

CARS Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 7:00pm ET

Item	Discussion
1	Meeting was called to order by Bill Westhead on Wednesday April 1 at 4:00pm PT In attendance: BW Bill Westhead (President) RO Rose Oakhill (RPM Director) MSz Michael Szewczyk (RW Director & Vice President) DC David Cotie (RSO Director & Treasurer) ED Éric Dubé (RSQ Director) MSw Mal Swann (ARMS Director & Secretary) CK Chris Kremer (Past President) JH John Hall (Admin rule committee) DS Dave Steeper (Safety Delegate) We have Quorum with 5 Region Directors present.
2	Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with changes, was made, seconded and carried. (MSw & MSz)
3	Approval of Previous Minutes: A <i>motion to adopt</i> the February board meeting minutes as adjusted, was made, seconded and carried. (MSz & RO)
4	Financial & Admin Updates License sales are on track. One club still to remit payment for directors' insurance. Clarification; that single event licenses are a once per year opportunity. There is no opportunity to purchase a second, single event license within a calendar year. Purchasing a regional license then upgrading to a national is available and a procedure is in place to seamlessly accommodate this request.
5	Cochrane Winter Rally Incident At Cochrane regional rally there was a serious incident. Thankfully both crew are recovering and all of the systems worked as they were designed to. Contributing factors were steep incline and road surface covered with ice. (area was the breaking zone for the reverse running of the stage) Note; corner has caused issues in the past. A committee has been formed to be more prepared for future incidents. Will come with a list of recommendations. Examples; minimum equipment list for medical and sweep teams. Procedures to improve response to these safety issues. Every incident is an opportunity to evaluate our response, our skill sets, strengths & weaknesses.
6	Safety Delegate FIA safety delegate training. DS: The training was more about creating plans, hazard identification & mitigation than response. Two simple initiatives to adopt; a deceleration zone after a stage flying finish. And ensuring signage for chicanes /neutral zones in place for recce.

	MSw: Chicanes need to be looked at as a tool to keep crews safe, rather than as an average speed reduction tool. The critical thing is to be thinking about and reviewing roads more for safety. FIA requirements. Medical intervention no more than 10 minutes (time not distance) from a possible incident. Radio points every 5 kilometers. A more in-depth report will be forthcoming.
7	CRC Report MSw –RMR - supps are out, entries are open. Planning on about 180 km stage miles. Copper Point Resort has come back as a partner. We will be presenting the CRC Western recipients awards as well as the WCRC awards at the post event banquet. RO – PFR – Volunteer registration is open and we expect to see supps. Very soon. ED – BdC – Supps are in process & will be posted soon.
8	Region Event Updates RO- Rallycross; next event sold out in 18 minutes & a big wait list. Exciting to see the demand. MSz – More rallycross events coming up. DC – PMSC & KWRC have announced their rallycross series. With PMSC being asked to provide extra time for testing. MLRC and KWRC are holding a back-to-back event. Voyageur is planned for MAY 9th ED - Sanair is on track for April 25th. MSw – Regional Navex April 19th. Black Rocks performance rally scheduled for May 9th
9	Club Updates MSz- possible club in Lethbridge – holding a road rally. MSw – talking with people in Newfoundland about a club there.
10	FIA Cross Cars There are a few of these in Canada. An individual is looking for a place to run these in Canada. Idea is to enable junior competitors to get involved in a low risk, motorsport that has high safety protocols. Can we use rallycross as the feeder for these? We have the rules sets & structure etc. in place. Think closed circuit on private land. Note: these are not road legal. More information to follow. But understand, we are not looking to develop this series (as CARS), we are simply looking to provide a format for them to run in.
11	Sponsorship – Still waiting on information to process 2025 Pirelli awards.
12	Competitors' Rep – regrets
13	Technical Director - Regrets
14	Admin Rules Committee – We need to review and enhance these rules to cover live streaming being done by Media outside of a competition vehicle.

	Reviewed and discussed New CARS Drone Use Application. Ready to be sent out. Use of Sportity has been discussed with the event organizers. For the balance of this year we plan to encourage and support events in their use of sportity. For 2027 the plan is to make Sportity mandatory, with a set file structure. CARS is planning to purchase the Main license for 2027. This is being trialed at Rocky in May
15	New Business Discussion on possible need for an actual ambulance at each stage. NSM for RMR & PFR – BW was agreed upon by the group. Propose a round table to discuss the 2027 CRC championship.
16	Next Meeting Wed May 6th, 2026 at 7:00pm EST/4:00pm PST.
17	Meeting adjourned 7:08 PM PT (moved by MSw & ED)