

**Porsche Club of America  
Chicago Region  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 5, 2019 @ 7:31 pm**

**Version: FINAL**

**Voting Board Members Present (“X”):**

X	Neil MacDonald – President		Keith Clark - Director
X	Bob Rath – Vice Pres	X	Kurt Konrath – Director
X	Robert Danko –Treasurer	X	Scott McClement - Director
X	Stanley Sangdahl – Secretary		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	Carl Walstad – Webmaster
	Buz Browne – AX Tech	X	James Jacisin – Historian	John Westra – Social Media
	Pete Bukantis – AX Timing	X	Steve Kuk – Social Coordinator	Toby Duckett – RA Reg.
	Tom Miller – AX School	X	Anna Skura – Rallye	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.	
	John Diwik – Driving Tours	X	Mark Prescott – Membership	
	Jody Freund – RA Tech		Glenn DeWeirdt – Autobahn	
X	Todd Conforti – Blackhawk			

**Members and Guests Present:**

Nicki Sangdahl

### **Secretary's Report: (Stanley Sangdahl)**

- Draft of May meeting minutes sent out shortly after the meeting. One minor change regarding edit to the DE Tech sheet. Positive comments
- Final sent out on Monday

Motion to accept the May 1, 2019 BOD Meeting Minutes: Chuck LaMantia

Second: Bob Danko

Motion: Passed

### **Treasurer's Report: (Robert Danko)**

- There was a lot of activity in May
- Net of \$73k for the month
- Major income sources were: BH, RADE and PCA rebate
- Major expenses were: Dinner Dance 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit, RADE (corner workers) and Scene
- YTD is \$20k unfavorable compared 2018 for various reasons:
  - 2018 Spring driving tour income
  - Venue rental for 2018 AX at Boomers not billed (or paid)
  - 2019 Dinner Deposit, none in 2018
  - Full ACC payment for 2019
- Believes we will break even for RADE

Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Bob Rath

Second: Scott McClement

Motion: Passed

### **President's Report: (Neil MacDonald)**

- Provided summary of recent telephone conference call involving the large Regions and that this may be a good forum for discussion of the HANS device issue brought up during the Safety report
- Has 13 members who have been with the Region for 50 or more years (Bob Gummow is at 60 years) indicate they will be attending Potters Picnic this year. Looked at various options for presenting them an award recognizing their dedication. Settled on etched glass trophies, cost will be \$507 w/ tax.

**Motion for trophie expense:** Stanley Sangdahl; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kurt Konrath; **PASSED**

### **Vice President's Report: (Bob Rath)**

No Report

### **Autocross Report: (Adam Kern)**

- AX 2 was a sell out, only 5 cars in X class (non-Porsche). Shawn Folkes provided a course that was enjoyed by everyone.
- AX 3 (July 20) is already one-third full. Pete will not be attending so arrangements will be made for picking up the timing equipment
- Mentioned that we are finishing too early and need to increase the number of runs in the morning sessions

### **Timing & Scoring Report: (~~Pete Bukantis~~)**

No Report

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

- Final numbers for RADE not ready yet
- Not many shirts left over, only 6
- Friday was bad weather but rest of weekend was fine
- No serious incidents
- Worked the grid checking safety. One driver did not have the required HANS device and was not aware of the rule. This prompted a discussion regarding the requirement as in some situations there could be a downgrade of safety when an instructor and a student share the instructors car but the student does not have a HANS device forcing the instructor to forego the use of theirs as the requirement is for both people to have the same protection. Chuck will be addressing the issue with a letter to National.
- Suggested solutions to the problem were renting HANS devices or Northstar having devices for sale at the venue
- The Charity was represented at RADE. They expressed an interest in volunteering at TRAC. Collections totaled \$1,150

### **Blackhawk Farms Report: (Todd Conforti, Peter Hackenson)**

- June event to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> year of being at Blackhawk has 101 drivers registered. There is room for 10 or 12 more. Considering that lunch, dinner and beverages are provided along with a shirt makes this event a great bargain.
- Might need to split out White into two groups combining one with the Black group.
- Working with the Exchange for a shirt with a 50<sup>th</sup> motif

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

- 23 paid to date

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

- 38 paid, 3 more are registered but not paid yet

**Chief Driving Instructor's Report: (~~John Ruther~~) Neil MacDonald reporting**

- RADE went well, plenty of instructors. No incidents involving Novices
- BH has instructors for next event

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

No Report

**Safety Report: (Todd Conforti)**

- There were 2 minor incidents at RADE, one involved a GT2 RS in turn 13 and the other involved a Turbo in turn 5 which had minor contact with the wall after going off track
- The loaner helmets that Tech has are getting too old (and unpleasant). This is not an issue at BH as the track has helmets for rent. We should seek donations of helmets when members upgrade to the newer helmet in 2020. Questions regarding potential liability were expressed.
- While on the subject of helmets it was brought up that the loaner helmets used at the AX events are getting old (and unpleasant). Not thought to be much of an issue as motorcycle helmets are acceptable.
- It was brought up that there were two off track incidents involving tents/canopies that were blown into parked cars by the wind due to being unanchored. While there were numerous PA announcements about the wind, apparently some did not heed them.

