

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.</p> <p>In attendance by Zoom:</p> <p>JF Guite (CARS President and Chair) JF</p> <p>Chris Kremer (RW Director & Secretary/Treasurer) CK</p> <p>François East (RSQ Director, Vice President) FE</p> <p>Mal Swann (ARMS Director) MS</p> <p>André Leblanc (Competitor Representative) AL</p> <p>Graham Bruce (Technical Director) GB</p> <p>Yannick Lefebvre (NSM) YL</p> <p>Martin Burnley (RPM Director) MB</p> <p>David Brassard (Org Rep). DB</p> <p>Warren Haywood (RSO Director) WH</p> <p>Michael Szewczyk (RW Director in waiting) Joined at 7.25 pm until 8.23 PMET.</p> <p>We have a Quorum.</p>
2	CARS Board meeting minutes of November 29th, 2023 were adopted by motion.
3	<p>Budget 2024 This agenda item was dealt with at the end of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accounts have been closed for the 2023 fiscal year 2023 and the books have been sent to the accountant for review. • 2023 was a profitable year with the recovery from the lean pandemic years. • 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.
4	<p>Marketing:</p> <p>Meeting with Subaru Canada went well and reflects a healthy and respectful relationship.</p> <p>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"> • 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. • 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. • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steward assignments for 2024 were reviewed.
6	<p>Organizer Rep Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Standardization of Documents group is at work, with two meetings having been held and making good progress. Initial focus is on Sup Regs. Preparing for the AGM weekend meetings with 26 organizer reps invited. Discussion and question about National Scrutineer position and confirming that there will not be a National Scrutineer for 2024. JF has met with Elise at GDS and will try to obtain a contact at FIA for technical discussion. Discussion on the independence of scrutineers and the pressures that they face in allowing vehicles to run. CK to follow up on Rallysafe Antenna issues. Admin has created a draft National Event Organizers Rep role description. Each Region Director is to review and provide feedback by Dec 18th. Event MOU distribution process was discussed. Follow up by DB.
7	<p>Competitor Rep:</p> <p>Goals for 2024 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent car numbering system. Single sign-up system for multiple events and Production Class rule changes.
8	<p>Admin Rules:</p> <p>Goals for 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review every support role and to standardize as much as possible on the nomination/appointment process. Implement into rule format, the Permanent car numbering system. Currently at final draft and almost ready to go out for two-week review. 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.
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 18th.</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 10th at 7.00 pm ET for AGM assignments.</p> <p>January 13th 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>