



Bluenose Autosport Club

Performance Rally Organizing Committee

Meet

NOTES	THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2024	6:30 pm – 8:00 PM	
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LOCATION	Virtual
MEETING CALLED BY	Mel Smith
NOTE TAKER	Barb Coleman
ATTENDEES	Online: Barb Coleman, Mel Smith, Kevin Himmelman, Heidi Fennell, Cathy Partridge, Meg Grandmaison, Cal Vandaalen, James Partridge, Mal Swann,
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Thursday March 14, 2024 @ 6:30pm ONLINE

Action Items

Action	Person Responsible	Due Date
Ensure BAC Treasurer has paperwork for Ledwidge Forestry payment - done	Mel Smith	2024-01-30
Steward Reports – still in progress	Mal Swann	2024-03-14
Draft up a volunteer notification - done	Barb Coleman	2024-01-30
Send out volunteer notification - done	Cathy Partridge	2024-02-15
Recruit volunteers (get their email address to chiefmarshall@bluenoseautosport.ca) - ongoing	All	2024-09-21
Add Heidi and Barb to Ledwidge Facebook Page as Admins – in progress	Meg Grandmaison	2024-03-14
Reach out to Community Colleges for volunteers - in progress	Sasha Brideau	2024-03-30
Consider spectator areas at venues- at Ledwidge at start of Stage 1 at the Y at the road – in the plan	Mel Smith / Barb Coleman	2024-03-30
Promote Maritime Racers Buy & Sell on BAC Facebook - done	Barb Coleman	2024-01-30
Look into Rafflebox for online 50/50 draw options –bring up at next general meeting	Barb Coleman	2024-02-27
Initiate a Sponsorship/Fundraising Committee – bring up at next general meeting	Barb Coleman	2024-02-27
Shared distribution lists among club emails – bring up at next general meeting if we need to change our email processes to get this feature.	Barb Coleman / Heidi Fennell	2024-02-27
Trailer Registration Address Change – check with Sherry to see if that was done and see if we have the renewal anywhere	Barb Coleman	2024-02-20
Prepare Ledwidge and Trout budgets for review	Barb Coleman	2024-03-14

Set up delayed send emails for PRC meeting reminders	Heidi Fennell	2024-02-23
Recruit volunteers with four wheel drive road legal vehicles for open and close of Trout	All	2024-04-30
Get event dates out to support clubs (Ham, MRTS, Scoring provider)	Barb Coleman	2024-03-14
Draft up Spectator PDF document	Barb Coleman	2024-03-14

Agenda topics

Action Item Updates

- Cheque requisition for Ledwidge \$500 payment has been submitted to the Treasurer for the cheque to be delivered to Mel who will deliver it to Ledwidge in person.
- Mal is still trying to get our Steward reports from our 2023 stewards.
- Meg is working on finding the access point for the Ledwidge Facebook site.
- Sasha is reported to be working on recruiting volunteers from NSCC.
- Rafflebox is an option for us to raise money. It requires an additional raffle licence and Rafflebox takes 7% of the take, so BAC would take home 43% of the tickets sold for a 50/50 draw. Could be done monthly.

Budget and Sponsorship

- We have received notice that Subaru will no longer be sponsoring Rally at the national level. Mal noted that local sponsorship from Dealership Associations is not affected by this decision, however we should plan accordingly, as we may lose our current sponsorship levels from Subaru. Blu has reached out to the local Dealer Association but has not heard anything back yet.

As a precaution, we should try to cut our rally costs as much as possible. Some ideas:

- See if someone will donate their plaques back to the club for our use at Rally Events, so we only have to buy the small metal engraved medallion. (Blu has offered to donate his to the club for year end awards)
- We could charge \$10 / person for the Sunday BBQ supper, as a way to offset food costs
- Florescent orange paint costs are up to \$18 / can. While on the call we found a few other cheaper options:
 - o Amazon \$14 / can
 - o HG Supply \$8 / can
 - o Grange Canada sometimes has clearance items, currently has some at \$3.20 / can
- Fire Extinguisher servicing costs could be reduced by taking them to the site, rather than having them come to us so we don't have to pay the \$25 base fee.
- Caution Rally Tape should be purchased from CARS, which they buy in bulk, so we should get a pretty good deal. Mal to check out costing, although we don't need any until next season.
- We did a review of the 2023 budgets, and if we stay at 4-5 competitors per event, we will need to come up with up to \$2000 / event in sponsorship, to ensure we don't lose money.
- Barb to prepare budgets for 2024 events by next PRC for initial review.
- Blu will no longer be providing champagne, so that will have to be included in the budget.

