

CARS Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Item	Discussion
1	Meeting was called to order by Bill Westhead on Wednesday May 6, 2026 at 7:08 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) FS Frédéric Senterre (Media Production and Marketing) JH: John Hall (Admin rule committee) We have Quorum with all 5 Region Directors present.
2	Agenda: <i>Motion to approve</i> the agenda was made, seconded and carried. (RO & ED)
3	Approval of Previous Minutes. <i>A motion to adopt</i> the April 1st board meeting minutes was made, seconded and carried. (ED & RO)
4	Financial & Admin Updates Update to March 31st was presented. MCO (Ottawa) – declining to affiliate with CARS this year. A Motion to book the firm Lawton and Co. to conduct the CARS year-end Financial Review was made, seconded and carried. (DC & MSw) Budget for a media rep, official liaison at National events was discussed & approved. FS fulfils this role at many eastern events. This individual will help with media at western events. Forwarding photos, stories & videos to FS. Communicating the event stories <u>"on the day"</u>. Proposed honoraria, to be expensed within the line – social media and article generation. Website: Due to the website crashing, storage has been substantially increased. Further upgrades are required. Proposal to be brought to next meeting, focusing on functionality. JH explained the CRC Events list has a link to EVERY event. The CARS Regions & Clubs list has a link to each club's website.

5	CRC Report MSz 2026 Rocky Mountain Rally: Roads still snow covered, permissions in process. Generally, on track. 20 teams currently entered. Planning to test the online inquiry form, bulletin covering this is forthcoming. RO 2026 Pacific Forest Rally: Road checks in process. Some complications with BC hydro working in the area. Low entries to date. Current price of fuel and forest fire index are concerns. Discussion on pluses and minuses with back-to-back events. ED 2026 Baie des Chaleurs: Progressing well, still some snow on the roads. BW 2026 Rallye Defi – requested to change the event name due to a sponsor. Beauce-Appalaches: Board recommends event remain on calendar, with name & location change. NSM & Stewards are to keep this in mind when at event and within reports. JH: Comment on Olympus rally: Event chairman was out on the stages spectating. Trusting the team that was managing the event. Note: 486 volunteers!
6	Region Event Updates MSz Rally West: Rally West will be conducting a co-driving school with 8 new people signed up. Then on Sunday CSCC is holding a test day. Last week WCRC had a display at the Driven show. Rocky in 3 weeks! ED Rally Sport Quebec: Sanair 34 entries good conditions. Well managed event. Quebec City Auto salon included a specific RSQ rally display section. And included a rally X demonstration course outside. DC Rally Sport Ontario: Voyageurs 18 entries, ready to go this weekend. RX & Nav rally events upcoming. MSw Atlantic: First of the regional road rallies is complete, 9 entries & the Richta timing system was used. Black Rocks Performance Rally this weekend, only 6 entries. New road complex close to Halifax. Recce school has 4 prospective teams subscribed. RO Rally Pacific Motorsports: RX last weekend, registration filled in 1 minute! With 15 on wait list! RAVI RX end of May – nearly fully entry! Vancouver club Nav rally with 10 entries. Lots of activity in the region. The Auto show has also brought a lot of attention to our sport. In RX we could fill another event with just the people on the waitlist and most of these are new competitors.

7	Club Updates Kootenay possible club based in Cranbrook still in learning phase. Working with the interior clubs. Cochrane winter rally follow up, discussion. An individual is entitled to post video of themselves. Beyond that, the CARS media policies must be followed. See GCR's 3.10 thru 3.16
8	CRC 2027 Updates Discussion on how to proceed with this. The Board recommended proceeding with soliciting input from the competitors.
9	Sponsorship N/A - Time restricted
10	Safety Delegate N/A - Time restricted
11	Competitors' Rep N/A - Time restricted
12	Technical Director N/A - Time restricted
13	Admin Rules Committee Sportity will be used by western events and others that want to use for now, full implementation will be required for 2027 season Baulking feedback – very limited. Recommendation was to accept the rule change as proposed. New Drone use procedure and revised Drone use application form are now posted on the website under Media docs. https://carsrally.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Drone-application-r1.pdf Cars will bring this to the attention of event organizers.
14	New Business Request to change minimum age for rally cross drivers. JH will discuss with our insurer. Cross car(t) at rallycross: The Board does not recommend including at this time.
15	Next Meeting: Wed June 10th, 2026 at 7:00pm EST/4:00pm PST.
16	Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried ()