

CARS Board Meeting Minutes

February 7th, 2018

Item	Discussion
1A	<p>The meeting was called to order at 7:05 ET</p> <p>Attendance included:</p> <p>John Hall (President)</p> <p>Chris Kremer (Sec/Treasurer & Rally West Director)</p> <p>Martin Burnley (RPM Director)</p> <p>Darryl Malone (Vice President, RSO Director)</p> <p>Clarke Paynter (Atlantic Director)</p> <p>Maxime Méconse-Laroque (RSQ Director)</p> <p>Terry Epp (Series Manager)</p> <p>Graham Bruce (Tech Director)</p> <p>Wim van der Poel (Competitor Rep)</p> <p>Ross Wood (Organizer Rep)</p> <p>Patrick Rainville</p> <p>We have a quorum with 5/5 directors.</p>
2A	<p>First item of business was to deal with the RSQ director position. Since the AGM RSQ have offered Patrick Rainville as the RSQ Director and Max Méconse has tendered his resignation.</p> <p>A motion was made to accept Max's resignation. Motion was seconded and adopted. Max was thanked for his contribution and service to the CARS board over the past couple of years.</p> <p>A motion was made to appoint Patrick Rainville as the new RSQ Director for 1 year. The motion was seconded. Patrick accepted and the board voted in favor. Patrick is now the new RSQ Director on the CARS board.</p>
3A	<p>A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the January 12th, 13th and 14th meetings as presented. The motion was seconded and adopted. The minutes are now approved.</p>
2B	<p>Terry reported on the CRC activity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="228 1566 1533 1724">1. The Rallye Perce Neige ran on the 3rd Feb and was very successful. A winter rally with lots of remote forest roads requires significant co-ordination and the team did well. The Maniwaki Committee worked hard and raised money for the event. The rally ran smoothly. The EZTRak device worked well. Some last minute class changes. There were some concerns raised about the 00 car, Terry and Patrick will discuss.<li data-bbox="228 1728 1430 1822">2. The new Media accreditation process was implemented successfully. There were a few suggestions for minor changes to further improve. Terry will provide that input and accreditation process will be refined.<li data-bbox="228 1827 1544 2011">3. National Scrutineer was implemented at Rallye Perce Neige and went very well. The role responsibility & authority of the National Scrutineer will need to get into the rulebook. The ARC will work on this. Terry was pleased that the person doing the role spoke French, he got along well and formed a good working relationship with the Chief Scrutineer and his team. The National Scrutineer and the event scrutineering team honed in on a few safety issues with roll cages and some class requirements that were brought to the attention of the organizers

	<p>and handled.</p> <p>4. Terry reviewed the sno-drift media incident and reinforced how important it is for events to properly secure stages and that media who are given access privileges are sensible with where they stand.</p>
3B	<p>John has added a routine agenda item for the Organizer Rep to provide input to the board from the organizer group.</p> <p>Ross mentioned that the organizers recognize that the budget was approved at the AGM removing the fund transfer but would like CARS to keep the events in mind if we get to a surplus situation.</p> <p>Entry levels are still a concern, especially with Eastern organizers. Ross would like to keep that topic in front of the board.</p> <p>Ross mentioned that it is difficult for events to maintain sponsorship for consecutive years. He did mention that Lincoln Electric are back for 2018 and he thanks John, Terry and the media guys for providing all of the data and some quick changes to help convince them to stay.</p>
4B	<p>John has added a routine agenda item for the Competitor Rep to provide input to the board from the competitors.</p> <p>Wim is new to the job; he introduced himself and indicated that he would be sending out a brief summary of relevant board meeting content to competitors as an overview of what is going on. He is hoping to set up some ongoing two-way dialogue between him and competitors.</p> <p>Wim indicated that Tim O'Neil Rally School might have access to some Ford contingency funding. John agreed to call Tim to follow up.</p>
1C	<p>Subaru update. John reported that he spent the weekend at Rallye Perce Neige with Sebastien from Subaru. Nothing to report in this regard.</p>
3C	<p>John reported that he is still talking to DirtFish. So that is not totally done. He indicated that DirtFish might have a preference to spend some of their marketing money on banners at spectator areas. John has told DirtFish that this is the events property and that DirtFish would need to buy this directly from the events. If this is something that DirtFish want to follow up on John will help get them in contact with the events.</p>
4C	<p>Motul update. John spent the weekend at Rallye Perce Neige with Nico from Motul. Had some excellent discussions on the activation opportunity that Motul should be taking advantage of at the events. Nico is developing a presentation for his boss in California and will be at a Board meeting next week. John has supplied Motul with media data.</p>
1D	<p>Graham presented a summary of the feedback that he received from the rally community on the O4WD, P4WD & P2WD rule change proposal.</p> <p>He received 25 responses that dealt mostly with implementing the pop off valve, using the same pop off pressure on Open and Production. Clarifying FIA cars.</p> <p>Graham then presented a list of proposed changes to the original rule proposal that dealt with all of the input.</p> <p>The proposal included;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Setting the requirement for a pop off valve at some pre-determined Speed Factor. For example 70 SF and above requires it, those below that would not, on both Open and Prod cars. 2. Setting the boost pressure for P4WD at 1.5 bar the same as O4WD 3. Requiring FIA cars to run with the homologated restrictor and boost pressure or the CARS restrictor or boost pressure whichever is the lesser. 4. Will need to develop rules around when it is required after someone achieves the speed factor. 5. There were a few other small technical items on the list but mostly to do with clarifying the intent of OEM. <p>The board discussed at length. The board liked the idea of implementing the pop off valve for higher</p>

	<p>speed factor drivers only. The ideas on the cut off SF ranged from 50 to 80 SF with a broad consensus around 70. John has reviewed the Speed factor table and feels that 70 is a good cut off as everyone on that list is capable of getting on the podium in a national event. And most have been on a podium at some point in time.</p> <p>The board supported this overall direction and Graham was asked to now revise the actual rules bulletin ready for final review at the March board meeting. At that point the rules, if approved, would go out as final rule changes.</p>
3D	<p>National Scrutineer. The role description was discussed. Requires a few changes to ensure that the relationship between the Event Scrutineering team and the National Scrutineer is flexible enough to accommodate the various capabilities across the country.</p> <p>It was agreed that the rulebook will need some changes to ensure that the roles and responsibilities of the National Scrutineer are laid out with respect to being a judge of fact and what his authority is with respect to tech rule violations and class compliance.</p> <p>The board discussed if the role needs to be posted for interested candidates to apply or if we should appoint Matt Pullen to the role. Some good discussion as to the pros and cons led to a motion to appoint Matt for the 2018 season during which time he could continue to help the Tech Director refine the process. At the end of the 2018 season the role would go out for interested candidates for a 2-season term.</p> <p>The Motion was seconded and adopted.</p>
1H	<p>Terry brought up an issue regarding the Montpellier stage at Defi.</p> <p>The organizers are working on improving the end of the stage.</p>
1J	<p>The next meeting is set for March 12th at 7:00PM ET</p>
2J	<p>A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:03pm ET</p>