

**Porsche Club of America  
Chicago Region  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 7, 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		Carl Walstad – Webmaster
	Buz Browne – AX Tech		James Jacisin – Historian		John Westra – Social Media
	Pete Bukantis – AX Timing	X	Steve Kuk – Social Coordinator	X	Toby Duckett – RA Reg.
	Tom Miller – AX School		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:**

- Nicki Sangdahl
- Julie Haas
- Tony Kufos (briefly)

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

- Final version of minutes sent out last week. Bob Rath noted that Blackhawk had been erroneously split into two words. That was the only correction noted.

Motion to accept the July 10, 2019 BOD Meeting Minutes: Bob Danko

Second: Keith Clark

Motion: Passed

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

- Report sent out via email. As year progresses the details are accumulating
- Total assets are approximately the same as last year on this date
  - July is ~\$3k loss with YTD at ~\$117k loss
  - Large expense items were: final RADE expenses (ambulance, security, golf carts); Presstech (Scene); Accountant's fees; Autobahn catering; Pittsburgh driving tour
  - Large income items were: BH #3; Pittsburgh driving tour; Autobahn; AX
- YOY variances are mainly due to timing of expenses
  - BH is up due to extra event
  - The Exchange has provided two paid sponsorships
  - TRAC saw a track rental increase
  - No venue rental paid for AX in 2018
  - The Scene has three invoices to be paid, increase in number of issues. Neil offered that continued operation of the Scene will have an expected expense to income ratio of 2 to 1
  - Also paid for three years of storage for Club documents and historical items
- Invoices have been sent to the Exchange and Midwest Performance for TRAC sponsorship. Chuck has received the payment from Midwest.
- A question was raised regarding the expense item for shredding of documents. It was explained that this was done in order to safeguard the personal information on current and past membership directories/calendars that had not been distributed.

Motion to approve July 2019 Treasurer's report: Bob Rath

Second: Kurt Konrath

Motion: Passed

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

- The nominating committee has been selected and will be comprised of the following members:
  - Neil MacDonald (Chairperson)
  - Dennis Costis
  - Steve Kuk
  - Scott McClement
  - John Ruther
- The committee will accept nominations and make recommendations to fill the positions for the four officer and three director positions which will be open for election to the board.

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

- Bob introduced Julie Haas who is interested in becoming actively involved with the Chicago Region. She is an automotive enthusiast with past and current membership in several car clubs. She currently owns a 2001 996. She has 35 years of financial experience with Merrill-Lynch and has served in officer positions including treasurer for several non-profit organizations.
- Attended Parade in Boca Raton. Got many good comments on the Scene with some suggestions on improvement to push the publication into the top three nationally.

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

- Tire Rack is next event. Haven't been to venue in 2 years. Currently there are ~20 registrants. Everyone is ferrying equipment to South Bend in their AX vehicles.

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

No Report

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

- TRAC
  - DE: 59-60 registered leaving 5 spots open. Should sell out. There will be just one run group.
  - CR: very strong registration with three weeks left to go. 126 Test & Tune, 175 Sprint and 170 Enduro
- The Exchange is a new sponsor this year
- There are a couple of vendors paying \$1k to set up in a vendor area
- Batteries for the radios are no longer holding charge and need to be replaced. Should cost ~\$4k (not to exceed \$4.5k) to replace:  
**Motion:** Bob Rath; **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stanley Sangdahl; **PASSED**

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

- BH #3 was July 26<sup>th</sup>, had 70 cars. Saw a number of SCCA cars present preparing for the event on the following day. Good mixture of vehicles. No issues. Thanks to all the volunteers that made the event happen.
- Overall BH is up about \$10k this year thanks to the extra event. Collected about \$600 for charity
- Octoberfest is all set. Block of rooms reserved, catering arranged. Will be giving \$50 off for early registration as a way to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the track.
- Will need \$2,200 payment for the BBQ at Octoberfest:  
**Motion:** Keith Clark; **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Bob Rath; **PASSED**

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

- Currently there are 65 paid registrants with 5 more that have not paid. Expecting that there will be walk-ons showing up on the day(s) of the event
- Kurt and Peter will be stepping away from chairing the event next year. Kurt believes that Glenn DeWeirdt has an interest in taking over. Glenn will be assisting this year to gain experience. Suggests that a co-chairperson be added, possibly John Westra?

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

- Event went well. Weather was excellent. No incidents.

### **Chief Driving Instructor's Report: (John Ruther)**

- Had 8-10 novices at BH #3. Plenty of instructors to help. The classroom went very well with a large attendance.

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

- Keith reported that Jody will not be present at TRAC for the Monday enduro events. Arrangements will need to be made regarding the scales.

