



# Bluenose Autosport Club

## Performance Rally Organizing Committee

### Meet

<b>NOTES</b>	<b>THURSDAY MARCH 14, 2024</b>	<b>6:30 pm – 8:00 PM</b>	
--------------	--------------------------------	--------------------------	--

LOCATION	Virtual
MEETING CALLED BY	Mel Smith
NOTE TAKER	Barb Coleman
ATTENDEES	<b>Online:</b> Barb Coleman, Mel Smith, Heidi Fennell, Mal Swann, James Partridge, Ian Pierce, Jon Conrad, Tim Dine, Meg Grandmaison, Cal Vandaalen, Chris Moulstone, James Whitman
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Thursday <b>April 18</b> , 2024 @ 6:30pm <b>ONLINE (back to regular PRC member attendance)</b>

### Action Items

Action	Person Responsible	Due Date
Steward Reports – still in progress	Mal Swann	2024-04-18
Recruit volunteers (get their email address to <a href="mailto:chiefmarshall@bluenoseautosport.ca">chiefmarshall@bluenoseautosport.ca</a> ) - ongoing	All	2024-09-21
Reach out to Community Colleges for volunteers - in progress	Sasha Brideau	2024-04-18
Recruit volunteers with four wheel drive road legal vehicles for open and close of Trout	All	2024-04-30
Draft up Spectator PDF document – in progress	Barb Coleman	2024-03-26
Rafflebox set up for 50/50 draw for Rally Dates	Barb Coleman	2024-03-26
Sponsorship documents finalized and distributed to all BAC members	Barb Coleman / Heidi Fennell	2024-03-26
Reach out to Portapotty company for possible sponsorship (once documents are complete)	Cal Vandaalen	2024-04-18
Update Ledwidge Lookoff Facebook page with new logo and tag Ledwidge on a post	Heidi Fennell / Barb Coleman	2024-04-18
Recruit for a new Chief Marshall	Barb Coleman	2024-04-18
Drive Ledwidge site and confirm route	Mel Smith / James Partridge	2024-04-18
Forward new template for Supp Regs to Barb	Mal Swann	2024-03-26
Prepare Supp Regs and Safety Plan for Ledwidge	Barb Coleman	2024-04-18
Volunteer initial communication	Cathy Partridge / Heidi Fennell	2024-04-18

## Agenda topics

### Action Item Updates

- Ledwidge Facebook page access is done. Heidi has logo for Ledwidge 2024 and will update the page with it. We should also tag Ledwidge in the next post from that page (Barb to help Heidi with that).
- Rafflebox discussed at last BAC meeting. Barb to set up Rafflebox for a draw on each Rally Date.
- Sponsorship was discussed at last BAC meeting. Heidi has already brought in a new company called CarEVO for \$1000. Sponsorship documents are being updated by Barb to be available to any member who wants to approach someone, with a documented list of companies who are being approached so we don't over-solicit.
- Change of email platform was discussed at the last BAC meeting and may be able to be done without cost to allow shared distribution lists, scheduled emails, and longer meetings. Details to follow.
- Both budgets have been prepared and Ledwidge budget was approved at the last BAC meeting.
- Trailer Registration was delivered to Mel and stickers have been applied to the trailer. Sheri to arrange address change with DMV.
- Ham Clubs, MRTS, and Scoring all have our Rally Dates.
- Spectator document is in progress.
- We have some new volunteers added to our volunteer pool, from the RV show I believe.

### Competitors Discussion

**Decision: Plan to run Ledwidge as a dual event, with both Regional Rally and Rally Sprint components. Ensure we recruit enough volunteers to manage this. If this goes well, we could consider adding a Rally Sprint component to Trout Lake, but for now are planning it as a Regional Rally only.**

#### Discussions:

- James said that CARS license cost is the biggest issue in deciding what type of events to run. There is going to be a small cost reduction in Rally Sprint licensing, but no change in regional Rally licenses. For regional Rallies, you can do a single event licence, but need to go with full annual license for more than one event.
- CARS is going with permanent numbers going forward. We need to encourage all competitors to get registered early. There is a form to fill out on CARS website. This may impact the door cards that we prepare for our rallies.
- Note that Rally Sprint requires less car preparation than Rally and has lower license and entry registration fees.
- Registration (Temporary Permit) is required for Trout, but not for Ledwidge as it is all on private roads. It might be possible to keep off public roads for Trout, but would be challenging, as we would still need to run 10 km of K-Series roads, which technically requires vehicle registration.
- James will do RallySprint this year but not regional.
- Blu has committed to both regionals, but is not interested in RallySprint.
- Jon, Ian and Cal have committed to both regionals.
- Derek needs a co-driver (possibly Wayne Pitts?)
- No news from the PEI team.
- Jim Theriault is planning to have Colin run with Sonya as Rally Sprint at Ledwidge and then run the car in the regional at Trout.
- Doing a dual event (regional and RallySprint) at Ledwidge is doable, but will require more volunteers. Ledwidge overall requires less manpower than Trout Lake. Doing a RallySprint component at Trout Lake could be done, but will be challenging to keep speeds down and get enough volunteers to manage it. There are some areas (gravel pits) where turnarounds could be

- done to bring average speeds down, as required for RallySprint.
- Ian has started a gear library for suits. If any potential new competitors need equipment, please pass Ian's contact along to them.

### Budget and Sponsorship

- Blu has had no reply from Subaru yet regarding 2023 sponsorship money.
- The portapotty company may want to sponsor us. Cal to follow up with them once we get sponsorship package finalized.

### Roads and Areas

- We may have to move the planned spectator section at Ledwidge, but we should try to come up with something we can offer spectators.
- New section doesn't belong to Ledwidge, so additional permissions may be needed if it is suitable for use. Ron MacKenzie may know who owns property in the area.
- Mel and Pidge to get to the Ledwidge site to confirm the route and spectator areas as soon as it dries up.

### Locations, Buildings, Food

- We would like a second BBQ for the Sunday meal.

### Volunteers

- Cathy is putting together an initial communication to our existing volunteer list, with Heidi's assistance as needed.
- We need a new Chief Marshal for event day. Barb is willing to help out on the morning of the event to help organize the volunteers, but we will also recruit for a new Chief Marshal. Barb to reach out to Sharla of the Greenwood Ham club to see if she might be interested.
- The volunteer course put on by Clarke Paynter last year was a big hit, and Clarke has agreed to do that again this year.
- Heidi asked for everyone to share the next Facebook recruitment post for volunteers, and actively ask their followers to share it.
- We will also be doing some Facebook boosting of these posts to gain an audience outside of our current followers.
- Ham radio clubs in both rally areas have our dates and are starting to recruit.

### Registration, Routebook, Admin

- Mal to share the new template for supp regs with Barb.
- Barb needs route details to complete the paperwork for Ledwidge.

### Timing, Scoring, Radios

- CB Radios are available for rally if needed, on loan from Ian. There are 5 hand helds, one in car unit and one base station.

### Safety (Fire/Rescue)

- MRTS has our rally dates.
- Mal says that clarification on tow straps is coming soon from CARS.

### Misc.

- Mal won't be at Ledwidge but will be at Trout.
- A Co-Driver course may be needed if there are lots of new entries. We could ask Clarke to put this on. We also have access and permission to use Chris Pye's material if needed.
- Pidge is getting names for contacts of gravel pits for possible future sites for RallyCross for Barb