

Delegate Package – CASC Annual General Meeting 2023



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Annual General Meeting 2023

2 PM, November 12th, 2023

Auditorium – 2nd floor

7250 Keele Street

Concord, ON

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Zoom link to register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwrd--vqDgtE9QVYrVCeqbCFr71_-NKPd71

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Agenda

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1. Welcome From the President – Ted Michalos
 - a. Introduction Of Board Members And Attendees
 - b. Appointment Of Secretary Of The Meeting
 - c. Appointment Of Scrutineers
 - d. Announcement Of Other Activities
 - e. Statement Of Quorum
2. Acceptance of Minutes – November 12th, 2022, AGM
3. Year in Review
4. Discussion/Questions Re Directors Reports
5. Other Business
6. Nominating Committee Report
7. Elections
8. Welcome New Board Members
9. Adjourn

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President's Report

Ted Michalos

Vintage Automobile Racing Association of Canada

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you will see from each of the Division Directors' reports, 2023 was a successful year for CASC-OR. The difficulties of winning people back post Covid, as well as rapidly rising costs presented challenges for all our member clubs and event organizers.

For 2024 we expect to see more pricing and cost stability, as well as improved entries.

In 2023, your Board met on a regular basis, and we're pleased to report the organization is financially secure. We will continue to investigate ways to improve our operating efficiency and reduce administrative costs wherever we are able.

I would like to compliment Jennifer Di Francesco as she continues to develop her skills as our Office Administrator.

There are several Board positions up for election this year, including the Vice President, Treasurer, Race Director, Autoslalom Director, and Karting Director. As a volunteer organization, we are dependent on the time and effort that people so generously give to our community. Those serving on the Board do so from a love of motorsport and a desire to contribute to its on-going growth. Would you like to join us?

Thanks to everyone that participated in a CASC-OR member activity in 2023. The competitors certainly, but more importantly the officials and workers that organized all the events that our member clubs hosted.

I encourage as many people as possible to attend the meetings being held November 12 – the Ice Racing Meeting at 9 am, the Race Division Workshop at 11, and of course, the Annual Members' Meeting. At 2 pm. Decisions are made by people that show -up. Help us set the direction for CASC-OR's future.

Ted Michalos, President

(VARAC member)

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Secretary's Report

Scott Ellsworth

British Automobile Racing Club – Ontario Centre

Secretary Report 2023:

The secretary's report is succinct – minutes were taken and distributed.

The only activity completed above and beyond that was the renewal and updating of CASC-OR's Ontario incorporation information as required on an annual basis.

Yours in motorsport,
Scott Ellsworth

Treasurer's Report

Financial Statements will be presented by Anne McCallum, on behalf of the CASC Board of Directors.

Race Director's Report

Ray Arlauskas

British Empire Motor Club

Another exciting season of regional racing in Ontario. The 2023 series consisted of 6 events, 4 at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, and one each at Shannonville and Calabogie.

The average entry in 2023 was 113, up from 101 in 2022. The increase was due in large part to our ability to “sell” extra track time to outside organizations to help cover our costs. In 2023 we had the Superproduction Challenge Series join us at Shannonville, and the FEL Radicals join us at Calabogie. We are waiting to hear if SPC will be joining us in 2024.

2023 saw the introduction of a new run group, Formula Prototype Challenge, specifically for higher speed formula and prototype cars. The group attended 3 events as planned and we added a 4th because track time was available. The group is being run as a hybrid. Rilli Racing is promoting and organizing the off-track experience for the cars in the series, and they are buying blocks of track time from CASC and collecting their own entry fees directly. The group has committed to 4 events in 2024 and we are hopeful that it will continue to grow.

We were fortunate to add Motomaster as a sponsor in 2023. We created a mini-series within the regular series and awarded drivers and officials the status of “Track Master” if they competed at the 3 designated events (one at each of three tracks we ran at). A total of 41 drivers and 8 officials attended all 3 events this year.

Once again Pirelli was the sponsor for GT Sprints. In 2023 the run groups were officially separated into Pirelli Super Touring for GT1-2, and Pirelli Grand Touring for GT 3-4-5. I believe

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the split has improved the number and quality of the entries on each grid, and the racing experience for the drivers involved. 36 drivers registered to participate in the Pirelli Championship Fund, with a total of \$35,000 being awarded.

The schedule has been set for 2024 – 6 events at the three tracks, like the 2023 schedule. On behalf of all the competitors, I would like to thank the officials and other volunteers that make regional racing possible. We hope we you enjoyed the “show” as much as we enjoyed racing.

Ted Michalos, President

Time Attack Director's Report

Kevin Wong

SPDA

Ontario Time Aack (OTA) successfully conducted their 2023 season of six events without issue and continues to optimize their operations to get close to ensuring 3 heats of 3 hot laps per heat during competition portion of the day in the afternoon through effective track releases and spacing. Event attendance averaged around 83% for the year and further improvements to alleviate costs (such as better live gridding communication) are incoming for 2024. Overall customer satisfaction remains high in post event surveys with a vibrant community engagement factor that continues to shape OTA for years to come. OTA should heed this engagement and continue to nurture this to grow the grassroots motorsports community.

OTA has tightened up proactive safety measures with an update of their self-inspection tech sheets and procedures for recognizing attendees for all mandatory meetings. Drivers are well vetted, and no major issues arose from misconduct for the 2023 season.

As a result of good marketing, strong word-of-mouth and sponsor support, OTA is self-sustaining, financially viable and will continue to do so despite the My Laps renewal on the timing transponders coming due in early 2024. Cost creep due to track rental pricing increasing remains the primary threat to event viability.

