

CARS Board Meeting Minutes

October, 15 2025

Item	Discussion
1	<p>Meeting was called to order by Bill Westhead on Wednesday October 15 at 4:34 pm PT</p> <p>In attendance: BW Bill Westhead (President) RO Rose Oakhill (RPM Director) MSz Regrets (RW Director & Rule Book Advertising sales) DC David Cotie (RSO Director & Treasurer) FE François East (RSQ Director & Vice President) MSw Malcolm Swann (ARMS Director & Secretary) CK Chris Kremer (Past President) JH John Hall – (ARC Chair and Rule Book) NL Nicki Lachapelle (Organizer Representative)</p> <p>We have Quorum</p>
2	<p>Agenda: Adjusted with 1 new business item.</p> <p>Motion to approve was made, seconded and carried. (DC & FE)</p>
3	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes.</p> <p>NB: National Series Manager (NSM) reports are not included for distribution with the CARS board minutes in order to ensure freedom to report in a frank and honest nature. However, copies are sent to the Board, Organizer and Stewards.</p> <p>Issues with section 13 of September 17 minutes. Decision made to review, amend and re-approve at November meeting.</p> <p>A motion to adopt the September, 2025 board meeting minutes with this adjustment was made, seconded and carried. (RO & DC)</p>
4	<p>Financial 2025 update</p> <p>DC –No current updates of note.</p>
5	<p>CRC Report</p> <p>BW- For next 3 events CARS regional directors are involved in the events. As a result, they are required to recuse themselves from their CARS role(s) and a deputy must be assigned as NSM and/or regional director.</p> <p>FE- Rallye de Charlevoix Charlevoix: NSM and Regional Director will be Marcel-Paul Raymond Event promoter suffered a heart attack last week. The Board extends our heartfelt wish for a fast and successful recovery. Reminder for all the importance of developing the next generation of officials. Event has license, permits, road permissions and good number of volunteers. Steward assignment in process.</p> <p>DC: Rally of the Tall Pines ROTP: NSM & Regional Director: François East Schedule done, letters going out, route book in process and volunteer numbers are ahead of last year. Novus Auto Group has come on board as the principal sponsor.</p>

	<p>Live streaming group is planning 4 segments. BW to identify what platform(s) this will be available on. Board has authorized live streaming.</p> <p>An event summary show will also in development. Murat Gunarslan is heading this initiative. JH: discussed using 30 – 60 second pieces to boost engagement.</p> <p>RO: Big White winter Rally BWWR: NSM & Regional Director: To be determined. Volunteer recruitment is going well. Request to Trial of Neutral Zone feature within RallySafe, due to a very dangerous section of a stage. Allows organizer to have more control than with a virtual chicane.</p> <p>MSw: Motion to allow Big White to trial the Neutral Zone feature of RallySafe. Seconded by DC. Carried.</p> <p>BW: Requesting dates for 2026 national calendar. ASAP please.</p>
6	<p>Regional Event Updates</p> <p>DC – RSO updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KWRC planning more rallycross, navigational events almost complete for the year, concern with lower entry numbers. • This year more grassroots competitors have stepped up to the performance event level. <p>MSw – ARMS updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 18th will be the last of 5 regional navigational events. Our winter rallycross series starts November 23rd. • Trout Lake performance rally cancelled due to wild fire issues, so road permissions are not available. Performance Rally Committee developing a new road complex, Black Rock Rally with a date of Nov 30th <p>FE – RSQ updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last weekend was the wrap up of the 8-event rallycross season. New events hosted in the Charlevoix and Maniwaki. Both integrated volunteer training. We are also seeing progression into performance events as a result. • We also hold a rally school at each event; at the last RX we had 14 new people entering the rally school. • Winter rallycross is set to begin in January. <p>BW (for MSz) – RW updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edmonton club is running events. looking for more venues for Rally X. • Calgary club has developed a second RX series throughout Sept, Oct & Nov. • 16 teams currently entered for Kananaskis Rally on November 9th. <p>RO – RPM updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Navigational rallies still to run this year. • 2 RX still to run for the provincial title; this weekend's event has 34 entries. • Vancouver Island club is looking to add an event into the regional series for next year! • Again, a number of RX competitors are moving into Performance, with 5 new teams from the coast heading to Kananaskis rally.
7	<p>Club Updates</p> <p>No input</p>

8	CARS AGM Prep Reminder the following positions are up for nomination/election: President, Rally Pacific Motorsports, 1-year terms Rallye Sport Quebec and Rally West, 2-year terms Competitors' Representative, 2-year term
9	Sponsorship & Contingencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An individual has reached out re Crosscar series development in Canada. • How would CARS be able to sanction within our rule set? • Discussion ensued similar to UTV issues within our current rallycross rules. A discussion was also held on the current status of the Pirelli program.
10	Organizers Representative: NL An organizers call is in process for November Discussed concerns with CARS handling of issues brought forward and the effect it has on individuals.
11	Safety Delegate – regrets MSw- Still working on access to FIA resources for DS.
12	Competitors' Representative – regrets
13	Technical Rules Committee – regrets
14	Admin Rules Committee: JH We continue to work on the roll cage specifications, boost monitoring and technical violations. Pursuant to this discussion, a motion was tabled to amend Section 13 of the September minutes. Made, seconded and carried. (MSw & DC)
15	Communications and Marketing Reviewed social media statistical information as prepared by FS Reminder to subscribe to the CRC newsletter. Click link below. CRC English Newsletter CRC French Newsletter
16	New Business Stellantis Motorsport Rally Cup North America – Sporting and Technical Regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FE - Commercial Rights Guidelines still to be reviewed. • Who will be in charge of the technical conformity? • Reminder; all participants are subject to all CARS rules within our events. • 4 best events across North America counted, plus a double scoring semi-final and final. • Looking to start the series at the Rally of the Tall Pines 2025. • Should CARS look at creating a separate championship for these cars? General thought was; no, not this year. Decision made to have these documents reviewed by the board.
17	Next meeting – Wednesday November 12, 2025 at 7:00pm ET.

18	A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried (MSw & DC)
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