

**Porsche Club of America
Chicago Region
Board Meeting Minutes
September 4, 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	X	John Ruther– Director
X	Chuck LaMantia – Past Pres	X	Steve Kuk – Director

Coordinators Present: (“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
X	Pete Bukantis – AX Timing	X	Steve Kuk – Social Coordinator	X	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		
X	Jody Freund – RA Tech		Glenn DeWeirdt – Autobahn		
X	Todd Conforti – Blackhawk				

Members and Guests Present:

Dominique Sangdahl
Dennis Costis

Secretary's Report: (Stanley Sangdahl)

- Final version of the minutes for the August 7 Board meeting were sent out last week, no changes noted
- The secretary will not be in attendance at the next Board meeting on October 2. He will be out of town on an extended road trip
- Bob Rath offered to record the minutes at the October meeting

Motion to accept the August 7, 2019 BOD Meeting Minutes: Bob Rath

Second: Bob Danko

Motion: PASSED

Treasurer's Report: (Robert Danko)

- Sent out report for August
- \$704k total assets which is down \$14k from last year
- Net for August \$173k from \$228k income; Total net YTD is \$56K from \$445k income
- Notable income items were:
 - TRAC DE & CR, Gingerman, Membership Rebate, AX4 & Farnsworth
- Notable expenses were:
 - TRAC (corner workers + workers comp, PCA insurance, Elkhart Lake PD) Gingerman, Octoberfest catering, Scene, deposit for general membership meeting at the Onion and 3rd deposit for the Dinner Dance
- Increased activity for past month prevent fair YOY comparison
- Blackhawk is showing a net of +\$5k
- Gingerman is showing a net of +\$9k
- There are still funds in Clubreg from TRAC (\$6.5k DE and \$40k CR)
- Social is about break even, Farnsworth lost \$35.00
- Charity is up \$2.6k over last year

Motion to approve the August 2019 Treasurer's report: Bob Rath

Second: Kurt Konrath

Motion: PASSED

President's Report: (Neil MacDonald)

- Chairs and coordinators need to start thinking about the calendar for next year
- Working on last editorial as president
- Received a subpoena for financial records involving a single member over the past 5 years. Todd got the original call and directed it to Neil. Discussed with National Counsel and Bob Danko complied. Very minimal information.

Vice President's Report: (Bob Rath)

- Thanks to all of the volunteers at TRAC, also thankful for the excellent weather

Autocross Report: (Adam Kern)

- AX4 at the Tire Rack was beset with timing issues due to the failure of the batteries to recharge in the wireless system. Morning session was run using hand timing. Was able to borrow Michiana Region timing equipment to run the afternoon session.
- Had 43 drivers at event
- AX5 at Boomers has 20 registered
- Looking at posting AX results on a website setup for reporting scores on various sports

Timing & Scoring Report: (Pete Bukantis)

- Reported on timing issue. Batteries can be run down below limit as there is no protection in current circuitry. This has been corrected by the manufacturer and our units can be upgraded for approximately \$1600. Units need to be sent in so the final AX will use the old wired system.

Motion to spend \$1600 for timing system upgrade: Keith Clark

Second: Bob Rath

Motion: PASSED

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

- Received very positive feedback regarding the event
- There are some issues that need to be addressed with National and Road America before next year
- There were 202 CR and 74 DE drivers
- Will be scheduling a wrap-up meeting later this year
- John Ruther questioned what the cost difference would be to run the T&T on Friday under CR rules rather than DE. It was estimated that due to increased PCA insurance and other costs an additional \$4-5k would be needed. The trouble is all the black flags due to T&T drivers not adhering to DE rules
- It was also noted that speeding in the paddock wa a problem. Suggested setting up random radar checks with a stiff penalty would reduce this problem

Blackhawk Farms Report: (Todd Conforti, Peter Hackenson)

- 32 registered for Octoberfest, only 3 for a single day
- Discount of \$50 until 9/14
- Food is ordered
- Still working on give away item, suggestions?

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

- Had a great event, 75 registered participants
- Could have had more but the novice and intermediate were full, had to turn away 5 -10
- Good weather, the only rain came during the "Quiet Time"
- Had a couple of offs, one needed a wrecker to be pulled out of the trees (after they found it)
- Estimating a \$3.3k profit
- Has tentatively reserved the same date (8/15-16) for next season as it was the only date available. This is a good date as it is very close to the start of school. An email has been sent to Glenn DeWeirdt for follow up.

