



# Confederation of Autosport Car Clubs

# Meeting Minutes



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Type of meeting	CACC Fall General Meeting
Date and time	November 17, 2024 10:00 AM
Attendees	38 in attendance including board members David Bell, Terry Overdiek, Pam Stec, Doug Floer, Jordan Valgardson, Aaron Robins, Mike Bailey, Neil Gustafson, Gary Kwong

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## Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to order 10:04 AM. Quorum required: 35, 38 in attendance.
2. Minutes of previous adopted as published motioned by Aaron Robins, seconded by Norm Shaw, adopted without objection.
3. Executive Steward Report – Ryan O’Connor
  - Ryan – Goals for the year were to minimize aggressive driving, passing under yellow and to update stewarding documentation. The year didn’t have the same level of transgressions as the previous year but violations were dealt with using education strategies with stewards in the paddock discussing issues with drivers. A financial penalty for passing under yellow was established, roughly six were issued, violators were cooperative indicating an improvement in awareness. Revisions to the steward’s training materials were done with further changes coming after completion of the FIA regional Steward’s course. Roughly 12-14 stewards in the program this year with each attending 2-3 events on average. New Steward’s apparel helped with the esprit de corps among the stewards. The year was successful, will continue in the role next year but am seeking feedback from the CACC Executive. Will be working with SCCBC and BCCCC on the condition of the Mission track relating to safety. Will be including training for Clerks of the Course next year.
4. Women in Motorsport Report
  - Courtenay – Initiatives for 2024 included increasing social media presence, post and vlogs, attended Vancouver Auto Show, raffle basket with donation to Mission Hospice, WIM video at Knox with donation, WIM booth at BCHMR, increased presence with Vancouver Island group. Grateful for the donations provided from CACC licensees through motorsportreg.com. Next year will be getting more flags produced for use in pits, pre-grid and registration, hat giveaways, increased social media presence, more recruitment for drivers and volunteers, host social events to increase connection outside of race weekends. Will attend Vancouver Auto Show, expand promotions and take course on social media to improve presence.
5. Discipline Director Reports
  - Autoslalom – Jordan Valgardson:
    - Jordan – OPDA had a full year with 22 events in Vernon and Kelowna, PRMA had 5-6 successful events, VMSC had several events at VIMC and Camosun College. VCMC

had a few events at Mission kart track after Blundell site became unavailable. Events at Mission were cancelled due to borderline safety conditions after rollover incident. OPDA petitioned the City of Merritt with a proposal to host autocross events at Merritt Airport who were amenable. OPDA turned the initiative over to VCMC who stepped up and hosted a successful 2-day event with 55 participants on Saturday and 65 on Sunday which made it viable financially. The City of Merritt was very cooperative in our efforts to host the event, completing repairs to make the site safer. VCMC will be hosting three events at Merritt in 2025. Jordan will return as Autoslalom Discipline Director for 2025.

- Ice Race – Neil Gustafson
  - Report by way of meeting chat: “There were no Ice Racing events at Barnes Lake. Peace River had 2 events at Charlie Lake. PRMA have a new class for Unlimited Studs, they have harder Ice than at Barnes so they can run Bolts.”
  - David – Neil will return as Ice Race Discipline Director for 2025.
- Officials – Mike Bailey
  - Mike – Will be setting up an online storefront in collaboration with SCCBC to sell CACC official’s jackets and shirts. Discipline has set aside funds to offset costs for CACC licensed officials. Tasma Wooton is the new CACC Officials Discipline Director. The Ed Smart Official of the Year has been awarded to Frank Ewald.
- Road Race – Greg Cavourus (absent, no report)
  - David – Greg will continue as Race Discipline Director for 2025.
- Time Attack – Gary Kwong
  - Gary – The Time Attack discipline faced challenges in 2024 with planned events at Mission, VIMC and Area 27 but both VIMC and Area 27 were converted to lapping events due to lack of entrants. In collaboration with SCCBC, a Time Attack was held at the end of the race Saturday which was well received and hope to repeat this as often as possible in 2025. Weekend events are more attractive to participants. Introduced Touge competition in 2024. Did not have a quorum at the TA Discipline Meeting.
- Vintage – Aaron Robins
  - Aaron – Vintage had 45 licensees, many more are still involved. Vintage permitted a single event (BCHMR) with six REVS events held in conjunction with SCCBC race events. Members participated in a number of car shows in 2024 including the Vancouver Auto Show and the All British Field Meet. Vintage is a very social discipline with a number of social events held throughout the year including the recently held banquet. The fall discipline meeting was held in early October with no major changes to budget or rules. I will serve as Vintage Discipline Director in 2025.

#### 6. Smart Legacy Fund Committee Report

- Mike Currie submitted the report provided in full in Appendix A.

