

**Porsche Club of America
Chicago Region
Board Meeting Minutes
July 10, 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		Scott McClement - Director
X	Stanley Sangdahl – Secretary		John Ruther– Director
	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	X	Peter Faehnrich – Gingerman		Carl Walstad – Webmaster
	Buz Browne – AX Tech		James Jacisin – Historian		John Westra – Social Media
X	Pete Bukantis – AX Timing	X	Steve Kuk – Social Coordinator		Toby Duckett – RA Reg.
	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.		
	John Diwik – Driving Tours	X	Mark Prescott – Membership		
	Jody Freund – RA Tech		Glenn DeWeirdt – Autobahn		
X	Todd Conforti – Blackhawk				

Members and Guests Present:

Secretary's Report: (Stanley Sangdahl)

- Final version of June 5, 2019 meeting sent on Sunday, no changes or additions were requested.

Motion to accept the June 5, 2019 BOD Meeting Minutes: Bob Danko

Second: Kurt Konrath

Motion: PASSED

Treasurer's Report: (Robert Danko)

- Total assets up from June 2018 but decrease from last month
- No significant activity.
- Top income from Blackhawk #2, Rallye #2, Concours #1 and Charity
- Major expenses were TRAC (final payment), Storage (3 years), RADE shirts, Scene and Blackhawk 2
- Major difference from last year is that full season payments have been made already for Road America, Blackhawk, Autobahn. Rest of year should have few major expenses.
- AX is negative but by this time last year there had been 4 AX events with income. Also no payment for Boomers for Autocross in 2018.
- Blackhawk is up with having had one additional event.
- Last year the 1st issue of the Scene was published in July, have already had 4 issues this year
- Rallye is up as is Potters which is due to timing, expecting more expenses
- Membership income is up \$6k

Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Bob Rath

Second: Kurt Konrath

Motion: PASSED

President's Report: (Neil MacDonald)

No Report

Vice President's Report: (Bob Rath)

- Thanks to all the Blackhawk crew for a well run event

Autocross Report: (Adam Kern)

- AX 3 is ready to go, 20 spots left
- Trying to plan transport of equipment for the Tire Rack event August 24th
- Question about size of X-Class, very few, events filling up with Porsches

Timing & Scoring Report: (Pete Bukantis)

No Report

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

- All set for TRAC
- TRAC DE has 25 registered, only 5 from the Chicago Region. Many are coming with Club Racers for car transport.
- Kurt Konrath inquired as to the schedule for DE.
 - Fri – 5 sessions; Sat – 4 sessions; Sun – 3 sessions; single run group for all sessions
- Discussion had about DE events being down nationwide. Some conjecture that vehicles are getting more expensive, regular attendees are getting older and younger people have less interest. Some Regions are doing away with DE and just hosting Club Race(s), replacing volunteers with paid workers

Blackhawk Farms Report: (Todd Conforti, Peter Hackenson)

- Half price event worked well, attendance was full at 122 participants. Projecting to make more money than last year.
- Weather at event was excellent
- Shirts were donated by the Exchange
- Next event is before a SCCA event so we are seeing some SCCA participants registering to get more practice

GingerMan Report: (Peter Faehnrich, Kurt Konrath)

- Registration is at 36 with 5 weeks remaining. Believes this is better than last year.

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

- Event is sold out. Weather looks to be very favorable
- Bob Danko indicated he has sent the check for insurance to PCA National

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

- Had enough instructors for drivers needing instruction at Blackhawk
- Even though the run groups were large there were no issues

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

No Report

Safety Report: (Todd Conforti)

- No incidents at Blackhawk
- The question about replacing the loaner helmets was raised again. Noted that some tracks have rentals available. Also concerned with loaners for Autocross.

Insurance Report: (Keith Clark)

- All current events are insured

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report: (~~Chuck LaMantia~~) Neil MacDonald

- It was noted that smaller regions can get significant dealer involvement in events as there is usually only a single dealer in the region and no competition. The Chicago Region has a number of very strong dealerships so significant involvement doesn't make business sense due to the competition

Concours Report: (Henrique Regina, Alex Block)

- The Bolingbrook event went very well. 23 cars judged, 4 in corral with many more in the parking lot. Good attendance.
- Comments made about some of the excellent cars such as the green GT2 RS and the Red Macan which both placed 1st in class
- Trend for Concours is positive
- Noted that pre-registration is not mandatory except for the Farnsworth House event which already has a number of registrants
- Purchased the rest of the prizes/giveaways for the season

Rallye Report: (Anna & Andy Skura)

