

**Porsche Club of America
Chicago Region
Board Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2019**

Version: FINAL

Voting Board Members Present (“X”):

X	Neil MacDonald – President	X	Keith Clark - Director
X	Bob Rath – Vice Pres	X	Kurt Konrath – Director
X	Robert Danko –Treasurer	X	Scott McClement - Director
X	Stanley Sangdahl – Secretary	X	John Ruther– Director
X	Chuck LaMantia – Past Pres	X	Steve Kuk – Director

Coordinators Present: (“X”):

X	Henrique Regina – Concours	X	Pete Hackenson – BH / RA DE		Susan Shire – Club Race Reg
X	Alex Block – Concours		Peter Faehnrich – Gingerman		Steve Rashbaum – Rallye
	Buz Browne – AX Tech	X	James Jacisin – Historian		Ann Snyder – Rallye
X	Pete Bukantis – AX Timing	X	Steve Kuk – Social Coordinator		Tom Snyder – Rallye
	Tom Miller – AX School	X	Anna Skura – Rallye	X	Jack Stephensen – Zone 13 rep
	Joe Morsello – AX School	X	Andy Skura – Rallye	X	Adam Kern – AX
	Ross Conforti – RA Reg I-net		Ed Leed – Database Manager.		Carl Walstad – Webmaster
	John Diwik – Driving Tours		Mark Prescott – Membership		John Westra – Social Media
	Jody Freund – RA Tech		George Schaefer III – T&S	X	Toby Duckett – RA Reg.
X	Todd Conforti – Blackhawk		Glenn DeWeirdt – Autobahn		

Members and Guests Present:

Dominique Sangdahl

Secretary's Report: (Stanley Sangdahl)

- Final draft of minutes distributed by email on Sunday, April 28. No changes

Motion to accept the April 3, 2019 BOD Meeting Minutes: Bob Rath

Second: Bob Danko

Motion: Accepted

Treasurer's Report: (Robert Danko)

- Report for April distributed via email
- Noted addition of 2nd page providing year to year comparison
- Overall increase of \$27k in balance over past 12 months
- April net of ~\$8k
 - April income of ~\$22k; Autocross, Scene and Membership
 - April Expenses of ~\$14k; Autocross, Blackhawk and Scene
- New CD for \$100k opened at Chase
- AX Expense: noted that we received no invoice for Boomers last year and have fully paid for this season
- Blackhawk expense: noted that last year we held 3 events at BH and that for this season we have fully paid for 4 events
- Scene expenses have been ~\$14k so far this year as opposed to \$0 last year over same time period

Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Bob Rath

Second: Kurt Konrath

Motion: Accepted

President's Report: (Neil MacDonald)

- This year will be the 60th anniversary of club membership for Bob Gummow. Neil researched membership on the National website and found ~13 to 15 members who have been continuously with the club since 1969. He has sent invitations to these members to attend Potters this year to honor them. So far he has received 3 or 4 replies and expects that 7 or 8 will attend. He has looked at presenting all of these members (13 to 15) with a plaque commemorating their commitment to the club.
- There was discussion about awarding them with a lapel pin or special badge which might provide them with the opportunity to publicly display this honor.
- Neil will look into these alternatives.

Vice President's Report: (Bob Rath)

- Noted that the weather has been very favorable for our first driving events (AX and Blackhawk)

Autocross Report: (Adam Kern)

- AX 1 was great success
- Course for AX 2 is set, Shawn Folkes is the designer. Should be as much fun as the AX 1 course

Timing & Scoring Report: (Pete Bukantis)

- All of the equipment worked well at AX 1
- Will need ~\$200 for 5 months (rest of season) subscription for the mobile cellular network for live timing reports

Move to approve up to \$300: Keith Clark; **Second:** Scott McClement; **Motion:** Passed

Road America Report: (Keith Clark, Chuck LaMantia, Peter Hackenson)

- 94 paid registrants (noted that last year half of the drivers registered after May 1st)
- Will be notifying those that have not paid by May 10th there will be an additional \$50 charge. These people will be given a one week notice before charge is applied
- All preparations with the track are done
- Will be ordering a tent for Tech soon