Roads and Areas

- Trout route stays the same, so Barb can get the Supp Regs and Safety Plans done anytime now and submitted for review.
- Trout Lake service area will need a bigger space, especially if we get more competitors. There is a pit in the woods that we could use. We should assign a Service Area Coordinator whose duties would include: Mapping out the service areas for competitors with stakes and car numbers (based on information received in new online registration form), Directing competitors to their service areas; Directing volunteers to appropriate parking areas; The Tech Inspector

- may be able to take this role.
- Ledwidge needs better weather for Mel and Pidge to get into woods and see how much of the new section could be used.
- We will be adding a spectator section at the Y in the road. This will require up to 4 volunteers to assist with directing spectators and parking, as well as taping to try and keep spectators in their area. Rally cars will be transiting through the spectator area.
- If we have enough competitor interest, we may add a rally sprint section to Ledwidge as well. There would be separate entries and entry fees for Rally and RallySprint. RallySprint entrants would only run the short stages; Rally entrants would run them all.
- A question was raised by Mel about the separation required between the finish of one stage and start of the next. Mal said there is no minimum distance but there must be 5 minute gap. And if we want to allow competitors to do any service in that control area, we can do so if we put it in the Supp Regs. This allows us to reduce the number of volunteers required and gives us more distance for the stages.
- Mel is looking at an area in Collingwood – near Springhill – for potential future rally routes. This is a combination of DNR and private land.

Locations, Buildings, Food

- We will be using the same buildings and facilities as last year.
- Sunday dinner will be the BBQ. Kevin H. has agreed to cook again, but with a bigger BBQ (or 2 BBQs)

Insurance, Permits

- Barb to start paperwork for Trout Lake. Ledwidge documentation has to wait for Mel and Pidge to finalize the route to see how much of the new section can be used.

As per Mal, CARS insurance rates remain the same at:

RallySprint: \$100 / car / event plus \$25 broker fee

Rally: \$130 / car / event plus \$25 broker fee

Volunteers

- Cathy will begin a communication push near the start of April. If Cathy wants anything posted on Facebook, she can send it to commsdirector@bluenoseautosport.ca for Heidi to post.
- Trout Lake really needs road-legal course vehicles, due to the long transits and use of public roads. Everyone to attempt to recruit people and vehicles for this from any source they can think of.
- Side-by-sides can be used for Ledwidge, as it is a shorter course and on private roads.

Registration, Routebook, Admin

- Barb to prepare online registration form and get it on the website.
- Blu has agreed to do our Rally Printing again this year.
- Paperwork inventory is being kept up to date as we learn from each event. Specifically, the Letter of Permission needs to be given to all Route Blockers, especially for Trout Lake.
- A handout should be prepared in PDF format for Spectators, that can be posted on website and Facebook, as well as in hard copy to be handed out at the event. Include details of Rally, dates of future rally events, other motorsport events, and volunteer opportunities. Barb to draft this up and Meg will proof it.

Timing, Scoring, Radios

- Timing and scoring same as last year.
- Radios – We have some small hand held radios for short distances, but we may want to consider rechargeable commercial handhelds that have multiple mile range (these do not interfere with our ham radio club equipment – they are on a different frequency). Crown Assets auctions sometimes have commercial handheld radios that come up for about \$300 for 6 radios.

The ATV club purchases from Maritime Radio and they get a reasonable price. We'll bring this up at the next general meeting to see if we can get approval to spend some money on this if a good deal arises.

- Barb to get our dates out to the Ham Radio clubs.

Safety (Fire/Rescue)

- Barb to follow up with MRTS on dates

Misc.

- Once we have some details on the spectator area at Ledwidge, we'll need to generate some Facebook posts (possibly boosted) to get some attention.
- We should send the PRC meeting link out a month in advance, a week in advance and on the day of the meeting. Heidi to look into setting up delayed send for these emails.
- We should continue to include competitors on these meetings as we need some feedback on who will be running Rallies and RallySprints.