# CARS Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 2020

| Item | Discussion  |  |  |  |  |
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|      | Section C - Extended Board Meeting (Open)   |  |  |  |  |
| 1C   | Meeting was called to order by John Hall on January 11, 2020 at 8:01 EST John Hall (President) Martin Burnley (RPM Director) Chris Kremer (RW Director) Secretary / Treasurer Darryl Malone (RSO Director) Vice President Simon Vincent (RSQ Director) Francois East (RSQ Nominee) Clarke Paynter (ARMS Director) Terry Epp (National Series Manager) Ross Wood (Organizer Rep) Wim van der Poel (Competitor Representative) Graham Bruce (Technical Director) Matt Pullen (National Scrutineer) Debbie Dyer (Office Manager / recorder) Brian Maxwell (TAC) Martin Loveridge, (KWRC) Richard Muisse (OSCC) Terry Dale (OSCC) Nicolas Laverdiere Fred We have Quorum at 5/5 |  |  |  |  |
| 2C   | Introduction of 2019 Board  John Hall – President  Martin Burnley – Rally Pacific Motorsports  Chris Kremer – Rally West & CARS Secretary / Treasurer  Darryl Malone – Rally Sport Ontario & CARS Vice President  Simon Vincent – Rally Sport Quebec  Clarke Paynter – Atlantic Region Motorsports  Terry Epp -CRC Series Manager  Ross Wood – Organizer Representative  Wim van der Poel – Competitor Representative  Graham Bruce - Technical Director and Technical Rule Committee Chair  Debbie Dyer – CARS Office Manager  |  |  |  |  |

#### **3C** Approval of Previous Minutes

A motion was made to approve the Dec 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded. All voted in favor and motion was carried.

### 4C **Elected Board Members Year-End Reports**

Highlights

RPM - Healthy, and the region host 3 National events. Has 2 well subscribed TSD events, Thunderbird and Totem. Grassroots TSD is struggling, of the TSD school planned over the last 2 years only 1 has been conducted to attendance and lack of interest. The popularity of Rally Cross is growing and well attended.

ARMS – since the director report has been issued in December, a development is a group is building a 3 day TSD event from Cape Breton to the Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia. This is only in the development stage. TSD events are currently run in Nova Scotia.

RW – TSD events are suffering with low entries, with some events cancelled due to the weather. The region hosts 2 Regional level performance events which saw a slight increase in the number of entries. Rally Cross is hosted by one club with strong attendance. Rallysafe is run under the umbrella of Rallywest, and is using it as the primary timing system at WCRC events.

RSO – TSD events are doing well with 19 hosted in 2019. They have a Regional series hosted by various clubs. Entries are between 3 and 10. Rally Cross is doing well; the 2020 season was fully subscribed to with days of the registration opening. Performance rallies are struggling with entries. They have found that media booths at car shows help attract grass roots people into competition and volunteering.

RSQ – Hosts 4 National events, however events had lower entries in 2019. All the events were included in the Regional championship as there are no stand-alone events. There is a new event planned for the Gaspe Baie area as a Regional rally for 2020. There were 6 rally crosses in 2019 with a small decrease in the number of entries. Looking at developing Rallysprint in the next few years. Some TSDs but no TSD series, a new TSD is also being added for 2020.

The question is how to promote TSD events, maybe attend festivals and college campuses to attract the younger crowd. Need dedicated passionate people to promote their interest like Rally Sprint or TSDs. RSQ use rally schools to talk about and promote lesser level events due to the less equipment needed.

RSO sees Race Lab is bringing new people to the sport. Regional directors need to think what do they need to do to make their regional grow. The responses need to be tailored to the regions.

President – The series ran 8 events in the CRC, overall entries were up in some areas and down in others. 220 entries in the CRC for 2019. The peak during the 2013-2019 time-frame was 265 and the lowest 197.

In 2019 we produced 7 - TV episodes that cover the CRC events, this is the main deliverable in the Subaru contract. Subaru also continued the competitor contingency, New vehicle rebate and new rally car build programs through 2019.

Frontech Solutions continued supporting the CRC in 2019 as an in-kind services partner who maintains and upgrades our website and databases.

Website has event pages, would like to see the event take advantage of these pages. These pages also link to the event website. Would also like to see the events update their website with current information, even if it is the date for 2020. Keep the entry lists updated so competitors can see who is entering.

#### 5C **2020 Steward Assignments**

For 2020 there are 16 Stewards in the East and 7 in the West. Terry presented the list of stewards and their assignments for the events, discussion followed.

A motion was made to accept the Steward plan, it was seconded and adopted.

## 6C **2020 NARC** Presented the NARC calendar as scheduled. Ross raised concerns of some of the back to back dates of the CRC and ARA championships. He asked if the organizers of the events could communicate with each other and possibly spread out the dates. It was pointed out several events are locked into their dates due to other concerns of the areas. The future may be in Regional championships with a National aspect. 7C 2020 CARS / Event MOU The MOU is the same as 2019, with exception of updating the dates and removing references to old sponsors. Organizers will bring up a couple of questions in their meeting. 8C **ASN Canada** ASN Canada has released a letter stating that they will no longer be affiliated with the FIA after December 31, 2019. The federal not-for-profit continues to exist until all their outstanding business is wrapped up. ASN Canada has approval to manage the insurance until March 31, 2020 when their contract runs out. ASN was placed in a situation where the financial model was dead ended. FIA has and is continuing to delegate responsibilities to the National ASNs. International licenses are now though ACCUS in the USA for 2020, and Baie is on the International calendar for 2020. Reference to FIA is no more, hence why the ASN website is down and National and Regional regulations are pulled due to these references. Canada has 5 Territories in Motorsports, CACC, WCMA, CASC-OR, ASQ, ARMS. There is no true National level activity, on National level events at Regional activities. CARS are the exception to this. CARS was formed with 4 parallel regions, Rally Pacific Motorsports, Rallywest, Rally Sport Ontario and Rallye Sport Quebec, ARMS stayed with one group. A new group made up of the Territories is trying to create a new ASN, this is a group with different viewpoints and is trying to find common ground. The FIA has offered the ASN to an individual but they have turned it down, if no ASN forms then what. CARS is going to try and maintain what we have, protect ourselves, and be prepared to accept the outcome of what happens. We are wanting to maintain our autonomy and the National and Regional sanctioning of Rally. 9C Goals Reviewed and modified the goals with the extended board. 10C L'Estage Memorial Fund Reviewed how much money is in the account and what to do with it. Motion was made to give the money back to Antoine to make a decision on what to do with the money. A motion was made to send a cheque to Antoine L'Estage to do what the family feels they should do to so support the memorial fund of Jacques L'Estage. The motion was seconded and adopted. 11C Next meeting Next meeting Monday January 27, 2020 at 19:00 EST 12C **Adjourn Meeting** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 EST. Motion was seconded. All in favor, motion carried.