

CARS Board Meeting Minutes

January 18th, 2023

Item	Discussion
1	<p>Meeting was called to order by Jean Francois Guite on January 18th, 2023 at 7:01pm ET In attendance by Zoom: JF Guite (CARS President and Chair) JF Martin Burnley (RPM Director) MB Mal Swann (Atlantic Director) CP Warren Haywood (RSO Director) WH Chris Kremer (RW Director & Secretary/Treasurer) CK François East (RSQ Director, Vice President) FE Ross Wood (Organizer Rep) RW André Leblanc (Competitor Representative) AL <i>Joined at 21.20</i> Graham Bruce (Technical Director) GB Yannick Lefebvre (NSM) YL We have a Quorum.</p>
2	<p>Meeting Minutes: CARS Board meeting minutes of January 3rd were adopted. CARS Board and Organizers forum meeting minutes were adopted. CARS Board and Competitors forum meeting minutes were adopted.</p>
3	<p>Organizers Meeting: Follow up: Discussion around ways to improve communication between organizers and CARS. The organizer and board forum will now be held twice per year in an effort to improve communication. RW Rallysafe training was discussed and it was restated that help is available if the events need it. AGM Procedures were discussed and deferred to a later agenda item.</p>
4	<p>Budget 2023: Insurance for rally schools was discussed at length. Chris will make a case to the broker upon renewal, that the cost for schools is unreasonable. CK</p>
5	<p>CRC Report; RPN prep is well in hand. Safety Plan has been received. RMR prep will start in the next couple of weeks. The new NSM roles description v2.0 was reviewed and adopted. This puts some of the National Scrutineer work into the NSM role and will be monitored as the year unfolds. YL will seek assistance if needed. The NSM vision was discussed and realized that it contains a lot of objectives that are not expected to all be done in one year.</p>

	The board discussed the recent criticisms of CARS on social media and reminded officials of the need to be careful when engaging in social media discussions as they can easily become misconstrued.
6	<p>Succession Planning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) CARS wants to encourage cross pollination of ideas by having the events share success stories and problem areas with other events. It was generally thought that the NSM could summarize each event with info from observations, competitor feedback and the stewards report into a one page highlights sheet that could go out to every event lead organizer. YL 2) Standardization of event documents – In progress but still no response from some events. JH (ARC)/YL and RW. 3) The CARS physical Assets that are at the Epps residence will be picked up by YL. They will be sorted.
7	<p>CMHF Gala:</p> <p>CARS will be represented by Ross Wood, Clarke Paynter and Francois East. JF will see if Subaru Canada want a seat.</p>
8	<p>Future of Rally in Canada.</p> <p>Group will be formed with a lot of external contributors. Discussion around skills needed. Directors are to submit suggestions to JF. JF will create a plan/Terms of Reference. Use focus groups.</p>
9	<p>Management style:</p> <p>Our standard operating procedures were discussed and reminded that we need to stay on track with our practices during these busy times.</p> <p>The ARC is now led by JH, with RW contributing. YL will become involved over time as needed.</p> <p>The TRC is ad hoc.</p>
10	<p>Organizer Rep:</p> <p>Following up on the request for events to accept US\$ credit card payments, RW reports that in fact most events do have the ability to process US \$ either by credit card or swipe or other means. See item 3 re communication with events.</p>
11	<p>Competitor Rep:</p> <p>Rep has had calls from competitors regarding the bulletin on FIA vehicle eligibility and the intent and alignment with ARA. Concerned competitors need to discuss their situation with GB directly. AL will redirect inquiries.</p> <p>Discussion re the future of the Production classes and comparisons to the ARA "light" classes. To be discussed further at a future meeting.</p> <p>Also discussion regarding drivetrain swaps within a marque and the confirmation that if it carries the brand it is eligible. More discussion is needed at a future meeting.</p>

12	<p>Marketing:</p> <p>Waiting on Marketing team.</p> <p>It was announced that the John Munroe Classic Rally Championship has a sponsor coming on board. ERA Motorsport of Indianapolis.</p>
13	<p>Admin Rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2023 Rule Book is now with DD for issuing. 2) FIA Vehicles bulletin went out 3) Standardization of documents is in hand. Still waiting on a couple of events to submit documents. 4) 20.13 revision was reviewed and approved. 5) Classic championship implementation was worked out. GB, MB and JH will work on the plan this week. Scoring. Standings. Entries. Eligibility. Changes to scrutineering form? GB 6) Permanent car numbers. JH shared a document outlining the issues. The board generally felt that this should be adopted, but JH will circulate the document for more detailed discussion at the next meeting. 7) JH will create a guidance sheet for participants to use at the AGM to provide a better understanding of the way to get things done at that meeting.
14	<p>Tech Rules:</p> <p>Discussion regarding blow off valves and electronic boost control. Possibly develop a random check system. To be resolved in 2023 in conjunction with 33 mm restrictor decision. GB</p>
15	<p>Next Meeting February 15th at 7.00 pm ET.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned by motion at 23.14 ET</p>