

**Porsche Club of America (Final)
Chicago Region
Board Meeting Minutes
April 7 2017**

Voting Board Members Present (“X”):

	Chuck LaMantia – President	X	Keith Clark - Director
X	Neil MacDonald – Vice Pres	X	Dennis Costis – Director
X	David Angelus --Treasurer		Cheryl Lehman Collier– Director
X	Todd Conforti – Secretary	X	Peter Faehnrich – Director
	Toby Duckett – Past Pres		Bob Rath – Director

Coordinators Present: (“X”):

	Peggy Atcher – Goodie Store	X	Pete Hackenson – BH / RA DE		John Ruther – Chief Driving Ins
	John Blyth – Concours co-chair		James Jacisin – Historian		George Schaefer III – T&S
	Buz Browne – AX Tech	X	Kurt Konrath - Gingerman		Susan Shire – Club Race Reg
	Pete Bukantis – AX Timing	X	Steve Kuk – Social Coordinator	X	Ann Snyder - Rallye
	Ross Conforti RA Registration		Dan Leavitt – Asst DE Tech	X	Tom Snyder - Rallye
	John Diwik – Tours		Ed Leed – Database Manager.		Tom Stark - Concours
X	Kim Faehnrich – The Scene	X	Scott McClement - AX	X	Jack Stephensen –Zone 13 rep
	Michael Grove – Concours co-chair	X	Mark Prescott - Membership		Carl Walstad - Webmaster
				X	John Westra –Social Media

Members and Guests Present:

None

Secretary's Report: (Todd Conforti)

With a quorum present Neil MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Minutes from 3/3/17 meeting were discussed. A copy was circulated via email to all Board Members and Coordinators. A motion was made to accept the minutes

Motion: Dennis Costis
Second: David Angelus
Motion: approved

President's Report: (Chuck LaMantia)

Neil MacDonald reporting for Chuck LaMantia.

Neil thanks Toby and Steve Kuk for the wonderful evening at Coopers Hawk. Feedback received was over the top positive. Neil asked Steve to look into a couple of open dates on the calendar to add possibly 2 more dinners...one to the south and one near west side.

Neil reports that LaMantia attended the Porsche & Pastries event this past Saturday. Again...thank you Steve Kuk for joining Chuck for set up at 7:30AM. By 9:15am Chuck already counted 100 Porsches along with 1 Corvette and 1 Lamborghini (both mentioned they would prefer to be "P" car owners).

Chuck also attended the Zone 13 Presidents meeting (hence missing Coopers Hawk). Big emphasis on risk management of which the basics starts with the event observer reports, waiver management, pre event meetings. Reports are available on line, of which all event coordinators have access. In addition on Social Media behavior, National as well as the individual regions are in the process of identifying a set of best practices, to balance member access and involvement, on the one hand, with ensuring that the Club maintains at least some oversight regarding web forum.

A discussion followed related to social media and in particular Facebook postings. A consensus developed that the Club should monitor membership postings and the Social Media Coordinator should review all submissions and comments prior to posting.

Treasurer's Report: (David Angelus)

Treasurer's report for the period ended 3/31/17 was discussed. Year to year total assets are up however cash flow for the year is negative, mainly due to track rental payments. Top monthly income includes PCA National membership rebate and JRZ sponsorship payment (for 2016).

David again emphasizes the objective is to get all our events on Clubregistratuion.net to streamline registration and payment processing; minimizing the practice of on-site collection of cash and checks.

Motion: Todd Conforti to accept the Treasurer's report.
Second: Keith Clark
Motion: approved

Vice President's Report: (Neil MacDonald)

No Report

Autocross Report (Scott McClement)

Boomer's AX school has 55 registered to date and Scott could use some more instructors. Autocross 1 has 17 registered. Scott was looking to switch to plaques for AX trophies but will stay with steering wheels and metal cones same as last year. The additional required permits from Schaumburg for Boomers are completed. Scott will not be able to attend AX4 on Aug 13th and is looking for a volunteer to chair the event.

