

# CARS Board Meeting Minutes

## February 15th, 2023

Item	Discussion
1	<p>Meeting was called to order by Jean Francois Guite on February 15th, 2023, at 7:06pm ET</p> <p>In attendance by Zoom:</p> <p>JF Guite (CARS President and Chair) <b>JF</b></p> <p>Martin Burnley (RPM Director) <b>MB</b></p> <p>Mal Swann (Atlantic Director) <b>CP</b></p> <p>Warren Haywood (RSO Director) <b>WH</b></p> <p>Chris Kremer (RW Director &amp; Secretary/Treasurer) <b>CK</b></p> <p>François East (RSQ Director, Vice President) <b>FE</b></p> <p>Ross Wood (Organizer Rep) <b>RW</b></p> <p>André Leblanc (Competitor Representative) <b>AL</b> <i>Joined at 7.40 ET</i></p> <p>Graham Bruce (Technical Director) <b>GB</b> <i>Joined 7.30 ET</i></p> <p>Yannick Lefebvre (NSM) <b>YL</b></p> <p>We have a Quorum.</p>
2	<p>Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>CARS Board meeting minutes of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, were adopted by motion.</p>
3	<p>Finance:</p> <p>The insurance rates for 2023 have been received from the broker. Effective April 1<sup>st</sup> the individual rates increase between 5 and 7%.</p> <p>Some admin fees have been reduced and we are still discussing alternatives for Rally Schools.</p> <p><b>CK</b> will produce a new CARS rate sheet.</p>
4	<p>CRC Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rallye Perce Neige went off well with a very good organizing team. The temperatures were extremely low. Some volunteers didn't show as expected in those temperatures. Rallysafe had multiple failures (5 units).</li> <li>• The CRC Awards at Rallye Perce Neige went off well. The venue was noisy, but people enjoyed the social event.</li> <li>• The FIA rising star women were at Perce Neige to meet with us.</li> <li>• The Subaru contingent enjoyed the event and were hosted by FE.</li> <li>• Yannick has spoken with KM regarding the issues at RPN and Rocky plans and is satisfied with the plans so far. The first documents are due shortly.</li> <li>• <b>MB</b> is to follow up with PFR to see how they are progressing with their plans for the event later this year.</li> <li>• <b>DD</b> is to equip YL with the correctly embroidered attire as NSM.</li> <li>• Discussion around a rally driver that wants to run some CRC event stages on a pre run basis to engage spectators and promote the events. <b>WH</b> and <b>RW</b> will engage in conversations with the person to see if way can be found to do something like this within the event parameters.</li> <li>• YL was asked how performing dual roles at RPN worked out and stated that it was tricky due to the demand on his time, but that with spending more time on the stages a day earlier would solve that issue.</li> </ul>

5	<p>Succession Planning.</p> <p>Not all events have submitted documents for the standardization work. <b>RW</b> is to contact Tall Pines and <b>FE</b> is to contact the QC events that have not yet responded.</p> <p>Discussions with Subaru Canada will commence shortly for the 2023 season and indications so far are that Sebastian is pleased with how things are developing on media coverage.</p> <p>Eastern supplies and records have been relocated from Terry's residence to YL.</p>
6	<p>CMHF Gala:</p> <p>FE, RW, Bruce Leonard and Clarke Paynter will attend the Hall of Fame Gala where Terry is being inducted. 3 Subaru Canada reps will be there.</p>
7	<p>Future of Rally in Canada Initiative:</p> <p>The document that outlines the main points for the long-term vision for rally in Canada was reviewed. It was suggested that we find a good facilitator, and for each member of the extended board to make suggestions for committee members and to go through JF's document and add/delete/revise/comment on it.</p> <p><b>ACTION BY: MB, CK, JF, WH, MS, FE, GB, AL, RW, YL</b></p>
8	<p>Organizer Rep.</p> <p>There has been no feedback from organizers on the suggestion to hold a second meeting with them mid-year but we will plan on going ahead with it.</p> <p>The distribution of board meeting summaries was discussed and the plan going forward is for updates to be extracted from the meeting minutes, with the removal of names and companies when appropriate.</p> <p>RW will be the primary coordinator of the project to standardize event documents.</p>
9	<p>Competitor Rep:</p> <p>The improvement in social media coverage at RPN was excellent and was noticed by many people.</p> <p>It was suggested that CARS consider moving to an "Open Light" concept rather than our current "Production" designation. The philosophy behind Open light being that the rules allow the vehicle to be free or open, with some listed exceptions such as dog boxes and sequential. As opposed to our Production designation that requires the vehicle to remain OEM except for several items that are listed as being free. <b>AL</b> will investigate this further.</p> <p>The pros and cons of mandating stage service times to be a minimum of 30 minutes was discussed.</p>
10	<p>Marketing:</p> <p>Discussion Re Tire Manufacturers relative to the rule book advertising.</p> <p>A proposal from the marketing company is expected within the next week and will be distributed by WH when he gets it.</p> <p>A large increase in website views has occurred recently.</p> <p>YL has some sponsorship leads that he will be working on over the coming weeks. JF may assist.</p>
11	<p>Admin Rules:</p> <p>A rule change had been circulated to the elected board to revise the ROV tire rule to allow each individual event to choose if they want to define which tires will be allowed. Discussion and some concerns about the increased propensity for roll over when using original tires. It was agreed that</p>

	the individual events should make the decision based on local conditions, and that the ARC will draft up a rule change to implement that
12	<p>Technical Rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Vincent L. will assist with Tech Inspections in Qc under <b>FE</b> and possible other mandate from <b>GB</b>.</li><li>2) An MOU agreement has been reached with ERA Motorsport of Indianapolis on the Classic Championship sponsorship, and an announcement has been drafted and is almost ready to publish. There has been a lot of very positive feedback from the rally community well beyond Canada.</li><li>3) The status of the Boost Control initiative was discussed, and it was suggested that we should have a plan in place for the eventuality that a vehicle is protested at an event and how that could be resolved. <b>GB</b> is to see if we can get 4 monitoring units to be sent to each event for random monitoring.</li></ol>
13	<p>Next Meeting March 23rd at 7.00 pm ET. Meeting adjourned by motion at 21.44 ET</p>