

CARS Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 25, 2025

Item	Discussion
1	Meeting was called to order by Bill Westhead on Wednesday February 25 at 7 pm ET In attendance: BW: Bill Westhead (President) RO: Rose Oakhill (RPM Director) MSz: Michael Szewczyk (RW Director & Vice President) DC: David Cotie (RSO Director & Treasurer) ED: Éric Dubé (RSQ Director) MSw: Mal Swann (ARMS Director & Secretary) JH: John Hall (Admin rule committee) CK: Chris Kremer (Past President) DS: Dave Steeper (Safety Delegate) We have Quorum with 5 Region Directors present.
2	Agenda: <i>Motion to approve</i> the agenda was made, seconded and carried. (ED & MSz)
3	Approval of Previous Minutes. <i>A motion to adopt</i> the Jan 28, 2026 board meeting minutes was made, seconded and carried. (ED & DC)
4	Financial & Admin Updates DC – Debbie is updating and implementing new accounting software. Full update will be presented during March meeting. 85 Licenses sold so far. Only one member club had not yet paid yet. BW – support for FIA Safety Delegate training approved through email, pre meeting. - presented insurance rates for 2026 – holding as much as possible. Shakedown, testing & rally school rates will go up marginally as a straight passthrough expense. Motion to approve the insurance rates was made, seconded and carried. (MSw & ED) Note: There is a late application charge for events applying within a 10-day window of the event. DC: Critical that member clubs keep their CARS contact info up to date. MSw: CARS insurance runs from April 1 of current year to March 31 of the following year.
5	CRC Report Latest CRC Newsletter has been sent 2026 Rallye Perce Neige DC: NSM report has been sent. Very pleased with event. Very good safety plan. One issue with a Subaru being stopped re non-functioning tail lights (again).

	ED: As usual, on point from all aspects. Big challenges, but ran on time. Amazing engaged volunteers. BW: Presented 2025 CRC, ECRC-CREC and RSQ awards on Thursday PM Ken Vaughan Trophy presented to Martin Loveridge 2026 Rocky Mountain Rally MSz: Progressing well, deadlines are being met, venues are booked. BW: BDC has requested to use the same on-site video feed to spectators again this year. Motion to approve was made, seconded and carried. (MSw & DC)
6	Region Event Updates MSz Rally West: Cochrane March 8th, test day last weekend. RX events progressing well. ED Rally Sport Quebec: Last weekend rallye-X du C2R Rimouski, well organized. 15 entries. : La Grosse ride, road rally, 40 + entries, no issues this year. DC Rally Sport Ontario: KWRC RX- big entry, lots of fun. : Polar Bear Rally – overnight road rally. 20+ entries, went well. : Many RX events being planned for May & June. : Road rally has seen declining entries but RX is booming. MSw Atlantic: 2 RX in February with OK entries, with the last 2 in March. RO Rally Pacific Motorsports: Quiet until April, 16 RX events in total this year. : Thunderbird road rally, 30 + cars went well. : PFR – nothing to report yet.
7	Club Updates Nothing reportable.
8	Sponsorship Due to personnel changes at Pirelli Canada, still waiting to finalize 2025 tires sold. Contract is in place and continues for 2026.
9	RallySafe BW: Tablets must be sheltered from snow & rain. Some issues with this at PN. : new GSM enabled units to be available later this year. : will follow up on spare kits /parts availability. ED: Reinforce that competitors must have the installation kits in their cars before scrutineering. JH: Huge impact on event and organizers. This is our main timing system. Issues with wiring to antenna being installed as per rally safe instructional videos and guidelines.

	MSw: Include in supp regs or require a separate bulletin by events. : Can we direct scrutineers to verify proper installation of wiring loop? Discussed proposed clauses for inclusion in event Supp Regs. with objective to have ready for RMR.
10	Safety Delegate DS: Personally, working at becoming an instructor for the trauma based "Stop the Bleed" course. Objective to offer this course at an event later this year. The value is in actually having hands on experience with the tools. ED: Any safety item is a good learning opportunity and will help the sport. CK: Concern with making this mandatory, offering it as an option at events sounds like a very good first step. This has to be a supplement to the mandatory first aide course. We should as a first step, also look to ensure sweep teams are trained in this. DS: Can I offer this on behalf of the board or should it be kept at arm's length. After discussion, the board felt this should be a CARS endorsed project. Motion to approve was made, seconded and carried. (MSw & DC) BW: Closed road FIA safety course to be held in Mexico. We have nominated 3 delegates.
11	Competitors' Rep Regrets
12	Technical Director Regrets MSw: Presented a member club motion to look at extending acceptance of FIA 2016 safety harnesses beyond 5 years. Belts are the most important item in the containment system. After discussion, the board felt this should be further investigated. The motion will be sent to the Technical Director MP and Safety Delegate DS for review.
13	Admin Rules Committee JH - Bulletin 2026-01 Speed Neutral Zones final. After discussion; Motion to adopt Bulletin 2026-01 was made, seconded and carried. (MSw & MSz) - Use of Sportity "Official Notices" Discussion on costs, implementation, use and opportunities. How do we support, use and set up, Sportity and a common file system across all National events. RMR, PFR, Baie use Sportity for their events now.

	CK – by purchasing an appropriate package CARS can reduce the amount each current user of Sportity pays and make the tool available to all events including regionals across the country. Decision: Soft Launch and trial of Sportity this year. CARS to purchase a license for 2026, and “lend” to events with a view to purchase a national package for 2027. • Discussion re section 17, update “Baulking” JH to draft a bulletin proposal to update this section, and send out for two-week review. After discussion a Motion to proceed with this update was made, seconded and carried. (DC & ED) • Discussion JH - Update on Drone Use: Transport Canada rules have been updated which makes all CRC rallies as advertised events and materially effects procedures and practices re drone use. JH will update our current drone documents, and will then send out a notification (including links) to organizers. - these are Transport CANADA rules that need to be followed! CARS has an obligation within the regulations to ensure this is in place.
14	New Business Closed board meeting March 4th. Meeting with the organizers March 25th
15	Next Meeting: Wednesday April 1, 2026 at 7:00pm ET.
16	Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried (DC & MSz)