

CARS Board Meeting Minutes

July, 16 2025

| Item | Discussion |
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| 1 | <p>Meeting was called to order by Bill Westhead on Wednesday July 16 at 4:34 pm PT</p> <p>In attendance: BW Bill Westhead (President) MB Martin Burnley (RPM Director) MSz Michael Szewczyk (RW Director & Rule Book Advertising sales) DC David Cotie (RSO Director & Treasurer) FE François East (RSQ Director & Vice President) MSw Malcolm Swann (ARMS Director & Secretary) CK Chris Kremer (Past President) JH John Hall - ARC Chair and Rule Book NL Nicki Lachapelle (Organizer Representative)</p> <p>We have Quorum with all Region Directors present.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Agenda: Adjusted with 2 new business items. Motion to approve was made, seconded and carried. (MB & DC)</p> |
| 3 | <p>Approval of Previous Minutes.</p> <p>MSw forwarded an adjustment to section 5 of the June minutes A motion to adopt the June 19, 2025 board meeting minutes with this adjustment was made, seconded and carried. (DC & FE)</p> |
| 4 | <p>Financial 2025 update</p> <p>DC - No current updates of note.</p> <p>BW - A motion to approve Lawton & Co. as CARS accounting firm for 2025 Compilation Report, was made, seconded and carried. (MSw & DC)</p> |
| 5 | <p>CRC report</p> <p>MB - Pacific Forest Rally Stewards' Report has been received and is in process for posting.</p> <p>FE - Baie de Chaleurs. FIA observer in attendance. He said roads were like a mix of Greece and Finland. Giant screen "live" was a big success. Restricting spectator areas was also successful. Radar in use during recce and a number of teams were talked with as a result. Local residents very thankful about the use of radar in this way. Some issue with local teams not following the road book. This needs to be addressed with a route control in the future. Surprising result with an all 2WD overall podium.</p> <p>FIA recommendations: Fire and medical at the start of every stage; proper FIA-approved undergarments for all teams. Re-fueling setup needs to be as per FIA guidelines. Introduce use of red flag at all Marshall points along the stage route. Should have Parc Fermé between each leg.</p> <p>FE - Rallye Défi Petite Nation update: Supps posted, safety plan in progress. NL - partnering with Pink Orange water for a charity run, developing a 5-year plan.</p> <p>MB - Rocky Mtn Rally update: preparations well in hand. Same roads as previous years except that Steam Clock which will not be used.</p> |

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| | <p>BW - 2026 Stellantis Motorsport Rally Cup has been announced. Waiting for more information on how this will work within our championship. Charlevoix is planned as series championship final.</p> <p>MB- For the future, consider moving Big White as the series opener for the CARS championship.</p> <p>Responsibility for managing Pirelli program to be discussed in September.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Event Updates</p> <p>DC updates: MLRC Black Bear Rally Aug 9, work day has happened, still looking for more volunteers, road permissions are in hand, expecting over 15 entries.</p> <p>PMSC/MCO RallyX Aug 23, MLRC Rally Sprint Sept 13. All are in the planning stage but our current focus is on Black Bear rally</p> <p>MSw update: No events until September. Trout Lake supps are up.</p> <p>FE update: Rallye-X de Charlevoix July 20 requested to use part of "La Pax" road with transit on straight sections, competitive sections about 1.5km. long, and all within marshals view. Great for training control crews and volunteers.</p> <p>Maniwaki is also planning an event, supps are being reviewed.</p> <p>MSz update: CSCC Rally-X series last 2 events average 28 entries.</p> <p>Edmonton club is looking at more venues for Rally X.</p> <p>Performance rally test date being planned before Rocky.</p> <p>MB update: Squamish Rally-X very well attended.</p> <p>IRSA Rally-X School July 6, 10 new faces attended,</p> <p>WRCA Heart of Darkness TSD has been postponed until September.</p> <p>RAVI Rallye 'Round the Capital Aug 9. They have also found a Rally-X site, looking at a September event</p> |
| 7 | <p>Club Updates</p> <p>BW reminder: Stage Life YouTube series begins July 29th. Will be on the CRC channel for hosting and distribution.</p> <p>Note on Andrew Miller: successful posting of "Bigfoot Videos" in support of Ontario rallying. Over 800 people contacted asking for more information.</p> |
| 8 | <p>Sponsorship & Contingencies</p> <p>Event funds are up to date.</p> <p>Defi included information regarding the Pirelli requirements in their supp regs.</p> <p>The onus is on each event to manage the arch, banners and podiums.</p> |
| 9 | <p>Open CARS roles: 30-day NSM LinkedIn page trial has ended. All submissions reduced to 3.</p> <p>Executive Director: still to be listed.</p> |
| 10 | <p>Organizers Representative: NL working on a date to review budget understanding with the CARS Board.</p> |

