

CARS Board Meeting Minutes

Nov 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>Martin Burnley (Treasurer, RPM Director)</p> <p>Eric Grochowski (Rally West Director)</p> <p>Peter Watt (RSO Director)</p> <p>Maxime Méconse-Laroque (RSQ Director)</p> <p>Chris Martin (Competitor Rep)</p> <p>Terry Epp (CRC Series Manager)</p> <p>Warren Haywood (Technical Director)</p> <p>Absent</p> <p>Ross Wood (Organizer Rep)</p> <p>We have 5/5 directors making a Quorum.</p>
2A	<p>A motion was made to adopt the Oct 7th and Nov 7th board meeting minutes as written</p> <p>The motion was seconded and motion was carried.</p> <p>Minutes of Oct 7th and Nov 7th 2015 are approved</p>
1B	<p>Martin had a number of items to discuss;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A reminder that the call for RW & RSQ director nominations went out to the clubs. Deadline for nominations is Dec 9th.2. Martin presented the cheque log for the month. No concerns.3. Martin presented the income statement up to Nov 5th and commented that all is as expected and predicted. Terry did ask about \$2900 that came in Nov 14th 2014. Was this to show up on the 2015 income statement as carried over income? Martin said that he would investigate and report back.4. Martin discussed the cash reserves and indicated that although lower, are as planned and expected since we have been paying for the website development work. Should be okay going into the New Year since we are now over the cash flow hump.5. A draft 2016 budget was presented and reflects the loss of Yokohama as a supporter. The draft budget has been prepared with no replacement for the lost income. In this worst-case scenario we will have to cut back in a couple of key areas.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Media production. We will need to work with Warwick to determine how we continue to deliver on the Subaru deliverables while reducing cost.b. Fund transfers to the events will need to reduce by approx. \$400 <p>Obviously the better scenario is that we are able to find new sponsorship support to replace the lost income.</p>

	<p>Max asked how much money CARS get from the events. Terry answered that basically the only income from the events is the permit fee. Terry's services as series manager are provided at no cost to the events. All of the work that the CARS board do in the area of rules, exposure, media coverage, advertising sales opportunities all come to our events at no cost to them.</p>
2B	<p>Terry reported on a number of CRC items;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PFR got good reviews from the competitors. Had a good contingent of US competitors. Event was excellent. Some organizational issues as the organizer could do with a little more help. 2. RMR Event suffered from being the week after PFR by losing a few entries. Some concerns with having to switch off Clerk of the Course mid stream. Weather really had a big impact on the second day but organizers did the right thing and handled the situation well. Workers and organizers did an excellent job. Best Rocky in years. 3. TP is ready to go, well planned. Subaru are planning on big participation with Subaru fencing for the service park, hot cider, Subaru giveaways, the inflatable arch and a booth at the Iron Bridge spectator area. 4. PN sup regulations have been reviewed. Will be 215 Km of stage in one day. 5. Terry proposed Philippe Corbeil (senior) & Myron Wintonyk as PN stewards. The board supported this proposal. 6. Kevin Bester from Stonebridge Insurance will be at Tall Pines and will work with Terry to check out the roads. 7. Terry has asked Ivan Butikofer for his help in preparing the 2016 rule book.
3B	<p>Terry presented the 2016 calendar for board approval.</p> <p>BDC is on the calendar for the July 3rd and 4th but still waiting for event confirmation.</p> <p>BW is on the calendar for Dec 3rd and 4th but the organizers are still working on moving this back to Dec 10th and 11th.</p> <p>A motion was made to adopt the calendar as presented. The motion was seconded. Motion was carried.</p> <p>It was asked what had happened to Charlevoix as there had been some discussion that they may want to be on the national calendar. Terry explained that the organizational structure is not ready. But could be for the 2017 season.</p> <p>This is the 60th year of the Canadian Rally Championship. It was agreed that we should highlight this milestone on the calendar.</p>
1C	<p>Terry reported that John is working on the 2016 Subaru contract so that Terry can discuss with Subaru soon.</p>
2C	<p>Martin reported that after 17 years Yokohama will no longer be supporting the Canadian Rally Championship.</p>
3C	<p>John reported that we are in preliminary discussions with a couple of Tire companies, but nothing yet.</p> <p>Jean-Francois provided a report of his sales activity. Lots of calls, a few good leads, but nothing in the way of new sponsorship.</p>
1D	<p>Warren reported on the Tech Rules Committee discussion regarding the use of studded tires at national events. The TRC suggested that we ask for input from competitors.</p> <p>Max, Eric and Martin where clear that their regions would like the option to use DOT studded tires at their national events. Peter mentioned that the issue is more complex in Ontario with the various rules regarding the use of studs on public roads.</p> <p>The board agreed with the TRC that we should ask for competitor feedback on a proposed rule change. Warren will draft rule change using the existing studded tire rules in effect in RW as the basis. Then send out via announcement for feedback.</p>

