

CARS Board Meeting Minutes

April 5th 2017

Item	Discussion
1A	<p>Meeting was called to order by John Hall at 7:05 pm EST</p> <p>Attendance included:</p> <p>John Hall (President)</p> <p>Clarke Paynter (Atlantic Director)</p> <p>Darryl Malone (RSO Director) Joined at 7:10pm</p> <p>Maxime Méconse-Laroque (Vice President & RSQ Director)</p> <p>Martin Burnley (RPM Director)</p> <p>Ross Wood (Organizer Rep)</p> <p>Graham Bruce (Tech Director)</p> <p>Chris Kremer (Sec/Treasurer & Rally West Director) (joined at 7:30pm)</p> <p>We have 4/5 directors making a Quorum at 7:10pm.</p> <p>Jeremy Norris (Competitor Rep) was absent</p> <p>Terry Epp (Series Manager) was absent</p>
2A	<p>We waited until Darryl joined the meeting making a quorum at which time a motion was made to adopt the Feb 22nd board meeting minutes</p> <p>The motion was seconded and motion was carried.</p> <p>Minutes of the Feb 22nd board meeting minutes are approved as presented.</p>
1B	<p>Chris provided the 1st qtr. financial report. Nothing unusual to report.</p>
2B	<p>Terry had provided a written report on CRC status and the board reviewed.</p> <p>Still waiting for the Perce Neige stewards report. Still trying to recover media vests from Perce Neige media people.</p> <p>Rocky Mountain Rally supp regs are now finalized and should be posted shortly.</p> <p>BDC draft supp regs arrived on time and include many of the suggestions made after the 2016 event.</p> <p>Defi organizational chart is in hand. Terry and Louis continue to work together. A board member did ask if Terry felt that stage security had been adequately addressed.</p>
3B	<p>John reported that he will be attending the ASN Canada Advisory board meeting on the April 7th weekend and asked for input on topics to be brought up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John will ask ASN Canada to help BDC minimize cost of hosting a round of the NACAM zone championship. • John will review rally car speed safety concern and review CARS rules that address this. As well as the O4WD initiative that should cap/reduce top speeds. • John will mention that organizers are very aware of top average speed limits and work hard to design out high-speed sections.
4B	<p>Martin briefed the board on a potentially serious issue that has developed in BC. It all started with the theft of a car and trailer that was later recovered by the RCMP. ICBC inspected the car as it had been reported stolen. Subsequently the CVSE inspected a couple of cars and determined</p>

	<p>that they may not pass an inspection. The CVSE are working with CARS and ICBC to find a way to accommodate the cars.</p> <p>Martin has had a conversation with the manager at ICBC who is currently reviewing the various class and category options to see if there is a way that Rally cars can fit into the current framework.</p> <p>We are all very concerned with the potential of the impact on the CRC and will continue to work hard to mitigate the concerns of the regulatory body in BC.</p>
1C	John reported that CARS and Subaru now have a new two-year agreement. The new issue in BC with rally car insurance and MVA compliance is of serious concern to Subaru. A failure to resolve this issue or have an acceptable resolution could undermine the agreement.
2C	John reported that we now have a new 3-year agreement in place with Formula/Bowes for the supply of our media productions.
3C	John reported that DirtFish renewed for 2017 but with a reduced involvement
4C	<p>John reported that we now have a new 2-year contract with Motul that took effect on April 1st 2017. This has required us to do a number of things to satisfy the contract in time for RMR.</p> <p>John presented a rule change bulletin draft that reserves the space on cars for two Motul decals.</p> <p>Debbie has the decals at the CARS office</p> <p>Stage side banners are being manufactured</p> <p>The Event Responsibilities agreement has been adjusted to communicate impact on event organizers, Ross didn't see an issue with the changes but will communicate with the CRC event organizers.</p> <p>The podium backdrop is being re-worked to include Motul logos.</p> <p>The draft announcement was reviewed and will go for translation before issue.</p> <p>Reviewed the Motul press release that is due to go out within days.</p> <p>Social media and webs site branding will be undertaken.</p>
5C	John reported that we now have an agreement in place with Adherence Marketing. Mathieu Arsenault will participate with our sponsorship team to help find further sponsorship support.
1D	<p>Graham reported that he has had difficulty making contact with the various regional scrutineers. Graham has sent request to event organizers for contact information. Darryl will send RSO name and contact info to Graham. Other directors are encouraged to help get their regional scrutineers engaged</p> <p>Ross asked about electronic logbooks. Graham responded that it was an interesting idea.</p>
2D	<p>Graham reported that he has representatives from each region identified to be part of the core Technical Rules Committee. Graham will tap into other subject matter experts when topics require the input.</p> <p>He has his first phone conference scheduled for April 11th</p>
3D	Graham presented the helmet rule bulletin for review. Darryl asked why the SA2015 helmet shows expiring in 2023. Graham will go back to Terry to further understand the direction with respect to Snell SA standard helmets. In the meantime the bulletin will go out and exclude the SA2015 expiry date.
2E	John reported that the ARC had not finished its discussion on the re-start rule wording changes that might result from the request submitted by a competitor in July 2016. It was agreed that this needs to be finalized and will be on the next ARC agenda.