**Insurance Report: (~~Keith Clark~~)**

No Report

**Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report: (Chuck LaMantia)**

No Report

**Concours Report: (Henrique Regina, Alex Block)**

- Everything is all set for the 1<sup>st</sup> Concours at the Bolingbrook Promenade. Fifteen have registered on Clubregistration
- Trophies and giveaways have been ordered
- The schedule for the Farnsworth House event has been finalized. It is up on Clubregistration now.
- Steve Kuk is still working on the arrangements for photographs of the winners in front of Farnsworth House. Would also like to include other attendees with an eye toward charity donations.
- Working on flyer for Glendale Heights event
- Potters will be run the same as last year, some people have already signed up

### **Rallye Report: (Anna & Andy Skura)**

- Had 25 rallye teams at the school, many were new to rallying. Tom and Ann Snyder taught the class
- Got word after the event that one of the attendees put their feet up on one of the cars at Perfect Power during the class, will need to be more vigilant next year
- Had 17 teams participate in Rallye 1, four were Novices. Weather was looking iffy but it turned out to be a beautiful day
- Rallye 2 (June 23) has 13 teams signed up already
- Ron and Martha are working on Rallye 3
- Invoice for awards is coming (~\$1,200). Some of the first shipment were damaged and vendor is replacing
- Question about year end points for Rallye was brought up regarding the requirement for driving a Porsche being needed to qualify for points. *(further review of the guidelines found that while a Porsche must be used when driving a Rallye, it does not need to be the same Porsche driven at other events)*

### **Touring Report: (John Diwik)**

No Report

### **Social Report: (Steve Kuk)**

- The Homewood event has 50 people signed up. Was hoping the Michiana Region would participate but has not heard back from them
- Still working on the ice cream social
- Working on the Farnsworth House event. Maximum is 75 people but is hoping to be able to push that to 100 as this should be a popular event. Will need 60 people (not including Concours participants) to break even. A detailed email was sent out prior to the meeting.
- Still working on the details for the photography in front of Farnsworth House. Would not work out if weather is bad leading up to and including the day of the event. Concours winners and charity donors would get their car photographed in an assembly line type procedure.
- The DJ has been arranged for Potters, will be playing from 1:00 to 5:00
- The rental cost for the tent, table, chairs, etc will be \$2,205. Will need a \$675 deposit.  
**Motion for rental expense:** Chuck LaMantia; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Danko; **PASSED**
- Would like to keep current venue for the General Membership Meeting next January (The Onion) the same. Bob Rath to start making arrangements

### **Dinner Dance: (Neil MacDonald)**

- Working with Dennis Costis on pulling together the numbers as per awards, raffle items, etc

### **Membership: (Mark Prescott)**

- Issued report earlier. Membership numbers are at an all time high
- Was contacted by Lincoln Commons (high end residences) in Chicago. They will be presenting an outdoor movie activity showing the movie "Sixteen Candles". They would like to have a 1983 red Posche 944 to display and were asking if any of our members have such a car. There are two members in Chicago that Mark will contact and let them know of the request.

### **The Scene Report: (Neil MacDonald)**

- The publication is \$13k up on income YOY and \$18k down in expenses for same period. This is consistent with the other large Regions that publish a printed magazine.
- Has many good photo candidates for covers
- Noted that some of the submitted articles are quite lengthy and need extensive editing to get to size.

### **Webmaster's Report: (~~Carl Walstad~~)**

- Web site is up and running

### **Zone 13 Rep Report: (~~Jack Stephensen~~)**

- Jack is looking for volunteers to help at PorschePlatz at Road America

### **Historian Report: (Jim Jacisin)**

- Storage locker lease was up for renewal so James renewed for another 3 years. Cost was \$5,395.60  
**Motion for storage locker expense:** Bob Rath; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stanley Sangdahl; **PASSED**
- Material in locker is in good condition, copies of the Scene are kept there. The material in the locker is in need of purging of old tax returns, etc. It was suggested that much of the material could be scanned and stored electronically, would need to be sure of future readability.
- It was suggested that some of the old material could be compiled into a movie to be shown at the Dinner Dance, James will follow up on this.

### **Social Media Report: (~~John Westra~~) *Reported by Adam Kern***

- Passed 1,700 followers

**Old Business:**

- Discussion regarding a mileage reimbursement for the Social Chair were table for a later date. It was suggested that a committee (Chuck, Bob, Stanley and Neil) be formed to explore the issue

**New Business:**

None

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday July 10, 2019 7:30 PM

White Eagle Banquet Hall

6939 N. Milwaukee

Niles, IL

**Adjournment: 8:39 PM**

Motion: Bob Danko

Second: Chuck LaMantia

Motion: Passed