

CARS Board Meeting Minutes

December 13th, 2018

Item	Discussion
1A	<p>The meeting was called to order at 7:03 ET</p> <p>Attendance included:</p> <p>John Hall (President)</p> <p>Chris Kremer (Sec/Treasurer & Rally West Director)</p> <p>Clarke Paynter (Atlantic Director)</p> <p>Simon Vincent (RSQ Director).</p> <p>Terry Epp (Series Manager)</p> <p>Martin Burnley (RPM Director)</p> <p>Wim van der Poel (Competitor Rep)</p> <p>Graham Bruce (Tech Director)</p> <p>Ross Wood (Organizer Rep)</p> <p>We have a quorum with 4/5 directors.</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>Darryl Malone (Vice President, RSO Director)</p>
3A	<p>Prior to the meeting Patrick Rainville had resigned as RSQ Director and RSQ had requested that the CARS board appoint Simon Vincent as the RSQ Director until the Jan AGM at which time a new director will be voted on.</p> <p>The board discussed via email and voted to appoint Simon to the Director position.</p> <p>At the meeting Simon was present and John reviewed the previous vote appointing Simon and welcomed him to the CARS board or Directors.</p> <p>John took a few minutes to review the role of a CARS director and reinforced that as a CARS Director the primary responsibility is to the Canadian Association of Rallysport, decisions made, while obviously including input from the region and the director personally, must be made in the best interests of the association and the sport at large. Decisions once made by the board are to be implemented with solidarity.</p>
2A	<p>A motion was made to adopt the November 7th board meeting minutes as presented; the motion was seconded and adopted. The November 7th minutes are approved.</p>
1B	<p>Chris shared a draft of the CARS budget. We are proposing 5% increase in license fees and a \$250 increase in Event permit fees as a way of balancing the operating budget in 2019. Unfortunately there is a cost to operate CARS, while the number of entrants buying licenses shrank last year leaving us short on income. This 2019 budget proposal is based on the same numbers of competitors buying licenses and permits. An increase in license holders to 2017 levels would eliminate the need for these increases.</p> <p>Chris also talked about the insurance account and because of the same reduction in competitors and an increase in the insurance rates the insurance fee/competitor rate charged to the events under</p>

	<p>recovered. This is requiring that 2019 insurance rates be increased by 15%</p> <p>On the expense side of the budget proposal Chris has reduced in all of the obvious places to try and reduce costs as much as possible.</p> <p>In the area of competitive supplies such as door panels and event supplies we overspent in 2018 and have adequate supplies that we can reduce the budget in 2019.</p> <p>Some topics should be addressed to see if there is more that can be saved by changing the way we do certain aspects of our business.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We discussed taking another look at the whole AGM weekend costs and determine if this should continue or if there is change that we can implement. The AGM weekend and CRC awards banquet weekend costs. Broken down into awards, AGM meeting cost, travel, meals and accommodation. Our by-laws currently require a face-to-face AGM at which the member clubs vote. 2. We discussed the possibility of eliminating the hard copy rulebook. Currently the advertising covers the cost. However it may be that we could continue to get most or some of the advertising to continue in an E-Book version of the rulebook. 3. We discussed the extra translation costs paid to get our media articles translated. Some volunteer help could save us having to pay for these extra translation services.
2B	<p>Terry provided a report on CRC events;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tall Pines ran well, good event. Very long recce day. Smoother roads, shorter event at 179 km. 2. Big White ran well. Did have 4 trucks from the backcountry wanting to drive out on the stage road. The organizing team made quick and good decisions. RallySafe was used during shakedown to try the timing system. It worked well. 3. Perce Neige Supp regs have been received and reviewed. 1st Steward has been assigned and still working on 2nd Steward. 4. New Maniwaki club discussions still underway. Terry has been working on insurance questions. 5. There are 36 championship winners in 2018. Trophies will be awarded at the AGM weekend awards banquet. 6. We did discuss that the current rules award trophies to 5th place in the overall and overall 2WD categories. It was proposed that we change the rules to award only to 3rd place. John will add this to the Admin Rules Committee agenda
1C	Waiting to hear from Subaru
2C	Will work on agreement through the spring when we have a better handle on our funding situation.
3C	Waiting to hear from DirtFish
4C	John was introduced to two new Motul employees that will be involved in the CRC/Motul contract.
5C	Clarke will try to talk to possible TV ad buyers
6C	Likely no positive response from Team O'Neil. Although they may want to purchase a web ad
7C	Working through Charlevoix on possible TV ad sale to advertiser
1D	John presented a draft bulletin that outlines the delay in pop-off valve implementation to May 1 st 2019. Pop-off valves have been ordered by M2Motorsports out of Calgary and will be available from them in January. By purchasing in bulk and not having the vender calibrate the pop-off valve will cost less than previously quoted. The bulletin was approved for issue
2D	<p>Graham shared the Tall Pines scrutineer report.</p> <p>Once again we found a cage with incomplete welding. It was repaired prior to starting the event.</p>

	<p>One car was found to have no 32mm restrictor in place. This was a first event for the driver and was allowed to run as there were no other cars in the class. It is to be corrected before the next rally.</p> <p>A second car was found to have some weld deficiency on the cage. This car has been running since the late 90's. Was allowed to run but is to develop a plan to correct the problem.</p>
4D	<p>Graham indicated that we should proceed to add the fuel pump running rules as per FIA 253.3.3</p> <p>John offered to draft the bulletin and asked Graham to supply the rule wording.</p>
5D	<p>Graham reported that he has a TRC meeting scheduled for December 17th</p>
2E	<p>John raised the question of live feed from the cockpit of a rally car. In October 2016 the CARS board discussed this topic after an incident at PFR and at the time felt that we should not allow live broadcast from the car.</p> <p>At Tall Pines a car ran with live feed and was involved in an incident.</p> <p>John explained his concerns regarding the possibility of a serious incident being broadcast live and Terry raised the question of commercial rights to the footage.</p> <p>The board members understood and agreed with the general position that we should not allow the live broadcasting of in-car video.</p> <p>John will add the topic to the ARC agenda. This will be included in a proposed rewrite of the commercial rights clauses in the rulebook.</p>
1F	<p>John reported that he will be working with Frontech on the development of an E-Logbook during the first quarter of 2019</p>
1G	<p>Martin presented the finished Alberta Government documents for Rally Car exemption. This is an excellent step in the right direction.</p> <p>We already have a process in place in BC and Martin will work with BC to see if we can improve their process by incorporating the Alberta Transportation approach.</p> <p>At Tall Pines an individual had offered to get involved and help in Quebec. Simon will discuss with this person and develop a plan to introduce the Alberta and BC process</p>
3G	<p>John shared the back and forth communication that had gone on between CARS and Charlevoix on them joining the CRC.</p> <p>As a result of the observation there were a number of items required of Charlevoix. Charlevoix responded agreeing to do the required items.</p> <p>John shared a draft of the proposed News Release. Simon wanted the name of the Quebec Rally Championship to be changed, John agreed to make the changes.</p>
1H	<p>John reported that he is working with Frontech to make database changes to suit the new championship scoring rules.</p>
2H	<p>Simon requested a board vote on accepting the affiliation request of Club Maniwaki. This club will organize Rallye Perce Neige and the old Perce Neige club will disband.</p> <p>A motion was made to affiliate the club with CARS subject to finalizing their affiliation paperwork and paying their affiliation fees. The motion was seconded and carried.</p>
1J	<p>The next meeting is set for Friday January 11th at 7:00pm MT. Face to face in Calgary</p>
2J	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 ET</p>