Canadian Association of Rally Obedience

Board Meeting Minutes for the Month of April 2026

In Attendance:

Chair – Patricia Hunt
Vice Chair – Kate Zinggl
Secretary – Maria Adams
Treasurer – Debby DaCosta
Western Director – Julia Schwark
Ontario Director – Lilian Cook
Quebec and Atlantic Provinces – Saundra Clow
Exec at Large – Jessica Cohen

Absent:

Prairies Director – Vacant

Key Dates:

April 4 – Board meeting via Zoom
April 11 – AGM

Discussion Points:

- Course design template updates discussed, as there are only small changes, a new version will wait for more changes.
- Treasure provided a detailed Financial Update in preparation for the AGM.
- Standing resolutions to be updated as the new database system changes processes.
- Executive at Large presented the AGM slide template.
- Western Director gave a preview of CARO merch.
- Discussed the AGM agenda

Motions:

2026 028 To approve Alexendra's request for $180 to cover travel costs so she can shadow at the nearest in-person Working trial.

2026 029 That the March 2026 minutes be approved and published.

2026 030 That two members who attend the 2026 AGM will each recieve two free VT runs. Members to be selected by a draw.

2026 031 Acceptance of 2025 AGM minutes as posted on website.

2026 032 Adjusting from four (4) regions to five (5) regions. The five new regions would be comprised of approximately 150 members each:
West (British Columbia and Yukon)
Prairies (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northwest Territories and Nunavut)
Ontario West

Ontario East
East (Quebec and Atlantic provinces)

2026 033 Adjusting one of the Treasurer's duties from presenting a financial report at each Board of Directors meeting to "Shall present a financial report quarterly."

2026 034 To grant Lois Hammond and the Newfoundland Athletic Dog Association up to $1000 to cover cooperating judge travel expenses.

2026 035 To add pricing to the "Hosting a Trial" page on the website

2026 036 That Erika Eden be accepted as a Ver/VerEx judge.