Blackhawk Farms Report: (Todd Conforti, Peter Hackenson)

- Novice Day went very well, thanks to all the volunteers. Weather was cool, dry and sunny
- 32 novices, 24 instructors and 30 experienced drivers
- Dana Comolli ran the novice classroom instruction, nice job!
- All of the novices did well, no incidents
- Special thanks to Toby, Helga and Carl for their help in registration and on the track
- Projecting a net of ~\$4k
- Proposed a steep discount of 50% for the June event to recognize the 50th year the club has been running at Blackhawk. This will also coincide with the track's 50th year of existence.
- Looking to something special to commemorate this milestone
- This discount will be for registration 3 weeks in advance, must be fully paid, no refunds, 2nd driver full price, PCA members only and no vouchers.
- Will need ~70 cars to break even, can handle ~125 cars for the event. Restricting entry to just the Chicago Region likely would not fill the event.

Move to approve 50%: Bob Rath; **Second:** Stanley Sangdahl; **Motion:** Passed

- Some discussion regarding Dana Comolli's interest in studying the retention rates at the Blackhawk events

GingerMan Report: (~~Peter Faehnrich~~, Kurt Konrath)

- 13 registered to date, some have paid. Highly dependent on hotel availability.
- Unsure of final registration numbers since event is 2 weeks before TRAC

Autobahn DE: (~~Glenn DeWeirdt~~, Chuck LaMantia, John Westra)

- 26 paid registrants, a few not paid. Looking good so far

Chief Driving Instructor's Report: (John Ruther)

- Had more than enough instructors for BH Novice Day. It was a good day for all of the drivers, the students did very well and stayed on the track

Technical Report: (~~Jody Freund~~, Buz Browne)

- No report

Safety Report: (Todd Conforti)

- Blackhawk was safe
- Had one car rejected in Tech, it was a "kit" car. Because it was an open top vehicle it needed hand restraints which it didn't have. Todd followed up with an email explaining the situation but hasn't heard back.
- There were 3 or 4 drivers without a required HANS device. These drivers were unaware of the new rule. Tech sheet being edited for clarity.
- John Ruther related that the FIA will be no longer allowing 5 point harnesses soon due to increased chest loads found during testing when compared to the 6 point harness.

Insurance Report: (Keith Clark)

- Should be good for all upcoming events
- Stressed the need for waiver reports
- There was discussion reminding everyone about the post event report and observer's report required to be completed online on the National website within 5 and 10 days respectively
- Jack Stephensen has cards to hand out as reminders for the observer's report

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report: (Chuck LaMantia)

- Steve Kuk is working with Marco at Barrington Porsche re: Ice Cream Social. There will be no coffee social at Barrington this season

Concours Report: (Henrique Regina, Alex Block)

- Judges school had 30 registered with 26 eventually attending. There were 3 Milwaukee Region members in attendance. A lot of first time participants.
- Cost for event trophies this season will be \$1,361 which will provide double the number of awards as compared to last year.

Move to approve: Bob Rath; **Second:** Keith Clark; **Motion:** Passed

Rallye Report: (Anna & Andy Skura)

- All set for the Rallye School this weekend, 18 teams are signed up plus a few singles
- Tried to contact BMW club for new liason, no response. The BMW club does have the school up on their FaceBook page
- Rallye 1 is all set, there are 12 teams registered
- It was noted that this is the 50th year for Rallye having year end awards presented. Looking to promote awareness of this milestone during the upcoming season.
- Will have invoice for awards soon

Touring Report: (~~John Diwik~~)

- No Report

Social Report: (Steve Kuk)