### **Safety Report: (Todd Conforti)**

No Report

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

No Report

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

- Potential new sponsorship with Porsche Insurance

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

- Concours #3 at the Farnsworth social is all set. Currently there are 20 pre-registered
- Wants to purchase 50 duffel bags with logo to round out the giveaways to concours participants at a total cost of \$634;

**Motion:** Bob Danko; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stanley Sangdahl; **PASSED**

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

- Rallye #3 had 17 start with 16 teams finishing. All Porsches. Thanks to the Rallye Masters, Ron and Martha
- The September 8<sup>th</sup> Rallye is ready to go. Jack Franks and Megan Nogasky are the Rallye Masters
- Susan Shire and Steve Rashbaum are still working on Rallye #5 which may be venturing up into Wisconsin
- The search has started for the 2020 Rallye Masters

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

- The Pittsburgh tour to the vintage race went very well. A total of 65 members with Porsches participated. The planned meals were wonderful and the races well enjoyed. There were a couple of minor mechanical issues. No accidents or law enforcement interaction to report. A profit of \$650 was realized for the event.
- The fall driving tour to LaCrosse has 120 members with reservations at the Fairfield Inn. The event should be available for registration at ClubReg soon. Has planned for a break even attendance of 110 participants.
- There are several expenses for the fall tour totaling \$8,755 (all of which should be recouped) some will need to be paid up front:  
**Motion:** Keith Clark; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kurt Konrath; **PASSED**

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

- Potters Picnic was a great success. Steve is currently writing an article for the Scene and needs the names of people who should be thanked for their help during the event.
- There was discussion regarding the management of this event in the future. It was suggested that a chairperson position be created similar to the Dinner Dance with a committee that would undertake the administration of Potters Picnic.
- The Ice Cream Social at Superdawg was attended by 120 people with 70 Porsches. There were a multiple non-members exploring what the Club is all about and considering joining.
- Farnsworth
  - Currently there are 110 total registered
  - The photo session in front of the house has 25 interested participants at \$50 per
  - Bob Danko reviewed the contract and found that we are paying \$10 per person rather than the \$15 originally thought. This will provide a good cushion for the event.
  - The private tour will be from 4:00 to 6:00
  - Adam Kern reported that Farnsworth House has shared the event on their FaceBook page
  - Our charity, SparkShop, will be there to help with the photo session and raffle
  - There was discussion about compensating Jeff Brown for photographing the event. It was agreed that besides free entry to the event and reimbursement of any out of pocket expenses, a voucher could be given as appreciation.
- The Randhurst Porsches & Pastries is coming along

### **Dinner Dance: (~~Dennis Costis~~) reported by Neil MacDonald**

- Ticket cost is expected to be \$100. Pre-dinner open bar, cash bar after 9 pm and raffle prizes
- Asking for a subsidy of \$30k. Will need to provide a budget detail for approval
- A second pre-payment of \$3k is needed for the venue:  
**Motion:** Bob Danko; **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Kurt Konrath; **PASSED**

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

- Record high membership
- Discussion regarding a member from another region joining the Chicago region by simply purchasing a badge. Decision was he would need to join the region through National by paying for an additional membership or transfer to the Chicago region.
- The earlier request for a red 944 to be displayed at outdoor showing of Sixteen Candles in Chicago was fulfilled by John Nelson

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

- All is good with the Scene. Looking for more articles.

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

- Website is up and running

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

- Parade was a lot of fun, great resort, food was quite \$\$\$ though
- Rallye was very long but Chicago region well represented, the Snyders placed 1<sup>st</sup> in class as did Lee Lichtenstein and his navigator, Tom Provasi.
- Bob and Cindy placed 5<sup>th</sup> in class for the Rallye and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Concours. Bob also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in his AX class
- Jack netted a 3<sup>rd</sup> in class at the AX
- A Chicago region member won one of the 992 Carrera S prizes in the PCA raffle making him the proud owner of three Porsches
- Porsche Platz went well at Road America over the weekend despite the inclement weather. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help.
- The National DE committee is producing a video to promote DE events. They are featuring a Macan in the video.
- New membership app is working well. Has the ability to register members on site.
- National Board meeting is next week

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

No Report

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

- Pushing to get 2k followers on FaceBook
- Photo of Steve Kuk at the Ice Cream social was very popular

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

- Bob Rath indicated the 2020 General Membership meeting will be held at The Onion and is requesting a \$1k downpayment:  
**Motion:** Chuck LaMantia; **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Bob Danko; **PASSED**

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday September 4, 2019 7:30 PM  
White Eagle Banquet Hall  
6939 N. Milwaukee  
Niles, IL

**Adjournment: 8:38 PM**

Motion: Chuck LaMantia

Second: Bob Rath

Motion: PASSED