

**Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing Corporation, CVAR**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors (BoD) Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, 17 October 2024**  
**Zoom Call**

1. Attendees:
  - Danny Piott – President
  - John Strnad - Treasurer
  - Steven Schultze - Secretary
  - Steve Coleman - Authenticity
  - David Lee - Board member at large
  - Colby Lemmons – Board member at large
  - Tom O’Grady – Board member at large
2. Call to order: The meeting was opened at 5:31 pm by Danny Piott. Chris Kellner was not present and has assigned Tom O’Grady as his Proxy for voting.
3. Meeting minutes for September 19, 2024 were presented for approval by Steven Schultze. The minutes stand.
4. Steven Schultze proposed CVAR registers as a Foreign Entity nonprofit corporation in Oklahoma, with Greg Reynolds as the Registered Agent, Tom O’Grady seconded, which carried unanimously. Approved. Steven Schultze will take required action.
5. Hallett race recap was discussed. There was one flipped car incident and no injuries. 10 Mini entrants outside of CVAR membership participated. The Velocity Mini event in California had been scheduled at the same time and this caused limited entries. Tom O’Grady shared the Velocity event ended up cancelling their Mini portion of their event for unknown reason. The planned Mini Car Corral had no response. The Race P&L provided shows CVAR lost \$7,286.70 on the event. \$200 of this was due to used tires being left in the paddock – member acknowledged leaving them and will be billed by CVAR. Hallett informed us they will be more forceful with enforcing the content of the contract in the future. Discussed our club’s reputation with tracks based on incidents for the last three events and our need to reiterate this to membership. Discussed the need to assign an individual to stay at the track until closeout to oversee how what the condition of the paddock is and work to inform members to clean up after themselves prior to departure.
6. Discussed sending a letter to SVRA for the Board vote to decline their offer in the September 4, 2024 meeting. The Board will not send a letter and discussed having Tony Parella of SVRA meet with the Board, at this time the Board agreed to have John Strnad, Colby Lemmons, and David Lee meet with SVRA to discuss the SVRA/ECR Vintage race in the spring of 2025 and how CVAR members might benefit from this. There was concern that our appearance of not working with ECR to support spring

2025 SVRA Vintage event could be a potential problem and lead to ECR no longer providing a race weekend with CVAR.

7. Danny Piott provided an update on the club's email response provided to ECR following up on their concerns from the last race. To date they have not had a face-to-face meeting despite Danny reaching out.
8. Sam Huemann provided an email to the Board with a detailed status of CVAR's radios and expressed the need to start planning for a full replacement in the near future (specifics are attached to these minutes). The estimate to replace today is \$30,000 and in four to five years could be \$35,000. The Board agreed there is a need to replace and discussed options to get this completed. There was also discussion on how we plan and budget for all equipment. In the past there were funds being planned for radios but those had to be utilized to offset the losses of the CVAR COTA event. Other known items needed are an iPad for Track Rabbit/event check-in along with a camera for Timing and Scoring. Additionally, the CVAR trailer was discussed and if there is a need to keep it for future use. Suggested methods to fund the radios were through sponsorship and the offset CVAR will be having through the use of Track Rabbit. The discussion was tabled for a future meeting.
9. Steven Schultze presented a new Sponsorship Volunteer position for the club and will send a request to membership for an individual to fill it.
10. Discussed the need for a Marketing Volunteer. John Strnad has an individual he is going to discuss this with.
11. Steven Schultze proposed the Vice President be assigned to oversee non-race operational items for the club such as Sponsorship Volunteer and Track Rabbit, Colby Lemmons seconded, which carried unanimously. Approved. The org chart will require updating.
12. Contracts for 2025 were discussed. NOLA is paid and there is a two-year contract. Houston will be a two-year contract and expected to receive late October or early November. Hallett is a two-year contract and they will send us a contract. ECR has agreed to the 2025 date and no contract to date.
13. Track Rabbit contract options were presented and Steve Coleman motioned CVAR accept the 1% fee contract with Steven Schultze signing the MSA, Steven Schultze seconded, which carried unanimously. Approved. Once the Sponsorship Volunteer is in place CVAR can reengage with Track Rabbit for a new contract.
14. Discussed the potential back-to-back track dates in 2025 for Hallett and Ozarks. At this time there is no room to move our events without another conflict for our

members. RMVR did move one of their events to support our 2025 schedule. The schedule will be placed on the CVAR website.