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| | <p>Had a good opportunity at Rallye BDC to discuss opportunities with the Quebec organizers. We are all dealing with the same government departments. Looking to plan a Fall get together with the Quebec event organizers.</p> <p>Overall organizer discussions to this point have been really positive and supportive.</p> <p>Every rally represents an opportunity for us to bring together people from different areas, whether competitors, volunteers or organizers; and discuss what's happening and how to make it better.</p> |
| 11 | Safety Delegate -regrets |
| 12 | Competitors' Representative - regrets |
| 13 | Technical Rules Committee – Regrets |
| 14 | <p>Admin Rules Committee – JH:</p> <p><u>Proposal:</u> to remove seeding and implement Speed Factor only for National events.</p> <p>Speed Factor is recognized and accepted as the methodology for sorting start orders and is now well established.</p> <p>FE: issue may come up with Regional only competitors without Speed Factors.</p> <p>MSw: we have created and use a Regional only seed structure in Atlantic to deal with this.</p> <p>BW: Speed Factor does not diminish the responsibility of the organizer and CRC series manager to review the start list.</p> <p>National Novices, regardless of Speed Factor, will still be required to attend Novice Briefings at events.</p> <p><u>Proposal</u> - to set direction for when a competitor moves from a 4wd vehicle to 2wd to address their Speed Factor.</p> <p><u>Proposal</u> - rewrite NRR 17.3: To clean up multiple references to penalties throughout the CARS Rule Book and present a penalty menu for ease of reference by all.</p> <p>Also to give more flexibility to event Stewards in penalizing infractions.</p> <p>Motion to send out for 2-week review was made, seconded and carried. (MB & MSw)</p> <p>Currently working on Technical Violations and Boost penalty grades.</p> <p>There ensued a lengthy discussion on turbo restrictors, FIA vehicles, Proto class cars, etc. What the ARA is doing and how they are successfully scrutineering the FIA vehicles.</p> <p>It was suggested CARS could send senior scrutineers to learn from Doug Nagy and the ARA when needed.</p> |
| 15 | <p>Communications and Marketing</p> <p>BW - checking to see if everyone received the first Cyberimpact CRC newsletter that Frédéric sent out.</p> <p>If you receive CARS announcements and bulletins, you should also be getting this newsletter. Hoping to broaden the audience on what we are doing.</p> <p>Without the TV coverage we had, which ended with Perce Neige last year, we are seeing a loss of engagement. Initiatives such as the Cyberimpact CRC newsletter are an example of what we can do to assist events in maintaining our presence. Engagement during and immediately following an event is high.</p> |

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| | <p>Frédéric `s challenge is keeping the engagement alive in between events and CARS is always looking for content to assist with that.</p> <p>This is an example of the information we can share with those who organize promotions and marketing around the CRC events and hopefully they can see how the CRC channels can help them.</p> |
| 16 | <p>New Business</p> <p><u>Rally cross helmets</u> FE - with new Rallye-X competitors we have had questions re the specifications of some newer other use helmets vs the older rally spec helmets.</p> <p>MSz - The ASN has more lenient helmet rules for slalom than we allow for Rally-X. With similar speeds.</p> <p>JH - the only real difference between a motorcycle helmet and a motorsports helmet is in field of vision.</p> <p>Decision: forward to MP as the Technical Rules Chair, for clarification and recommendations.</p> <p><u>RallySafe permanent wiring kits</u> DC - there are no more spare wiring kits available from CARS.</p> <p>JH - the original idea was CARS to be involved until the program was up and running, then competitors were to buy their own kit directly and install it. Is it time to finally turn this back to the competitors to sort out? This is no different than buying belts or extinguishers.</p> <p>FE - Two issues with availability: an on-rally incident damaging, for example, the antennae; and, we also need temporary kits for course cars.</p> <p>Historically Keith did bring in and sell wiring kits. However he no longer has any left and will not be purchasing any more.</p> <p>BW - is there an inventory of these for course cars?</p> <p>NL- I have a kit that was just delivered for our use at Defi. Also, apparently Canada is one of only a few countries that is still using this system. Most are using the newer cellular based systems.</p> <p>MSw – Is this an opportunity for a rally supply company like CAS, Rallysport.ca or Four Star Motorsports to bring in this equipment and sell it to competitors?</p> <p>DC to look into this and come back with ideas for the next board meeting.</p> |
| 17 | <p>Next meeting – Wednesday September 17, 2025 at 7:00pm ET.</p> |
| 18 | <p>motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried (MSw & DC)</p> |