- Recent Porsches & Pastries at Labriola had ~50 attendees, half inside, half outside. Weather was very unfavorable
- Chrome & Coffee event at Irongate has 45 registered (May 11th)
- The Cougars game following Irongate has 20 registered. Needs to have 35 to break even. Will promote this event at the Rallye School
- Porsches & Pastries #2 (May 18th) at Three Tarts Bakery & Café in Northfield is being arranged. Had some difficulties with the owner of the mall in understanding the event.
- Homewood Artisan Street Fair (June 8th) has a few registrations. It is also being advertized by the Michiana Region. There will be no cost to the club for this event.
- Searching for a location for the third Porsches & Pastries (June 29th), looking in the Schaumburg area. It was suggested that the Arboretum in South Barrington might be a good location. It is close to main highways and we have been there in the past.
- Bob Rath suggested a garage tour might be a good social event.
- Discussion ensued regarding a single day meet-up. A location located within a 2 hour drive would be selected and anyone wanting to attend would just find their own way there. Galena or Lake Geneva were suggested as possible locations. This would be run like an impromptu social event.
- The event at Farnsworth House (August 11th) is still being planned. This event will run concurrently with Concours #3. It was suggested to have a later start (noon?) for the Concours so that participants could join the private house tours occurring between 4 and 6 pm after the judging. There might also be the potential to have the winning cars photographed in front of Farnsworth House.
- There was much discussion about whether to arrange a lunch at a local establishment. It was felt that this would be problematic due to costs and would make it a long day for the non-concours participants. It was ultimately decided that the suggestion would be for everyone to make their own plans for dinner afterward. Steve will investigate supplying a boxed lunch for the Concours participants.
- The cost for the club exclusive tour of the house would be \$800 which gives people the ability to tour the house between 4 and 6 pm privately or join the public tours between 2 and 4 pm.
Move to approve \$800: Bob Rath; **Second:** Bob Danko; **Motion:** Passed
- The Glendale Octoberfest is still in the planning stages

Dinner Dance: (Neil MacDonald)

- No Report

Membership: (Mark Prescott)

- Membership report sent out via email prior to the meeting. Showed a one month increase of 6 primary members and a loss of 7 family/affiliate members. There was a 12 month increase of 64 members overall.

The Scene Report: (Neil MacDonald)

- PDF version of the May Scene is available
- Design costs for the issue have already been paid, printing costs will show up next month
- Revenue from advertizing invoices for the month have been posted
- Has fielded requests for additional advertizing including National which has selected the Chicago Region as one of their test sites for the pay-per-mile insurance program.
- Submitted to National for the regional newsletter competition
- National provided some great screen shots from the PCA iRacing for the recent Scene article

Webmaster's Report: (Carl Walstad)

- No Report

Zone 13 Rep Report: (Jack Stephensen)

- National is rolling out a new phone App that allows the checking of membership status at an event. The App will also allow for the collection of membership application data for potential new members.
- New National policy is that new Regions should incorporate as a 501c7 non-profit Social Club as opposed to a 501c4 Social Welfare Organization. Existing Regions should continue operating under their current tax status. Changing from a 501c4 could cause a loss of current assets since the money can only be transferred to another 501c4
- Parade in Boca Raton, registration is still open, hotel rooms are still available. The location is very nice.
- Noted that AX 1 was run safely, reminded that a safety chair needs to be appointed for every AX event
- Jack had a chance to test the new Rallye App that is being developed. The route instructions are displayed via the App and checkpoint times are automatically generated using GPS. Scoring is real time. Very promising.

Historian Report: (Jim Jacisin)

- No Report

Social Media Report: (John Westra) Adam Kern

- Irongate event has generated unusual interest which on the face of it suggests unrealistic attendance numbers
- The Homewood event is getting a lot of attention

Old Business:

- Prior to the meeting the current reimbursement policy was circulated for review and guidance. It was noted that the maximum lodging per diem had not been updated. At the end of last year Keith Clark surveyed the lodging costs for the various venues and it was determined that the maximum allowable reimbursement for lodging should be increased from \$175 to \$300 per night. Any reimbursement request must have a receipt which will govern the amount of the reimbursement up to the maximum allowable.

Move to approve increase: Keith Clark; **Second:** Stanley Sangdahl; **Motion:** Passed

- Steve Kuk inquired about a mileage reimbursement for the Social Chair when they must travel to evaluate potential venues for Socials. It was decided to table this decision until a later date.

New Business:

- None

Next Meeting:

Wednesday June 5, 2019 7:30 PM
White Eagle Banquet Hall
6939 N. Milwaukee
Niles, IL

Adjournment: 9:13 PM

Motion: Keith Clark
Second: Scott McClement
Motion: Passed