

CARS Board Meeting Minutes

March 3rd, 2021

Item	Discussion
1A	<p>Meeting was called to order by John Hall on March 3rd at 7:06pm ET</p> <p>John Hall (President) Martin Burnley (RPM Director) Chris Kremer (RW Director & Secretary/Treasurer) Warren Haywood (RSO Director) François East (RSQ Director & Vice President) Ross Wood (Organizer Rep) Terry Epp (National Series Manager) Wim van der Poel (Competitor Representative) Graham Bruce (Technical Director)</p> <p>We have Quorum at 4/5</p> <p>Absent: Clarke Paynter (ARMS Director)</p>
2A	<p>A motion was made to adopt the Feb 1st Board meeting minutes, the motion was seconded and approved.</p>
1B	<p>Chris presented the 1st qtr. budget summary. The year is off to a very slow start with only 4 or 5 licenses being sold and half of them being covered by 2020 credits.</p> <p>It will be important that we build some enthusiasm amongst organizers, competitors and volunteers to get our sport up and running again after a long COVID layoff.</p> <p>We discussed the need for all of us to be working hard with our organizers to make sure that they are doing everything possible to run the events while living within the provincial health guidelines.</p> <p>CARS will do what it takes with respect to rule adjustments to make running of events possible.</p> <p>Francois talked about a number of new cars being built in Quebec. This is good news and needs to be encouraged.</p>
2B	<p>Terry talked about the need to get some updated content on the website. Directors and Ross agreed to talk to organizers and as part of encouraging them to proceed with event organization, get from them updated website write-ups for their events. (A new and current write-up and more current picture)</p> <p>Terry suggested that updating the COVID documents to reflect the latest would be worthwhile.</p> <p>Terry, Ross and Martin Loveridge have written explanations and background relative to each of our trophies, this is good work and adds a lot of meaning to the trophies. We had discussion about where the write-ups should be presented and the board felt that adding them to the "Past Winners and Lifetime Standings" book would be the best place.</p> <p>It was suggested that this may also be a good place to add a section on the history of rally and CARS in Canada.</p>

3B	<p>John provided an update on the work being done by GDS the ASN for Canada on establishing a group insurance package.</p> <p>They have not been able to get other vendors to provide the comprehensive insurance coverage we need, as such Stoneridge are putting together an overall package, however it appears that a GDS policy under which we all operate will not be forthcoming this year.</p> <p>Stoneridge and Bazinet have started to send out renewal letters to the clubs. John has asked Debbie to make sure that all of our 26 clubs renewal applications are collected and packaged up as a submittal from CARS.</p> <p>Each Director is requested to submit a list of their expected events to Debbie.</p>
1C	John reported that there was no update from Subaru.
1E	John has added the virtual meeting protocols to the ARC agenda. ARC will draft a protocol so that there are practices in place for future virtual AGM meetings. An ARC meeting will be held in March.
2E	<p>At the January round table there was some good discussion on possible alternatives to scoring the CRC, the idea being that we can possibly equalize the East/West opportunity to score and in turn increase interest and participation in the championship.</p> <p>ARC will take the lead on a dedicated team. Wim, Chris and Clarke will join the group.</p> <p>John will set up meeting in March.</p>
3E	Ross has developed a set of draft Side by Side rules that will be reviewed by ARC at the March meeting
4E	Warren is drafting a proposal for the possible use of fixed numbers in the CRC. The ARC and Warren will review and bring to the board for input.
6E	Martin presented a draft bulletin that would provide some relief from the FA and Medical requirements in 2021. The board approved sending the bulletin out.
1G	<p>Francois reported that Bruno Carré had received some feedback that was not supportive of the rally car registration process discussions. Bruno has since made contact with the vice minister responsible and is developing a relationship. They are hoping to take this gentleman to Baie des Chaleurs to demonstrate what rally is, how we manage log books, inspections and so on as a way of building an understanding of what we need.</p> <p>Warren reported that David Cotie provided an update to the RSO board but is still looking for the appropriate way into the government agency responsible.</p>
2G	Wim reported that he and Hubert had talked about the Rising Star program. John asked if it was possible for Hubert to develop a proposal that clearly outlines what is needed from CARS and ASN Canada. Wim will discuss with Hubert.
1H	<p>A request from CRC2R asking for a reduced affiliation fee for 2021 was discussed and turned down. The board felt that all clubs, including the regional associations and CARS had gone through a tough year financially in 2020 and that the nominal affiliation fee we charge is necessary to cover basic administrative costs.</p> <p>Directors were asked to remind the clubs in their regions that have not affiliated for 2021 yet, to get their affiliation renewals into Debbie.</p>

2H	We still do not have a medical delegate for QC or the rest of Canada. Francois will work with Nancy Guilbert to see if they can find a French speaking doctor willing to take on the role. Warren indicated that he would talk to Kelly Mathew about finding someone in Ontario.
3H	Francois proposed that we issue Rally Sprint specific logbooks. Graham agreed. They along with Warren will develop a list of requirements for Rally Sprint cars. From this they will create a log book and inspection report. It sounds as though we currently have 20 Rally Sprint cars in Quebec and Ontario that could be log booked under this scheme.
4H	<p>Francois requested that the board approve an exemption from the Rally Cross rules that require the event to be run on un-paved surfaces. This is to allow for the running of a rally cross at Sanair on their paved track.</p> <p>The board discussed. A motion was made to allow Sanair Rally Cross to run a Rally Cross course on the Sanair paved track, based upon them following all of the other Rally Cross rules regarding speed and course layout. The motion was seconded and the exemption was approved.</p>
1J	The next meeting was set as March 29 th at 7:00pm ET
2J	A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm ET