

CARS Board Meeting Minutes

Feb 18th 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>Clarke Paynter (Vice President, Atlantic Director)</p> <p>Eric Grochowski (Rally West Director)</p> <p>Peter Watt (RSO Director)</p> <p>Maxime Méconse-Laroque (RSQ Director) Participated in items 2H, 3H & 4H only</p> <p>Martin Burnley (Treasurer, RPM Director)</p> <p>Ross Wood</p> <p>Chris Martin</p> <p>Absent</p> <p>Warren Haywood</p> <p>Terry Epp</p> <p>We have a Quorum 4/5 to continue Then later 5/5</p>
2A	<p>The meeting minutes from Jan 21st 2015 were discussed.</p> <p>Peter made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented.</p> <p>Eric seconded the motion.</p> <p>Vote count 4/4 in favor</p> <p>Motion Carried. Jan 21st minutes adopted</p>
1B	<p>Martin reported that he had nothing material to report. We are at the end of the 1st qtr and will report on 1st qtr finances at the March 18th board meeting</p>
2B	<p>Some discussion took place that PN had only 29 entrants. Martin commented that the participation rate in the various regions seems to go up and down over the years mostly in relation to the economic climate.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the revised dates for RMR have been issued. Same weekend but moved back a day</p>
1C	<p>John mentioned that Subaru was out at Perce Neige in support of their new Subaru Rally Team Canada. Ian Wright did a great job of hosting the Subaru people and they all seemed to be having a great time.</p> <p>John expects that the 2015 contract will be signed in late March/Early April in alignment with Subaru's fiscal year.</p>
2C	<p>Martin mentioned that Yokohama although invited did not attend PN because of prior commitments.</p>

3C	<p>John provided an update of other sponsorship committee activity, which includes Bowes Media hiring a marketing and sales person. CARS will share in this person's time which should help the effort in making calls, following up and increasing sales of advertising and sponsorship.</p> <p>Currently the sponsorship committee is made up of John, Martin, Terry, Ian Wright, Warwick Patterson. JF, the new Bowes Media marketing and sales person, will become involved.</p>
1E	<p>The group discussed the increasing need for the safety plan templates. Since the CARS regional directors are now involved in checking event prep and issuing permits they are in greater need of a standardized format that has the minimum requirements for a safety plan.</p> <p>Terry has this project underway. Peter volunteered to assist Terry to get the safety plan templates finished. Peter will contact Terry and offer his help.</p>
2E	<p>John reported that the ARC has made no progress yet on the recce rules.</p> <p>Eric requested input from the board on a recent recce rule violation in Alberta. A team was caught performing illegal recce within the 60-day window, by the organizer. The board supported Eric in following through with the appropriate penalty.</p>
2F	<p>John presented the web site functional spec after it had received some team input. He reported that he would be sitting down with Frontech Solutions on Feb 19th to review the functional spec and get some input on how to flesh out the details in a manner that will be useable by a web developer</p>
4F	<p>John presented a Vehicle tracking summary list and first pass of weighting that was conducted by the team.</p> <p>The board appreciated the work done to start ordering the priority.</p> <p>Next step is to develop a clear functionality spec dropping the very low priority items and making sure that we put emphasis on the higher priority items. With this we intend to develop a RFP that will go to at least two tracking providers for proposals.</p>
5F	<p>John reported that the team have not started work on the NARC opportunity but did mention that this potentially overlaps with some work going on with an Eastern Canadian Championship.</p>
1G	<p>The 2015 goals were discussed. It was agreed to add the goal for an event/CARS MOU that would be used to ensure clarity around each parties responsibilities.</p> <p>Peter made a motion to adopt the 2015 goals with the one addition of the Event/CARS MOU.</p> <p>Martin seconded</p> <p>Vote was 4/4 in favor. Motion carried.</p>
1H	<p>With recent addition of the Rally Sprint insurance which is charged on an event basis there is some discrepancy between the per car price charged for a single road regional rally and the Rally Sprint event cost.</p> <p>Currently the single road regional rally rate is a slightly subsidized rate that was introduced a few years ago to help new rallies get off the ground. The 2015 budget was approved with this rate and with the event based rate for Rally Sprint.</p> <p>The board agreed that the rates should stay the same for the balance of 2015. We gather event and participation data for both single road regionals and Rally Sprint and possibly make changes to the charging method in 2016.</p> <p>The group was reminded that if two events are running simultaneously on the same roads. For example a Regional rally also has a Rally Sprint taking place the more expensive insurance can be used for the whole event. In this case it would mean that the rate would be the Regional rally rate.</p>
2H	<p>Max presented a request from Eric Tremblay of CRQ for a trial of WRC studded tires on three cars at the Rallye Tuque.</p>

	<p>The board had some discussion and decided that a limited trial could be used to provide some valuable data to CARS, including the pace difference that they make and the impact on the road surface as a result of running the studs.</p> <p>Peter made a motion to give RSQ and CRQ the go ahead to run this limited trial and that Eric was to supply data to CARS after the trial is complete</p> <p>Eric seconded the motion</p> <p>Vote was 5/5 in favor. Motion carried</p>
3H	<p>John discussed the recent announcement about the launch of an Eastern Canadian Rally Championship. The announcement caught everyone by surprise. In September of 2014 a proposal was made to the CARS board for the creation of an Eastern Canadian Rally Championship similar to the Western Canadian Rally Championship. It was proposed as a way of increasing interest in rally regionally.</p> <p>At the time the board gave its support to the concept providing it was truly a regional (as in Eastern Canadian) championship that represented both regional and national events from RSO, RSQ and ARMS. It was also understood that the group would bring the final proposal back to the board for support. The announcement included only the 4 eastern national events and zero regional event participation.</p> <p>John requested the board reaffirm their position of Sept 2014 and give their support to his position, that they put the championship on hold until such time that they can properly work out the details and involve the three regions and regional rallies. John will work with Alain Bergeron and the ECRC group to help arrive at a good solution.</p> <p>It was discussed at the board that there are many possible formulas that could have a viable, challenging and exciting championship that allowed all events to participate, while not having any championship overlay rules.</p> <p>Clarke motioned to support John's position and put the ECRC on hold until 2016</p> <p>Eric seconded</p> <p>Vote was 5/5 in favor. Motion carried</p>
4H	<p>John updated the board on the current RSQ / CRQ negotiations and the fact that he had intervened and indicated that CARS need to be involved in any contract signed by RSQ and CRQ that further delegates the RSQ responsibilities to CRQ.</p> <p>CARS delegated regional sanctioning authority to RSQ. However RSQ is not in a position to sign a contract or further delegate those responsibilities without CARS board approval.</p> <p>Both RSQ & CRQ as well as the mediator support this position. John requested board support for the position taken and asked for another board member to join him in the process.</p> <p>Eric offered to participate and the board supported the position taken.</p>
1J	<p>The next meeting will be on Mar 18th at 7 pm ET via conference call</p>
2J	<p>Peter motioned that we adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM ET</p> <p>Clarke seconded and the vote was all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm ET</p>