

# CARS Board Meeting Minutes

## September 16th 2015

Item	Discussion
1A	<p>Meeting was called to order by John Hall at 7:05 pm EST</p> <p>Attendance included:</p> <p>John Hall (President)</p> <p>Eric Grochowski (Rally West Director)</p> <p>Martin Burnley (Treasurer, RPM Director)</p> <p>Clarke Paynter (Vice President, Atlantic Director)</p> <p>Peter Watt (RSO Director)</p> <p>Maxime Méconse-Laroque (RSQ Director)</p> <p>Ross Wood (Organizer Rep)</p> <p>Chris Martin (Competitor Rep)</p> <p>Terry Epp (CRC Series Manager)</p> <p>Warren Haywood (Technical Director)</p> <p>We have 5/5 directors making a Quorum.</p>
2A	<p>A motion was made to adopt the July 22<sup>nd</sup> board meeting minutes as written</p> <p>The motion was seconded and motion was carried.</p> <p>Minutes are approved</p> <p>A motion was made to adopt the August 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes as written</p> <p>The motion was seconded and motion was carried.</p> <p>Minutes are approved</p>
1B	<p>Martin provided an update on financial situation;</p> <p>Rule book advertising revenue has all been received</p> <p>Competition license income should meet or slightly exceed budget</p> <p>We are over budget on Door Panel and Number purchases, however this will be re-cooped as the items are sold to competitors.</p> <p>Initial payment to Frontech for website development has been made.</p> <p>Grant Thornton have been retained for the year end books</p> <p>Moving ahead with AGM bookings for January 2016 in Calgary</p> <p>Martin provided a heads up that we are not fully recovering on the insurance account. During the budget cycle he will develop proposal to balance the insurance acct.</p>
2B	<p>Terry reported;</p> <p>PFR regs are in place and look good</p> <p>RMR regs are in hand and looking good</p>

	<p>TP received draft regs and working through them.</p> <p>Subaru planning on a VIP program at TP</p> <p>Defi. entries were down at 21 this year. Terry was very comfortable with the Clerk of the Course. He dealt very professionally with a number of issues. The course cars also did an outstanding job. Radio people and Marshals excellent.</p> <p>Rallysafe performed flawlessly and provided the organizers with an excellent management tool.</p> <p>Some concerns with the roughness of a couple of the stage roads. Some spectator issues during the event. There is a meeting planned to discuss Defi in detail.</p>
3B	<p>2016 CRC Schedule</p> <p>Terry presented the initial draft of the 2016 schedule and some excellent discussion followed.</p> <p>PN Feb 5 – 6. Only discussion was regarding the indication from Patrick that without 35 entries he will cancel the event. The CARS board felt that this was not acceptable and that once the event is on the calendar it needs to be run. If after the event the organizers feel that they can not run it again in subsequent years because of low entries then that is their decision.</p> <p>BDC is not providing a date until they get some direction sorted out wrt NACAM</p> <p>Rallye Defi Sept 8 – 10. Max will be meeting with BGilles to discuss the events future.</p> <p>PFR Sept 30 –Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. No discussion</p> <p>RMR Oct 29 -30. The board discussed the possibility of moving RMR to June. The event organizer is okay with this move and is waiting for direction from the CARS board before working out details with the community.</p> <p>A motion was made to move the RMR to June 4 &amp; 5. The motion was seconded and carried. Eric will communicate the decision and request the organizer to move the Rocky Mountain Rally to June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> starting in the 2016 season</p> <p>Big White was discussed as being a 7<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> national event (depending upon the BDC decision to join the 2016 calendar or not) The idea was well received as the event has matured well and is well attended. The conditions in December up at the Big White ski resort are very good and would provide an excellent second snow rally.</p> <p>A motion was made to invite Big White to join the national calendar for the 2016 season with the dates being Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> weekend. Motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>Big White will be invited to join the national calendar for 2016 asked to be observed in Dec 2015.</p> <p>Rally of the Tall Pines Nov 25 – 26. Based upon the addition of Big White Tall Pines will be asked to consider moving a week earlier to allow for a 2 week window between events.</p>
4B	<p>Max requested that Rallye Charlevoix be observed in 2015 since it could be an alternative Quebec rally and would like to be on the National calendar.</p> <p>A motion was made to observe Charlevoix; the motion was seconded and carried.</p>
1C	<p>Terry reported that Subaru have declined to purchase TV ad spots this year since the their budget is very tight. It doesn't help that the season is so back end loaded and misses the TV ad cycle.</p> <p>Joe Felstien has taken over responsibility for the CRC contract and is keen to continue working and improving our relationship. He is hoping to increase participation in 2016</p> <p>Daniel Ponzini and Brian Hyland will be attending the two western events</p>
2C	<p>Yokohama Update. Martin reported that although he has been trying to sell a 2<sup>nd</sup> TV ad spot it is not looking good for 2015 since they are under a department budget freeze</p>