#### 7. Reports from Affiliated Clubs

- Knox Mountain Motorsport Club – Report from Frank Ewald
  - 2024 was a very good year for Knox Mountain Hillclimb, plans underway for the 66<sup>th</sup> running at the 2025 event. There were 52 cars in 2024. Only modern Time Attack classes will be run in 2025. There will be a class for legacy cars. KMMS was able to

make substantial donations to various charities. City of Kelowna was pleased with the organization of the event. Thanks to SCCBC for the ongoing support of their safety team and to the CACC.

- Motorsport and Emergency Turnworkers Association – Report from Mike Bailey
  - META has 35 members and supports the SCCBC and VRCBC at their events and hope to continue doing so with the 2025 season. Thanks to the SCCBC and VRCBC for their help in covering our fees for the year.
- Okanagan Precision Driving Association – Report from Steve Gunner
  - Excellent year for OPDA with money in the bank. Participation has increased significantly owing in large part to our Introduction to Autocross course. Our new president is Remi Ouellet. It was a pleasure working with Jordan Valgardson on the Merritt Raceway event. Thanks to the OPDA board for their support.
- Okanagan Valley Japanese Roadster Car Club – Report from Bruce Stevenson
  - We have about 40 members in our Miata club and do casual drives around the Okanagan Valley.
- Peace Region Motorsports Association
  - David Bell – PRMA has been hosting Autoslalom and ice racing events and have done a good job in engaging the community with their involvement in the Winter Carnival.
- Speed-Fanatics Motorsport Club – Report from Gary Kwong
  - SFMC held two driver training sessions in 2024 with 20 graduates with half starting their race careers with CACC. We will be hosting Time Attack training next year to fast-track drivers with previous experience to attend Knox Mountain Hillclimb.
- Sports Car Club of BC – Report from Wynn Hollingshead
  - Thanks to our volunteers for their valuable contributions. Held six CACC races and two driver training events, saving money by using a room at my farm. Had a good number of trainees moving on to novice racing. Thanks to Speed-Fanatics for training drivers which increases the pool of racers in the region. Helped to support the BCHMR and look forward to the 2025 event scheduled for August 16-17. Also hosted an ICSCC conference race but numbers from US were disappointing resulting in a significant loss for the event. As a result of the loss, the SCCBC board has decided to forgo hosting a Conference race for 2025 until a strategy to increase US driver participation has been determined. Co-hosted a Time Attack event with Speed-Fanatics which went well. Thanks to VRCBC for coordinating the appearance of SCCBC cars at the Vancouver Auto Show. The space for 2025 will be about seven times the size as 2024. We're looking at doing additional special races for 2025 including a Legends race and a group or Radicals with the objective to grow the number of participants at our events. Have had discussions with the Mission Soap Box Derby as a way of supporting racing at Mission. City of Mission has decided to eliminate Mission Tourism which has eliminated a channel for supporting racing at Mission.
- VCMC Motorsport Club – Report from Jordan Valgardson
  - VCMC is planning to host three 2025 2-day weekend events at the Merritt Regional Airport. Format has yet to be determined. We will continue to watch for local venues such as Blundell and Pitt Meadows.

- Victoria Motor Sports Club – Report submitted by Cameron Weiss, President
  - Membership Size: 114
  - Summary of Current Year
 

The Victoria Motor Sports Club had a comparatively slow year in 2024, with only six motorsport events - At VIMC we held four autocrosses and one lapping day. We were happy to add Camosun College as a useable site, holding one autocross in October as a test for future slaloms at that location. Membership numbers continue to be consistent, and we welcomed a number of first timers on track to dodge cones. On the social side, there was an informal kart series at Fast Time Grand Prix in Parksville over the summer.
  - Plans for Upcoming Year
 

The coming year looks brighter for the Club, as we look to schedule more events at VIMC. The hunt continues for additional sites suitable for slalom or other events to supplement the calendar, and we hope to collaborate again with our peer clubs to cooperatively host events such as Time Attack.
- Vintage Racing Club of BC – Report from Mike Bailey
  - VRCBC has 86 members. We put on our annual British Columbia Historic Motor Races in August this year with the help and support of SCCBC. Our attendance was better than expected, so we were able to contribute money to our favourite charity, the Mission Hospice. Many of our members also participated on the Vintage grid on SCCBC race weekends, as this is part of our Rivers Edge Vintage Series. We want to thank SCCBC for their support.
 

Thanks to the support of SCCBC we have our 2025 BCHMR race date already, it will be on August 16 & 17, 2025. We will also be encouraging our members to attend SCCBC race weekends where they will collect points toward REVS.

We hope we can continue to support META financially to help them pay their annual fees and insurance.
  - Aaron Robins – The trend of clubs working together to grow the sport has been very encouraging this year.
  - Wynn Hollingshead – SCCBC is in a net loss position for 2024 and encourages everyone to attend race events at MRP to help continue hosting quality events.
  - David Bell – Motorsport participation appears to be down generally.