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

NO REPORT

Chief Driving Instructor's Report: (John Ruther)

- John presented a track orientation that was well attended

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

- Ready for Oktoberfest
- Still working on the Fall Tech Session
- Noted issue with finding sufficient number of volunteers for Tech

Safety Report: (Todd Conforti)

- No incidents to report for the DE event at TRAC
- T&T had 2 cars totaled on Friday
- The Club Race had the normal number of incidents involving ~20 cars
 - 7 cars were knocked out during the first sprint race for the red group
 - A car rolled over during the endure
- No injuries from any of the incidents, all of the reports have been filed

Insurance Report: (Keith Clark)

- Only the Fall Tech remains to be insured, waiting for final info
- Rallye #5 is good as are the remaining events

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report: (Chuck LaMantia)

- The Exchange provided a beautiful Turbo S for the pace car at TRAC
- TRAC collected \$11k in sponsorship money, \$1.5k from the Exchange
- Artist David Chapelle had a good setup, amazing art
- Need to recognize the sponsors in an email blast and on our website. Neil to follow up
- It was noted that our website does not list the 2019 sponsors needs to be updated from the 2018 sponsors

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

- Had 20 cars in the concours at TRAC with 6-8 in corral
- No problems with parking the race cars when they came into town
- There are 13 cars registered for the next concours

Rallye Report: (Anna & Andy Skura)

- Currently there are 12 teams registered for Rallye #4 this Sunday
- Rallye #5 will start and finish at the Brat Stop, route is still under construction
- Looking for Rallye Masters for next year

Touring Report: (John Diwik)

NO REPORT

Social Report: (Steve Kuk)

- The ice cream social was well attended, a number of people came looking for advice on Porsche purchasing. Barrington Porsche provided some great raffle prizes
- Farnsworth house went well. Had 20 cars for the photo shoot in front of the house. Raised \$1k for the charity
- Porsche & Pastries this Saturday at Randhurst Mall
- Noted need to keep the website updated with the current social events
- Looking to have the St. Valentine's Day dinner at Coopers Hawk in Arlington Heights again. Chuck suggested looking at the new Coopers Hawk at I355 and Butterfield. Steve will check it out
- Keith mentioned that Supercar Saturday will conflict with the P&P this weekend. It is run on the first Saturday of the month. Will need to keep this in mind for future Saturday events.

Dinner Dance: (Dennis Costis)

- December 7th at the Schaumburg Renaissance. Large venue on the 2nd floor
- Close to the Meacham Rd exit with plenty of parking
- Has secured a special rate of \$109 at the hotel
- Asking for \$30k subsidy this year which is the same as last year (last year came in at \$4-5k under budget)
- Suggested raising the ticket price to \$125 or \$150
- Issue is that the more attendees the greater the subsidy
- Expenditure categories will be the same as last year
- Chuck requested that gifts to the coordinators be given as this wasn't done last year.

Membership: (Mark Prescott)

- 2,174 primary members which is a new high for the club

The Scene Report: (Neil MacDonald)

- Neil has volunteered to continue on as editor next year
- Looking at raising the advertising rates which are currently lower than they could be. Neil will present new rates at the November meeting
- Right now it costs \$350 to print a full page add for which we charge \$175
- Currently we print 6 issues per year at \$4.5k per issue
- Alex Block is looking into better printing options for us vis-à-vis costs
- Next deadline for the November issue is October 1

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

- Website needs updating. Pete Hackenson reported that Carl gets continually changing requests to make updates. It was stated that updates should be made even if they are changed a short time later

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

NO REPORT

Historian Report: (Jim Jacisin)

NO REPORT

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

- Receiving interaction from our sponsors via reposting
- Almost 1,900 followers on Face Book

Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

- Todd Conforti asked about how vouchers were being treated in the financial records. Were they being charged to the event in which they were earned or the event at which they were used. Suggested that they be charged separately as a general Club expense
- The Nominating Committee met and has selected the following slate from the nominations they received:
 - President: Bob Rath
 - Vice President: Stanley Sangdahl
 - Treasurer: Andy Skura
 - Secretary: Bob Danko
 - Three Directors: Kurt Konrath
Adam Kern
Todd Conforti
- At 8:50 pm the Board went into executive session

Next Meeting:

Wednesday October 2, 2019 7:30 PM
White Eagle Banquet Hall
6939 N. Milwaukee
Niles, IL

Adjournment: 9:03 PM

Motion: Steve Kuk
Second: Kurt Konrath
Motion: PASSED