5D	The TRC reviewed the use of heated windshields and determined that they needed more data. M-Sport in the UK use them in their vehicles so Martin H will see what he can find.
6D	The TRC agreed with the proposed change to the Production Class rules that changes the word "definition" in 12.7 to "Intent" Also clarifies 12.7.1.2 OEM meaning and scope. The board supported this change
7D 8D	Two separate requests related to displacement limits in Production 2WD & Displacement and Weight limits in O2WD. The TRC reviewed the two requests based upon their understanding of the 2WD intent from 4 years ago. Since then the CARS board have evolved that intent to allow for a broader basket of 2WD vehicles to be eligible. The board asked Martin and Eric to work with Warren and review these requests in light of the current 2WD intent.
2F	John reviewed that the website development has moved into the final phase where the administration, content management and database tools are being developed. Testing and training is scheduled for mid February 2016
3F	Terry reported that the stewards manual should be complete by year end.
2G	Max presented a proposal for the Eastern Canadian Rally Championship. This proposal now meets the criteria laid out by the board in Sept 2014 by including all nationals along with their regional components in Eastern Canada and a number of stand-alone regional events from ARMS, RSO and RSQ. The board where supportive of this model and asked Max, Peter and Clarke to work together with the group to make this a reality.
3G	Max reported on the discussions between RSQ and CRQ. Currently not making progress. The CARS board discussed that any agreement between a Regional Director on behalf of his region and a third party, with regards to assigning responsibilities vested in the region director, would need CARS board approval. This ensures that no one director or region can change the responsibilities or sanctioning authority assigned to CARS without the agreement of the whole board.
4G	Max reported that he has been in contact with Patrick Rainville, Donald Leblanc, Alain Bergeron and Jean Francois Guité with regards to discussions on how to improve entry levels at their events. John reported that he has changed the AGM agenda to allocate 3 hours for the board and the national event organizers to meet face-to-face and work on brainstorming the issue. In the meantime if Max would like to set up a meeting of the group we can start discussions and John would be pleased to join in.
5G	Max presented a letter from BDC that explains in more detail what they want to do with respect to NACAM-BDC-CRC and addresses what they believe are the issues facing CARS and the CRC. There was some excellent discussion between all board members which included; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to look at the process followed, this is not in our plans, hosting an international event is a completely different direction. We should discuss such a change in direction and not simply fall into it. The implications are not clear; we do not know the impact on our finances, resources, our competitors, the other events, and our sponsors. Why would we make such a big decision without having a clear understanding and view of what this will do for us? Simply accepting this on the emotions of doing something good

	<p>for one club is irresponsible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The document provided is reasonable. It does not come from NACAM, probably written for or by CRAB. • We owe it to the event to re-open the discussion since there are so many unknowns. <p>The following motion was made; "We re-open the previous board decision of supporting BDC with NACAM or the CRC but not both, to further discussion and debate"</p> <p>The motion was seconded. The motion was adopted.</p> <p>The 5 directors and John will work together to discuss and debate the question of a Dual sanctioned event at Baie with the CRC and NRC.</p>
1H	<p>Peter raised the question of liability insurance, wanting to know if the current \$5M limit is adequate. Terry explained that ASN had looked at the liability limits and deemed them okay.</p>
2H	<p>Max had made a request that the board refund the fine levied against Alex Beland at PN and issue an apology because of the use of video in the PN TV show, that highlighted Alex driving on three wheels which was felt to be hypocritical of CARS.</p> <p>The actual penalty letter was issued by the steward for driving on the public road after being told twice by officials not to do so.</p> <p>The video does highlight the car on three wheels, but it appears to be during the competition and the board felt that it is appropriate to display this press on regardless behavior, as this is part of the excitement of rally.</p> <p>Board members agreed that these are two different issues. The penalty was issued by the steward, was not appealed, the board don't feel they should interfere in this process. The board members also felt that the TV video was good. The board did agree that we should provide sensitivity guidance to the media production company</p>
3H	<p>John shared a draft document to deal with media sensitivity guidance.</p> <p>The key is that the CARS board does not want to be involved in the process of approving media material. We see our job as providing some general guidance and alerting to sensitivities.</p> <p>It was agreed that the media guys should be made aware of penalties issued at an event. They should then be able to use their judgment in how that impacts the media production. In some instances the penalty could add to the storyline and in another cases alert the media guys to a sensitive topic that might be better avoided.</p>
1J	<p>The next meeting will be on Dec 16th at 7 pm ET via conference call.</p>
2J	<p>A motion was made to adjourn the meeting</p> <p>Motion was seconded.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 10:54 PM ET</p>