- Rallye #2 is in the books. Had 28 cars start with 25 finishing. This was a very large attendance for a rallye.
- There were 5 novices. Touring instructions were given to teams which had not attended the school.
- At the end of the Rallye it was discovered that one of the teams had a minor child without the proper waiver. Stressed the need for more diligence.
- There were 2 teams with 3 adults in the vehicle. Since these teams used the touring instructions and were not eligible for awards this was deemed okay especially as they apparently enjoyed the experience
- Rallye #3 is ready.
- Rallye #4 is still under construction.
- Invoice for the etched glasses totaled \$900. Because of an error by the supplier there are a number of surplus glasses with a slight defect. Discussion was had about auctioning these off for the charity at future events
- There was discussion about the Rallye App being developed. At this time an Android device is required to set up the rallye route but either iPhone or Android can be used to run the participant app. Several non-rallye members are very interested in this.

Touring Report: (John Diwik)

No Report

Social Report: (Steve Kuk)

- Homewood event was well attended and enjoyable
- Porsches & Pastries at LaBriola had a good turn out
- Potters Picnic and Concours:
 - Neil MacDonald reported that he expects 13 members who have been with the Club since 1969 to attend. Bob Gummow has been with the Club since 1959. These members will get a special award recognizing their standing in the Club. Neil believes the occasion may get coverage in the Panorama magazine.
 - Need to get word out in a email blast asking attendees to remember to wear their name tags and to bring a side dish or desert to share.
 - DJ has asked for suggestions. Steve has already asked for Woodstock era music to commemorate the 50th anniversary.
 - Volunteers from last year have stepped up to cover the welcome table this year.
 - There was much discussion on prizes for the raffle. The charity representatives will be bringing an item for the raffle. It was suggested to keep the number of prizes down so that the awarding doesn't go on forever. Potential prizes included certificates for Dr. Colorchip (from Concours), event passes (Rallye, AX, Concours), Dinner Dance passes or PCA wine.
- Farnsworth House Social and Concours:
 - Event is up on Clubregistration
 - Lots of interest, especially in the lottery for photos in front of the house (weather permitting). Winners will be selected at the Ice Cream Social Aug 3rd. Lottery winners will pay \$50 for the photo op.
 - Best of Show from the Concours will also have the opportunity for a photo in front of the house

Dinner Dance: (Neil MacDonald)

- Dennis Costis will be making a presentation at the next Board Meeting regarding the planning for the Dinner Dance

Membership: (Mark Prescott)

- Report sent out. There are now 2,146 primary members in the Chicago Region which is the highest there has ever been

The Scene Report: (Neil MacDonald)

- July issue marks a full year of bi-monthly publication
- Expense to income ratio is running at approximately 2 to 1 which was expected
- Number of pages has increased due to increase in advertisements
- 4 month block for ad sales is incompatible with the bi-monthly format. Considering selling full year blocks
- Looking to get Rolex advertising by involving a local jeweler (if anyone has contacts?)

Webmaster's Report: (~~Carl Walstad~~) Neil MacDonald

- Website up, good response time for postings

Zone 13 Rep Report: (Jack Stephensen)

- Parade is coming up, 18 Chicago Region members are attending out of the 34 total from the Zone
- Only 84 Parade attendees have signed up for the Rallye which is less than usual
- Porsche Platz will be at Road America on August 3rd & 4th
 - All of the volunteers from last year will be showing up
 - Recommends people consider attending to visit the Porsche tent at the turn 5 exit
 - Porsche parking is at the end of the front straight

Historian Report: (~~Jim Jacisin~~)

No Report

Social Media Report: (~~John Westra~~) Adam Kern

- Currently the Club has 1,800 followers on Facebook. This compares to 1,900 for Los Angeles, 2,000 for San Diego and >3k for the Lone Star Region

Old Business:

- Mileage reimbursement for Social Coordinator
 - A committee of Chuck LaMantia, Bob Rath and Stanley Sangdahl met and created a policy for reimbursing the Social Coordinator for the mileage driven when evaluating potential new venues for social events. The policy as presented was reviewed and it was suggested to eliminate the reference to reimbursement based on the cost of gas on all three of the activities that offer a mileage reimbursement (Rallye, Tours and Social)
- **Motion to approve:** Bob Rath; **2nd:** Bob Danko; **Motion:** Passed

New Business:

- Bob Danko requested approval for \$3k to be paid to our accountant for completing the 2018 tax return for the club.
- **Motion to approve expenditure:** Stanley Sangdahl; **2nd:** Bob Rath; **Motion:** Passed

Next Meeting:

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

Adjournment: 8:45 PM

Motion: Keith Clark
Second: Bob Rath
Motion: Passed