Canadian Association of Rally Obedience

Board Meeting Minutes for the Month of June 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

Absent:

Prairies Director – Vacant
Exec at Large – Jessica Cohen

Key Dates:

June 6 – Board meeting via Zoom

Discussion Points:

- Cooperative judge form to be amended to correct typos as well as ensure instructions for cooperative judges are clearly noted on the form.
- Vice Chair presented a Virtual Trial recap; survey to go out to get feedback on how things went from the perspective of other groups.
    - Waiting for course approvers input on tested process (1 approver instead of 2 per course map)
    - Judges chat was more collaborative and active in a positive way
    - CARO social media posts were successful (less follow up with judges on turnaround time, overall respectful community engagement)
- Discussed a competitor's concern about wording on their scoresheet from Spring Virtual Trail.
- Discussed the course approval process as and selection process for new approvers.
- CARO merch store opens July 1.
- Set a timeline for the next virtual trial guide update starting with requesting feedback from members.

Motions:

2026 042 To increase the Scotia Bank etransfer daily limit from $3000 to $6000.

2026 043 That Chantal Rioux be accepted as a V/VE judge.

2026 044 That the May 2026 minutes be approved and published.

2026 045 To update the course design checklist to include "Spiral exists must be 90 degrees from point of entry."

2026 046 To approve the CARO course builder software proposal from Gunther Feldbaumer as written.

2026 047 To allow the change/correction from B Stream to C Stream for this particular Versatility Excellent run, in the database as requested by the judge.