

# CARS Board Meeting Minutes

December 13th, 2023

Item	Discussion
1	<p>Meeting was called to order by Jean Francois Guite on December 13th, 2023, at 7:03 pm ET. In attendance by Zoom: JF Guite (CARS President and Chair) <b>JF</b> Chris Kremer (RW Director &amp; Secretary/Treasurer) <b>CK</b> François East (RSQ Director, Vice President) <b>FE</b> Mal Swann (ARMS Director) <b>MS</b> André Leblanc (Competitor Representative) <b>AL</b> Graham Bruce (Technical Director) <b>GB</b> Yannick Lefebvre (NSM) <b>YL</b> Martin Burnley (RPM Director) <b>MB</b> David Brassard (Org Rep). <b>DB</b> Warren Haywood (RSO Director) <b>WH</b> Michael Szewczyk (RW Director in waiting) Joined at 7.25 pm until 8.23 PMET. We have a Quorum.</p>
2	<p>CARS Board meeting minutes of November 29th, 2023 were adopted by motion.</p>
3	<p>Budget 2024 This agenda item was dealt with at the end of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The accounts have been closed for the 2023 fiscal year and the books have been sent to the accountant for review.</li><li>• 2023 was a profitable year with the recovery from the lean pandemic years.</li><li>• The "Revenue Neutral" insurance fund has reached its target goal for a float, and that may help to stabilize insurance rates for 2024 if the broker does not increase the rates too much in March.</li></ul>
4	<p>Marketing:</p> <p>Meeting with Subaru Canada went well and reflects a healthy and respectful relationship. Subaru Canada appreciated the presentation of options and asked for some clarification on some items.</p> <p>Subaru Canada committed to providing a decision on what any future sponsorship may look like by mid-March 2024.</p> <p>No response from Pirelli yet.</p>
5	<p>CRC Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Big White Winter Rally was held this past weekend so the formal report will be forthcoming. The event ran well with a little less snow than in some years. Blizzard conditions during the event made volunteer movement difficult. Missing arrows and 2h late. Very good small team that puts this event on.</li><li>• Rallye Perce Neige documents have been submitted on time but have not been sent to the Region Director. Lots of changes to PN this year with stage changes.</li><li>• Discussion regarding the popular Ferrari engine Subaru that competed at BWWR and the complications around eligibility for contingency payouts and awarding of points. Rule clarification may be needed.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steward assignments for 2024 were reviewed.</li> </ul>
6	<p>Organizer Rep Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Standardization of Documents group is at work, with two meetings having been held and making good progress. Initial focus is on Sup Regs.</li> <li>Preparing for the AGM weekend meetings with 26 organizer reps invited.</li> <li>Discussion and question about National Scrutineer position and confirming that there will not be a National Scrutineer for 2024.</li> <li>JF has met with Elise at GDS and will try to obtain a contact at FIA for technical discussion.</li> <li>Discussion on the independence of scrutineers and the pressures that they face in allowing vehicles to run.</li> <li>CK to follow up on Rallysafe Antenna issues.</li> <li>Admin has created a draft National Event Organizers Rep role description. Each Region Director is to review and provide feedback by Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Event MOU distribution process was discussed. Follow up by DB.</li> </ul>
7	<p>Competitor Rep:</p> <p>Goals for 2024 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent car numbering system.</li> <li>Single sign-up system for multiple events and</li> <li>Production Class rule changes.</li> </ul>
8	<p>Admin Rules:</p> <p>Goals for 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review every support role and to standardize as much as possible on the nomination/appointment process.</li> <li>Implement into rule format, the Permanent car numbering system. Currently at final draft and almost ready to go out for two-week review.</li> <li>Create a rule change that will prevent teams from leaving the prescribed route on transits to possibly perform illegal service, while still applying a reasonable amount of discretion for road conditions etc.</li> </ul>
9	<p>Technical Rules:</p> <p>Boost control monitoring system was not tested at BWWR. The concept of creating an app to track boost still needs a volunteer to champion it.</p> <p>A draft of the new class structure was discussed with a requirement for Region Directors to provide feedback by Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Discussion around the rationale for adopting a 33mm restrictor rule.</p> <p>Discussion on the usefulness and definition of "proto" vehicles.</p>
10	<p>CARS Vision/Direction:</p> <p>Plans are underway to create an advisory board in 2024.</p>
11	<p>NEXT MEETINGS:</p> <p>January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm ET for AGM assignments.</p> <p>January 13<sup>th</sup> weekend AGM Meetings – see AGM weekend announcement for individual meetings times and dates.</p> <p>February meeting date to be established via email CK.</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned 9.48 pm ET</p>