OTA continues to always search for volunteers to help with the Car Classification Committee (CCC), timing team positions, general workers, and a webmaster. Should you know of any persons willing to help, please contact ontariotimeattack@gmail.com with the subject line of “Volunteering” and a brief message of what roles you are interested in, they can slot you in.

Kevin Wong

CASC-OR Time Attack Director

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AutoSlalom Director's Report

Steven Day

Twin Lakes Motor Club

After the successful transition from a multiple event series to a single weekend in 2022, the 2023 CASC Autoslalom Championship took place on July 15-16th. Hosted by WOSCA at Centralia Airport, the event saw 57 competitors compete in both days of the event and the event was won by Andrew L of Barrie in his ES 2001 Mazda Miata. The club championship was won by TLMC. Each day saw 70+ cars and the course was long, fast, and flowing as it utilized an airport venue. The fastest times being 10 seconds over the 2-minute mark on the Saturday and just under the 2-minute mark when the course was reversed for Sunday.

The event was well run and while there was some rain on Saturday which hurt some of the competitor's afternoon runs, overall, the weather was very good. Several competitors took advantage of the chance to camp at the venue and the socializing went well into the night. Clubs hosting autoslalom events once again agreed to not host any club events on that weekend to encourage their members to attend which was much appreciated. Some of the competitors were new to any regional event and while a few expressed concerns that this is most likely the last CASC regional event no one expressed any interest in taking over as CASC Autoslalom Director.

It remains to be seen if there will be a 2024 CASC Regional Championship because at the moment no one seems ready to take on the Autoslalom Director role. Clubs that host autoslalom events exist in their own ecosystem and what one club does doesn't usually affect the others. As such, autoslalom events will run without an Autoslalom Director in place.

Having said that, the Autoslalom Director plays an important role between CASC and the clubs. Especially since there are clubs need to have a greater focus on safety. There are also challenges from a for-profit autoslalom group. CASC clubs that hosted autoslalom events in 2023 included MCO, MSOC, OMSC, PMSC, St. Lac, TBAC, TLMC, Trillium BMW and WOSCA. The SPDA also hosted its 2023 Advanced Driving Clinic.

The Southern Alberta Solo Sport Club hosted the 2023 Canadian Autoslalom Championship in August at Airdrie Airport, 30 minutes North of Calgary. The championship will move back east for 2024 and early reports are that it may return to Quebec. Ontario last hosted in 2018. I have enjoyed my term and thank the competitors and the clubs for their cooperation and their participation. A special thank you to a close group of competitors who helped me organize the regional events since I took over in 2018.

Steven Day,
CASC Autoslalom Director

Webmaster's Report

Scott Ellsworth

British Automobile Racing Club – Ontario Centre

At this time last year, we were talking about several initiatives.

- License applications would be moving to an online-only model
- Multi-year licenses

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- Digital hard cards to replace physical hard cards

The digital hard card was rolled out successfully in early 2023. License applications were directed to the online members site throughout the year (which is not really a technical challenge, it's an operating policy). The plan to offer multi-year license renewals was shelved for 2023 because it would also require clubs to move to a multi-year membership model and this would have forced change on all the clubs. The main goal of multi-year licensing was to reduce the work of issuing licenses and the implementation of the digital license accomplished much of that reduction.

We continue to address issues as reported (although to be honest we do more work on issues in the off season than through the summer) so if you have written about issues that are yet unsolved don't hesitate to ask again and there will be improvements and evolution of our sites.

We had two significant interruptions in our web services and email during the year which were a result of failures at our hosting provider. Although we operate our own servers on which we store our data and serve the websites, the failure at the hosting provider meant that the servers could not be "found" on the internet and were inaccessible. There was no data lost and eventually everything was restored but it caused considerable work for the divisions in the middle of their seasons.

Our main reason for using a hosting provider currently is to provide email services which we don't have the capacity to host and manage ourselves. Our plan to mitigate this going forward will be to migrate our email to Google Workspace so we have much more robust email services. In doing so we will convert to Google Apps and eliminate the Microsoft 365 licensing we pay for annually. The Microsoft savings will quite possibly offset the cost of migrating to Google.

Yours in motorsport,
Scott Ellsworth
Webmaster CASC-OR

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Appendix A: Statistics

Voting Tallies

On November 10, 2023

	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
BMW Club of Canada - Trillium Chapter	Full	46	3
British Automobile Racing Club	Full	156	14
British Empire Motor Club	Full	82	7
Canadian Race Communications Assoc.	Full	67	5
Canadian Timing Association	Full	12	1
Deutscher Automobile Club	Full	64	5
London Auto Sport Club	Full	7	1
Motorsport Club of Ottawa	Full	146	13
Motorsport Marshalling Services	Full	137	12
Mazda Sportscar Owners Club	Full	5	1
Oshawa Motor Sport Club	Full	64	5
Ottawa Sports Car Club	Full	126	11
Ontario Z Car Owners Association	Full	1	1
Peterborough Motor Sport Club	Full	76	6
Saab Owners Club of Canada	Full	3	1
St. Lawrence Automobile Club	Full	120	11
SPDA-online	Full	119	10
Thunder Bay Autosport Club	Full	0	1
Toronto Autosport Club	Full	113	10
Twin Lakes Motor Club	Full	122	11
Vintage Automobile Racing Assoc. of Canada	Full	257	24
Western Ontario Sports Car Assoc.	Full	68	5
		<u>1791</u>	<u>148</u>