## 8. Executive Reports

- Secretary – Doug Floer
  - Doug – Nothing to report
- Treasurer – Pam Stec
  - Profit and Loss report presented for discussion. Most disciplines have made money in 2024, all travel funds have been paid out.
- Vice-President – Terry Overdiek
  - Trophies are in for engraving and plaques should be ready in the next few weeks.
- President – David Bell
  - David - Amateur Motorsports doesn't happen without volunteers, so thank you to everyone who donated some time to their club, or to CACC to help make events happen this year. Thank you to everyone who supported our clubs with entries.
 

This has been a challenging year for our clubs, costs have gone up and the entry count

was down for many of our clubs. Hopefully the entry count was an anomaly, but we need to find ways to grow our sport, and work together. OPDA and VCMC worked together to bring a new venue to the Autoslalom community this year at the Merritt airport. SCCBC and Speed-Fanatics are working together to provide some weekend Time Attack events for our Time Attack competitors, and the Time Attack discipline has developed a new event called Touge, thank you to those who were involved in developing the regulations for this new event.

We have already started the process to renew our insurance for 2025, once the rates are finalized we will send out renewal packages to our member clubs. We've already received one enquiry from a new club about affiliating with CACC for the 2025 year. Once your club has affiliated you will be able to apply for your 2025 licences.

Thanks to all our CACC administrative volunteers (Phil Roney (Licensing), Shawn Allen (Novice Administrator), Ryan O'Connor (Executive Steward), Doug Floer (Insurance, Web, IT)).

#### 9. Old Business

- No old business

#### 10. New Business

- Ed Smart Legacy Fund by-law change proposal RCP-2024-2057
  - David Bell – The executive has advanced this proposal to provide increased oversight of the ESLF committee as a result of the large financial loss incurred with the Ross Bentley seminar. The seminar was well received but expenses were difficult to justify and communication between the CACC Executive and the ESLF Committee had broken down.
  - Motion to adopt the proposal as submitted by David Bell, seconded by Doug Floer, carried with 18 in favour, 9 opposed, 10 abstentions.
- Other new business
  - No new business
- Awards

Club of the Year	Okanagan Precision Driving Association
Ed Smart - Official of the Year	Frank Ewald
Charlie Lisson - Volunteer of the Year	Phil Roney
Peter brand - Outstanding Contribution	Brent Martin
Best Appearing Car and Crew	Wynn Hollingshead
Autoslalom Competitor of the Year	Amanda Schuffels
Ice Race Competitor of the Year	Clay Sutherland
Race - Driver's Performance	Dave McKay / Tracey Pearson
Race - Novice of the Year	Eric Dand
Race - Closed Wheel Champion	Burton Reynolds
Race - Open Wheel Champion	James Nadolny
Time Attack Competitor of the Year	Gordon Wong
Vintage Contributor of the Year	Mike Bailey

#### 11. Motion to Adjourn: Doug Floer at 11:39 AM.

## Appendix A – Report of the Ed Smart Legacy Fund Committee

*(N.B. The following report is the opinion of the ESLF Committee as presented by Mike Currie, committee member. The CACC Board wishes to note that it does not agree that these opinions are an accurate representation of facts.)*

As everyone is likely aware, The Ed Smart Legacy Fund Committee organized and held two Ross Bentley Seminars. Both of these were successful for the participants. Unfortunately, the second effort, though a successful seminar, lost over \$5,000. The cost of putting on these types of seminars is very high. Costs of room rentals, equipment, seminar provider, etc. have increased markedly since COVID. We had considered cancelling the second seminar due to low attendance, but we elected to proceed anyway because we had missed the previous year and could effectively divide the overall cost over two years, not one. Additionally, hard costs would have been reduced significantly if Race, Vintage, Time Attack, Ice Race and Auto Slalom and CACC executive had all contributed from their discipline budgets.

I don't have the actual account balances available, nor do I have the actual cost breakdown for the two seminars, but I'm sure the Treasurer does have these figures if needed.

This past spring the CACC Executive informed the ESLF Committee that we would no longer be required. Actually, we were fired! Efforts on the part of committee members to have a dialogue on this subject were to no avail. At one point a committee member was cut off from a Zoom meeting while attempting a dialogue with the Executive. A rather unfortunate way to conduct affairs. It is interesting to note that at no time during the efforts to put on the two Ross Bentley Seminars was the CACC Executive on hand to assist and/or advise. I believe some members of the Executive did participate in the seminars. It seems a little curious that the only time the CACC Executive chose to insert itself into the organizing process was after the fact.

We would like to wish whomever is involved in future Ed Smart Legacy Fund activity the very best of luck.