15. Tom O'Grady stated the nominating committee is now starting the process for the Board election and will follow the process outlined in the Bylaws. The current Board members will be emailed asking for their intentions to run for the Board.
16. Steve Coleman shared the proposed rules change update. The recommendations will come to the Board in approximately 30 days. Once ready the Board will either discuss at the Annual Meeting or in a Special Meeting for all membership.
17. Steven Schultze updated the status on the Steering Committee survey and this should be to the Board in about 10 days.
18. Steve Coleman discussed the championship results are being completed and will be shared soon.
19. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Steven Schultze, Secretary

Sam Heumann email message to Board on October 8, 2024 concerning radios.

\*\*\*\*\*CVAR Radio Summary UPDATE\*\*\*\*\*

## Summary - Oct 2024

### Current Inventory - radios are all VHF analog (8 Separate Cases/Duffel Bags)

23 - CP200 Handheld (non digital capable), purchased 2012

4 - CP200d Handheld (digital capable), purchased 2016

10 - CP200d Handheld (digital capable), purchased 2019

37 Total Handheld Radios

42 - NNTN4497CR/DR batteries (5 spare), purchased at various times, qty and age follows.  
6@13yrs, 22@12yrs, 4@8yrs, 10@5yrs. Replacements are about \$100 each (high side estimate).

1 - CM200d Base Station (digital capable), purchased 2019

1 - Retevis VHF analog repeater (ECR only), purchased 2022

28 - Headsets with noise cancelling mics, various ages - new to 15 years old

(compatible with Motorola 2 pin radios) **All replacement headsets currently being purchased are of the detachable umbilical cable variety. Cables/cable connectors are 80% of our headset issues. The umbilical cable style allows for "cable only" replacement on the spot, rather than sending headsets out for repair.**

A good budget price for replacement headsets is \$300.

### Constraints and Things to Remember (VHF analog)

Hallett currently uses their own analog VHF repeater - our current radios support this - **said differently, new UHF digital radios will NOT work with the existing Hallett VHF analog repeater system.**

ECR events use a CVAR VHF repeater system (antenna, repeater, portable power supply)

**This is no longer an issue with the testing performed with UHF handheld radios at HMRC during the Oct 2024 event.**

### Future with VHF analog

The current CP200 and CP200d radios are no longer in production. There may be some new old stock out there, but the Motorola R2 is the replacement. **Different charger, different battery**, but fully compatible with our current system - \$500 each.

This approach could be taken but keeps CVAR in the VHF realm and currently on channels (at ECR) prone to other itinerant radio traffic. Other frequencies could be licensed (\$500), all radios would have to be programmed (estimated \$250 total, from last time we reprogrammed) and possibly a new repeater (\$400)

### Future with VHF digital

There's a sub-category to this, VHF digital. All but 23 of the 38 radios can be upgraded (additional Motorola license key) for an additional \$100 each, \$1,500. This would also require a new VHF digital repeater, currently \$1,200.

Going this route would make obsolete the 23 analog only radios obsolete as well as require CVAR to something to accommodate Hallett - additional VHF digital repeater and antenna for Hallett or rent Hallett radios (I believe current pricing is \$900/event)

### **Future with UHF digital - Suggested Choice**

**Worst case total \$30K (today's dollars) - estimate a 15% increase in 4 years, about \$35K**

Motorola R2 handheld UHF digital, about \$550 each.....40 radios => \$22,000

Something would have to be done about new multi-port chargers and cases - guessing \$1,500

Radio storage cases can be reused - may need some additional dunnage (foam) - \$150

Spare handheld radio batteries, 5 @ \$100 - \$500

Motorola base UHF digital, CM300d, about \$1000

Base station UHF antenna, \$100

Base station storage/transportation case, about \$300

Radio frequency programming is included with new radios (mimic SCCA frequencies)

FCC license, about \$1000 (worst case)

Headsets - current headsets are compatible with the M1, Motorola style connector

UHF Repeater - if needed

Hallett/ECR will likely not require a repeater, based on UHF digital handheld radio testing. However it may be prudent to budget for one. Same brand, different model for UHF is the Retevis RT97P, about \$1.200 plus new transport case, about \$300.

UHF Repeater Antenna - if needed

ECR antenna - use the SCCA UHF antenna on the existing permanent tower

Hallett will need a new CVAR UHF antenna and feed cable, about \$500 (assumption, Hallett will allow and install the UHF antenna)

Last but not least is what to do with the current radios (handheld and base station), chargers, and also the VHF repeater.....SCCA Time Trials use the same radios and frequencies. They could use some of the handhelds, base station, and chargers (for increased capacity and redundancy). I know of no other group that could use them nor a method to sell them - I'm all ears for suggestions