3E	Reserved space bulletin for Motul decals was discussed under item 4C and agreed to by board members.
4E	Chris reported that he had the 1 st draft of a possible concussion recognition tool out to Terry and three competitors for review. Chris would like to have this complete before BDC and it would be something that could be included in the route book as a simple checklist.
5E	Darryl presented two rally cross rule change requests. Martin had submitted an argument against the requests. It was agreed that the ARC should take the requests and Martin's argument and determine a proposed response to the requests.
1F	John reported Frontech are working on SEO efforts for the website while also making a few enhancements that address some minor deficiencies that have been identified by various users. John reported that the website received 41,000 page views in February and that the period before, during and after an event is most active.
2F	Graham reported that the TRC will form the base group involved in the O4WD team effort. Graham has kept in contact with the ARA and reported that the direction they appear to be heading is different than the original concept... ARA appears to be heading to more sub categories within the classes and not necessarily working towards some of our shared key objectives. John had talked to Martin Headland and expressed concern at their apparent divergence as this could negatively impact our ability to cross compete. We discussed the O4WD teams priorities as; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refine and pin down the team mandate, review and gain support of the board. 2. Share the mandate broadly, consider feedback 3. Using the agreed to mandate work through the technical items required achieving the mandate. 4. Use the rally community feedback process to ensure that competitors are able to review and input. John reiterated that ideally key items changed would cap overall cost (not necessarily with a number but by virtue of the spec) reduce operating cost, improve reliability, slow top cars somewhat, encourage more manufacturers (which could mean assessing cross platform cars) Darryl pointed out that if done correctly this will impact a small group of the top cars and have little impact on the rest Graham also mentioned that the rules need to be such that they require little policing.
3F	Darryl opened up the discussion of follow up to the Tall Pines appeal board reports. Martin agreed to summarize the items that require follow-up work. The list will go to the ARC for detailed rule or process change proposals
2G	John asked if the CARS board wanted to embark on another round of vehicle tracking assessment, based upon the recent dialogue that has occurred. The board agreed that we should wait. If the question gets brought to the board we will deal with it then.
3G	Max has nothing to report
1H	Darryl requested board approval of organizer-supplied notes for Lanark Highlands in May. It was discussed that the notes would be made by Warren Haywood and Kelly Mathews and that two pass recce would also be allowed. A motion was made to allow organizer-supplied notes, motion was seconded and carried.

	Organizer supplied notes are approved for Lanark Highlands in May 2017
1J	The next full board meeting will be on Thursday May 18th at 7:00PM ET
2J	A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm ET. All in favor and meeting adjourned