

CARS Board Meeting Minutes

Dec 16th 2015

Item	Discussion
1A	<p>Meeting was called to order by John Hall at 7:00 pm EST</p> <p>Attendance included:</p> <p>John Hall (President)</p> <p>Martin Burnley (Treasurer, RPM Director)</p> <p>Eric Grochowski (Rally West Director)</p> <p>Peter Watt (RSO Director)</p> <p>Maxime Méconse-Laroque (RSQ Director)</p> <p>Chris Martin (Competitor Rep)</p> <p>Terry Epp (CRC Series Manager)</p> <p>Warren Haywood (Technical Director)</p> <p>Ross Wood (Organizer Rep)</p> <p>Chris Kremer (RW Director in waiting)</p> <p>Absent</p> <p>Clarke Paynter (Vice President, Atlantic Director)</p> <p>We have 4/5 directors making a Quorum.</p>
2A	<p>A motion was made to adopt the Nov 18th board meeting minutes as corrected. Removed items 1B (D) & (E)</p> <p>The motion was seconded and motion was carried.</p> <p>Minutes of Nov 18th 2015 are approved</p>
3A	<p>Peter and Ross represented MLRC. Peter read a note that explained the concerns raised by MLRC the organizers of Tall Pines. The concerns revolved primarily around the addition of a 7th event to the CRC calendar so close to the Tall Pines event and that this could reduce western entries to the TP rally.</p> <p>Terry presented data from the past 15 years of events that showed a total of 23 teams in 15 years have participated in TP from Western Canada. (Range 0 – 3) In 2016 a minimum of 6 teams are planning on campaigning the full CRC including TP. Which seems to dispel the entry concern.</p> <p>We did discuss the broader issues facing Eastern event entry levels. RSO has initiated a growth team to look at the problem. Time is being allocated at the Jan 9th CARS/Organizers meeting to brainstorm the problem.</p> <p>Ross pointed to Insurance issues in Quebec and Emissions testing in Ontario as obstacles they are being worked on.</p> <p>We also discussed that the Big White organizer is working hard to move the BW rally back one week. This is not 100% yet.</p> <p>In conclusion Ross spoke on behalf of MLRC and indicated that their concerns are satisfied.</p>

1B	<p>Martin had sent out the final 2016 budget proposal that has gone to the members for approval at the AGM. The main concern is likely to be the reduction in fund transfer to the events proportional to the loss of sponsorship income from Yokohama.</p> <p>No concerns raised by the board</p>
2B	<p>Terry reviewed the Big White observation report that was produced by Jorge Dascollas. The report was very thorough and recommended that Big White be accepted as a national event.</p> <p>Terry suggested that with the removal of the observation proviso the 2016 calendar could now be finalized with Big White confirmed as a national event.</p> <p>A motion to finalize the calendar with Big White confirmed was made. The motion was seconded and motion was carried.</p> <p>The date of Big White will remain tentative and could move back to Dec 10th</p> <p>Terry also reported that Tall Pines went very well, the organization was excellent. Kevin Bester from Stonebridge Insurance the brokers of the ASN insurance, toured many of the stages with Terry and was very happy with what he saw.</p> <p>The 2nd draft of the Perce Neige Supp Regs have been reviewed.</p>
1C	<p>John has updated the 2016 Subaru contract and Terry will have it for the Jan 11th meeting with Subaru in Toronto.</p>
2C	<p>John updated the board on sponsorship team activity.</p> <p>We have sponsorship proposals in with three different tire manufacturers. Tire manufacturers want a spec tire program, but our proposal is trying to avoid this and is selling the advertising and exposure value to them.</p> <p>Promotional material has gone to a part supplier through a good lead.</p> <p>Talking to other companies specifically about official supplier status.</p> <p>Max asked about an opportunity that PN have to sell sponsorship to a tire manufacturer. This is a difficult situation since we are negotiating to sell exclusive "official tire" status as a series to one of the three tire companies we are talking to... however if we don't have something pinned down by early January we will likely release the commercial rights this one time, for a Tire supplier to PN so that the event can capitalize.</p>
1D	<p>A draft of studded tire rules were presented by Eric and Warren. After much debate about the pros and cons of studded tires, the various options & specs a motion was made to issue the proposed rule set to the rally community for 2-week review. The motion was seconded and adopted.</p> <p>Warren will send the draft rules proposal to Debbie for translation and issue for two-week review.</p>
3D	<p>Warren presented an updated list for 11.1.6 of the rulebook updating allowed helmets for performance Rally and Rally Sprint.</p> <p>It was asked why we included an expired SFI helmet and Warren explained that it was because that helmet is allowed in the RA rules and therefore this was to accommodate US competitors. Terry explained that US competitors are allowed to follow RA safety rules when competing in Canada so no need to leave this helmet in our rule book.</p> <p>A motion was made to adopt the list after the expired SFI 31.1A and SFI 31.2A helmet is removed. The motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>The rule change will go directly to the 2016 rulebook.</p>
5D	<p>Warren presented a draft rule change that clarifies the intent of Production 2WD & 4WD as well as the term OEM and how free suspension components are.</p> <p>A motion was made to send the draft rule proposal out for two-week review. The motion was</p>