3C	John indicated that he will call a sponsorship committee meeting during the week of Sep 21st
6E	Martin discussed a P2WD rule change request. He will send it to Warren for review and a follow up response/proposal
2F	<p>John reported that the web site development is progressing well. The web pages are being built as per the approved deign and are being wired. Some relevant content is being used to demonstrate the look and feel.</p> <p>Within a few weeks we should have the web site functioning and located on our new server ready for testing the linkages and page content.</p> <p>Once we get through that phase Frontech will start to build the databases, widgets and the administrative side of the site</p>
4F	<p>Ross reported that the trial of Rallysafe at Defi;</p> <p>The trial went incredibly well</p> <p>I like the attitude and helpfulness of the Rallysafe staff that attended.</p> <p>Rallysafe does an amazing job</p> <p>Nothing negative to say</p> <p>Little faults have had holes plugged</p> <p>Need to look at income generation possibilities with Rallysafe</p> <p>Rallysafe will send Ross a detailed report</p> <p>They currently cover over 80 rallies and customize packages to suit needs</p> <p>The Clerk of the Course used Rallysafe extensively to monitor the event activity</p> <p>Jean-George used it to check some timing errors and was impressed with the accuracy of the data. Many of the teams very happy with Rallysafe.. Only concern raised was if it cost too much.</p>
4G	<p>Max reported that the negotiations between CRQ and RSQ continue. There are differences and changes are difficult to get. Max has proposed that the CRQ directors apply for and take on the same roles in RSQ and work together.</p> <p>Max has indicated that he will not sign the contract since they are still too far apart. The current contract expires in 2016.</p> <p>Max has received good support from other organizers and members of the CARS board</p>
5G	<p>NACAM /Baie</p> <p>A lot of time was spent discussing this very important topic. John started out by inviting all board members to express their thoughts and dialogue about the use of the Rallye BDC as a leg of NACAM.</p> <p>Some general thoughts that emerged from the extended board are as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Baie deserves our support since this is something that they really want to do.</li> <li>2. The financial impact of holding a leg of NACAM is none of CARS business. Although board members do have concerns for Baie.</li> <li>3. CARS and the CRC do have an interest in protecting the Canadian Rally Championship, the competitors, clubs/other organizers and our sponsors.</li> <li>4. CARS does not want any negative financial impact from hosting a NACAM leg and don't want that impact to spill over to competitors and other clubs.</li> <li>5. An international event is sanctioned by ASN Canada FIA not CARS. They operate under a different set of practices although a national portion of the event would operate under CARS.</li> <li>6. ASN insurance afforded CARS and CARS events is not applicable to an international event, it must carry its own insurance per the FIA requirements.</li> <li>7. The NACAM Rally Championship does not have a good history of having all events fully</li> </ol>

	<p>attended.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. CARS should not spend any money on this or have resources diverted from other important projects that we are working on for the betterment of all rally in Canada.</li> <li>9. Concern around the optics of having an international podium and a CRC podium that becomes 2<sup>nd</sup> tier.</li> </ol> <p>After much discussion the following motion was made;</p> <p><i>CARS support the request made by Rallye Baie des Chaleurs to utilize the Canadian Rally Championship event to host a leg of the 2016 NACAM FIA Zone Championship. The motion was seconded. The motion was not supported.</i></p> <p>After further discussion, particularly with regards to BDC wanting to do this and the concerns about the impact on the CRC, a second motion was made as follows;</p> <p><i>CARS support Rallye Baie des Chaluers request to host a leg of the 2016 NACAM FIA Zone Championship, outside of the Canadian Rally Championship. The event must include a local class that allows for CARS license holders and CARS log-booked rally cars to compete in the local class.</i></p> <p>The motion was seconded and carried.</p> <p>Max will take this outcome to Rallye BDC. Terry will communicate the position with ASN Canada FIA. This will allow ASN Canada FIA to respond to RBDC regarding their request to host an international event.</p> <p>The CARS board agreed that until ASN Canada FIA and RBDC have talked, BDC will not have all of the facts with which to make their final decision.</p> <p>The CARS Board wants to make it clear that the decision to host NACAM or participate in the CRC belongs to BDC alone.</p> <p>The CARS board would be very happy if BDC where to choose to stay within the CRC. If they choose to hold a leg of NACAM and work to attract other competitors, CARS will support that decision and leave the door open to BDC coming back onto the CRC calendar at some future date.</p>
1J	The next meeting will be on Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> at 7 pm ET via conference call.
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 10:05 PM ET</p>