

CARS Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Item	Discussion
1	Meeting was called to order by Bill Westhead on Wednesday July 8 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) CK: Chris Kremer (Past President) MP: Matt Pullen (Chief Scrutineer) DS: Dave Steeper (Safety Delegate) We have Quorum
2	Agenda: <i>Motion to approve</i> the agenda was made, seconded and carried. (DC & ED)
3	Approval of Previous Minutes. <i>A motion to adopt</i> the June, 2026 board meeting minutes was made, seconded and carried. (MSz & ED)
4	Financial & Admin Updates DC: Presented report at completion of 2nd quarter (May 31) CARS fiscal year end is November 30th.
5	CRC Report 2026 Rallye Baie des Chaleurs ED: Some incidents, but organization was strong and on point. Strong entry at 45 cars, even without NACAM. Big field of novice teams. MSw: Roads in great shape, even Camp Brûlé held up with multiple runs. The strength and depth of volunteers is obvious. DC: New Richmond puts on quite a show. The community gets "rally". ED: Live stream was very successful. Follow-up items: - RallySafe unit total loss: Bulletin 2022-01. (last paragraph) Note: RallySafe itself also offers per event insurance for competitors. - Go Fund Me campaigns: CARS will not support or endorse this type of fundraising. As an organization we remain impartial in these instances. - Competitor behavior: Decisions by competitors have ramifications well beyond their own situation. <u>How do we create a culture of safe development for newer teams.</u>

	○ CARS representatives how do we help protect competitors from themselves. ○ Discuss situation with event organizers, moving forward. Note: Suppression systems are designed to allow a team to safely leave the vehicle, it will not put out the fire. ○ MSw as Senior Steward to follow up re interaction between a competitor and two volunteers. • Log Book procedures for FIA/FFSA - create concise document for events and scrutineers to know what these vehicles need to bring to tech. Scrutineering Issue: Clarify what importers need to have to bring a vehicle into the country. CARS allows ARA/NASA log booked vehicles to enter and run CARS events. FIA and FFSA are simply different sanctioning bodies, ASNs that are also allowed to run CARS events. The car owner/entrant in all cases is required to have all supporting documents with them and available for review, as required by CARS <u>and their sanctioning body</u> (including homologation paperwork). Note: A competitor/entrant may decide to apply for a CARS logbook instead. BUT <i>they cannot have both a CARS logbook and another ASN's logbook!</i> • lengthy discussion re hard copy vs virtual logbooks, National Scrutineer, and dealing with FFSA vehicles. ED 2026 Rallye KM+ Beauce-Appalaches • Preparations update: Going well, supps are approved and will be posted shortly. Security plan is also well in hand. NSM assignment: TBD Possible Steward change
6	Region Event Updates MSw update from ARMS: 6 teams really enjoyed Baie des Chaleurs. Next rally is Trout Lake in September. ED update from RSQ: Rally X Charlevoix ready to go July 26. DC updates from RSO: recent co-drivers' school, multiple Rally X events and preparing for Black Bear Rally August 8th. MSz update from RW: Rally cross events are on, performance rally test day scheduled for August. RO update from RPM: PFR as a regional in October. Multiple rally cross events are happening.
7	Club Updates BW: One club has not filed paperwork or paid the insurance fee for 2026. <i>Motion to send a final notice to the club prior to being dis-affiliated was made, seconded and carried. (DC and RO)</i>

8	CRC 2027 Updates ED: presented an idea to strengthen the championship. Based on vehicle results rather than driver. (similar to horseracing, owner points in NASCAR or Formula 1) eg Test racing, Team FJ, CAS competition. Currently no manufacturers involved, looking to develop a concept acknowledging the efforts of teams renting cars, or sharing driving duties. Another extensive discussion re the format and makeup of our championship moving forward. Looking to release a discussion paper for competitors to think & talk about after Baie.
9	CRC Social Media Reviewed CRC social media results from the last two events.
10	Sponsorship Extensive discussion on final decision on how to fairly distribute Pirelli awards.
11	Safety Delegate - Presented a summary of Safety Delegate training seminar.
12	Competitors' Rep – regrets
13	Technical Director – MP issued 8 log books so far with 3 in progress. Asking each region to send a list of names of their approved technical inspectors to Debbie and Matt. Please include a rough geographic area of responsibility. Reviewed history and discussion of vehicle inspection for logbooks.
14	Admin Rules Committee – regrets
15	Next Meeting: Wednesday Sept 9, 2026 at 7:00pm ET.
16	Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried (DC and ED) 11:04 AT