	<p>second and carried.</p> <p>Warren will send the draft rules proposal to Debbie for translation and issue for two-week review.</p>
6D	<p>No progress to date</p>
2E	<p>Terry presented new recce rules 13.6 for inclusion to the 2016 rulebook.</p> <p>No concerns were raised</p> <p>A motion was made to adopt the new rules as presented. Motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>Terry will send the new recce rule directly to the 2016 rulebook</p>
3E	<p>Terry presented new shakedown rules 13.7 for inclusion in the 2016 rulebook.</p> <p>We did discuss the addition of a FHRS device for media and promotional rides. The board felt that this was appropriate and not a huge burden.</p> <p>A motion was made to adopt the rules as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>Terry will send the new shakedown rule directly to the 2016 rulebook</p>
4E	<p>Terry proposed a change in the Rally Sprint rules 29.4.3a for inclusion in the 2016 rulebook, to increase the maximum stage distance to 40Km. this allows for an even number of 5Km stages.</p> <p>The board discussed that there is a difference between a Rally Sprint and a Regional Rally. It is not expected that a regional rally will be replaced with multiple back to back Rally Sprints as this will be seen as not meeting the intent of the rules or insurances.</p> <p>A motion was made to adopt the propose change. The motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>Terry will send the revised rule directly to the 2016 rulebook.</p>
5E	<p>Terry presented new rules for "In Town" stages 13.2.2. for inclusion in the 2016 rulebook. This is the result of the Charlevoix incident when a rally car left the road and hit a house.</p> <p>After some discussion about other stages that may be impacted it was decided that we need to move ahead with this rule to tighten the protection requirements when houses and public buildings may be at risk.</p> <p>A motion was made to adopt the rules as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>Terry will send the new rules directly to the 2016 rulebook.</p>
6E	<p>Terry presented new rules for insertion into 15.14 that deals with driving vehicles with less than 4 wheels on transits for inclusion in the 2016 rulebook.</p> <p>The board discussed and made a motion to adopt the rules as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>Terry will send the new rules directly to the 2016 rulebook.</p>
7E	<p>Terry presented a wording change to 11.1.4 to remove the word "national" from the opening to read "during a performance rally"</p> <p>A motion was made to accept the change as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>Terry will send directly to the 2016 rulebook.</p>
8E	<p>John proposed a change to 25.1.10 to require 50% of the <u>counted</u> events to qualify. This is versus 50% of the total events and means that with the 7 event calendar in 2016 competitors will count their best 6 and require 3 events to qualify for the championship.</p> <p>A motion was made to adopt the rule change as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>Terry will send the rule change directly to the 2016 rulebook.</p>

10E	<p>Terry proposed some rule changes to section 26 that deals with NARC. These reduce the counted events and reduce the involvement of Rally America in setting up the schedule and presenting awards.</p> <p>A motion was made to adopt the rule changes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>Terry will send rule changes directly to the 2016 rulebook.</p>
	<p>Terry has a number of miscellaneous housekeeping items for inclusion in the 2016 rulebook.</p> <p>A motion was made to accept all of the housekeeping changes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>Terry will send all misc. housekeeping changes to the 2016 rulebook.</p>
2F	<p>John gave brief update that the website is progressing with target date for testing in mid to late February</p>
5F	<p>John has drafted a promotional document that lays out all of the various championship options and the benefits. It was circulated to board members who support it. Once the details of the ECRC and NARC are pinned down John will get the document formatted as an on-line brochure that will hopefully raise awareness of the rally options across Canada</p>
1G	<p>Max and Peter gave an update on the progress being made to get the ECRC off the ground. Based upon some feedback from some of the ECRC organizing group there may be some benefit from further discussions between CARS and the ECRC. Max will set this up.</p> <p>The board feels that the ECRC is an excellent opportunity to offer the eastern competitors an exciting local championship that is easy and inexpensive to compete in. They feel that the more events included the better as it gives competitors the choices.</p>
2G	<p>Max reported that RSQ and CRQ are not close to re-signing the contract with the CRQ promoter. The CRQ is heading down an interesting path whereby they have spec fuel, spec tires and intend to impose large fines on competitors that don't use the spec items. RSQ are asking for the fines to be reduced and holding off on issuing the permits.</p>
3G	<p>Max mentioned that PN have negotiated a large section of Pole Position to help promote PN. Max asked if CARS would be willing to fill a page.</p> <p>John indicated that we would be pleased to do that; we could promote the CRC, ECRC, WCRC and NARC as well as OPRC and MESQ all together.</p> <p>Max to provide the deadline for an article</p> <p>John mentioned that he had allocated 11:00 – 14:00 for a brainstorming session that will look at the issues and concerns causing declining entries. John would like to invite some competitors to that session so that we get a balanced perspective. Ross was good with that.</p>
4G	<p>After the Dec 2nd meeting where the board agreed that CARS needed to present an agreement to CRAB laying out our terms for support of a dual sanctioned CRC/NRC event, John drafted the agreement. The board has reviewed it.</p> <p>The process would be as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If supported by the board present agreement to CRAB in French 2. If CRAB and CARS come to agreement then CARS would support the dual sanctioned CRC/NRC event 3. CARS will need to negotiate with ASN Canada and have an agreement. <p>A motion was made to support the dual sanctioned CARS/NACAM event at BDC providing we can agree on the terms of this agreement. The motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>The agreement needs to be translated. John will check with Pierre. If he is busy Max offered to do the translation.</p>

5G	<p>John presented the updated 2016 Event responsibilities document for review an support.</p> <p>Martin pointed out an error in the transfer amount and the addition of the Champagne spray requirement</p> <p>A motion was made to adopt the 2016 version of the event responsibilities with the correct transfer included. The motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>John will update the document and send to Ross via email for distribution to the event organizers</p>
1J	<p>The next meeting will be on Jan 8th at 7 pm MT at the Calgary AGM hotel</p> <p>John will confirm meeting times so that board members can plan travel</p>
2J	<p>A motion was made to adjourn the meeting</p> <p>Motion was seconded.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM ET</p>