy Lima
Rally Spirit - Bart Vogelzang