Timing & Scoring Report: (Pete Bukantis)

No report

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

Pete Hackenson reports registration for RADE is open with registration on track with last year. Keith Clark reports that he turned down an offer from Road American to rent us the Go-Kart track because of pricing concerns as well as the fact that PCA National does not allow any go-kart events (insurance regulations)

Blackhawk Farms Report: (Todd Conforti, Peter Hackenson)

A novice day registration has 25 novices, 11 experienced and 15 instructors so far. Need additional instructors. Jim Ptak has volunteered to do the classroom instruction assisted by John Ruther.

GingerMan Report: (Peter Faehnrich, Kurt Konrath)

Kurt Konrath reports 4 have signed up to date. If interested get your hotel reservations ASAP

Autobahn

Neil MacDonald reports we are good to go for July 7th rental of the South Track for 5 hours of track time for a late afternoon / evening DE for a total of \$5,240.75.

Motion: Peter Faehnrich for pay full rental cost of \$5240.75 to Autobahn

Second Keith Clark

Motion Approved.

Motion Todd Conforti to set entry fee at \$100 per driver

Second Neil MacDonald

Motion Approved.

Todd will set up registration as soon as an advertisement flyer is produced.

Chief Driving Instructor's Report: (John Ruther)

No report

Technical Report: (Peter Faehnrich)

Nice turnout at Tech Session April 2nd at Northstar Motorsports. We collected \$485 at the door and Northstar donated all of it to our charity. Tech sheets for both DE and Autocross have been updated for 2017.

Safety Report: (Todd Conforti)

All coordinators are encouraged to review the minimum guidelines for their events found on National's website including the observation and post event forms.

Insurance Report: (Keith Clark)

All events requiring insurance that are on the schedule are insured.

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report: (Neil MacDonald)

Neil MacDonald reports that The Exchange would like to do increase their sponsorship supporting additional events. Neil will contact them in the near future.

Concours Report: (Michael Grove & John Blyth)

No report

Rallye Report: (Tom & Ann Snyder)

Tom Snyder reports Rallye flyers are out and registration is setup on Clubregistration.net. Tom past around very nice award coasters. Keith Clark suggested ordering extra ones with just PCA 60th logo for the goodie store.

Motion: Keith Clark to spend up to \$2100 on award / PCA coasters.

Second Neil MacDonald

Motion Approved.

Touring Report: (John Diwik)

Neil MacDonald reports registration for the spring tour is sold out at 120 people.

Social Report: (Steve Kuk)

Steve Kuk reports the Cooper's hawk Mix & Mingle dinner on March 25th was sold out at 92 participants and very well received by all. Thanks to Toby for coordinating it with Coopers Hawk.

Registration for the Art Institute social is closed with 36 attending

The Wendella Boat Tour registrations are coming along.

David Angelus reports the first Wrigley field tour group of 50 is filled and now filling the second group of 50.

Looking for additional dinner spots a small group met at Plateia, a new Greek restaurant on Milwaukee in Des Plaines. Restaurant looks ideal for a late afternoon social dinner.

Golf outing at White Pines is set for August 5th.

Steve is planning a Porsches & Pastry in the parking lot for Autocross 2 at Boomer's Stadium. He believes it will bring out some new members who have never seen an Autocross before. Steve will bring coffee and pastries.

Dinner Dance

No report

Membership: (Mark Prescott)

Membership is up to 1958 primary members an increase of 283 members year to year. Mark discussed an option to provide Quest memberships which will allow temporary access to PCA website and Panorama magazine. The idea is once they see the benefits of membership they will join.

Charity Report:

Jim and Nancy Hopp will be supporting the Club's Charity the Mighty Acorns by attending Blackhawk Novice day at Blackhawk Farms Raceway and will try to mate the AX school at Boomers. They will set up a charity table to collect donations and raffle off some Porsche gear.

There was a general discussion about the Club's historical practices regarding Charity selection and goals, including the possibility of supporting more than one charity this year. This includes a discussion of the Club's long-time, end-of-year recognition of Toys for Tots, in light of the holidays and that organization's emphasis on support for children and families. Additional, mid-year opportunities for possible charitable activities were also discussed.

The Scene Report: (Kim Faehnrich)

Kim reports the deadline in May 1st for the June Scene and she would like to see more articles written by members instead of just ads and event flyers.

Goodie Store (Peggy Atcher)

No report

Webmaster's Report: (Carl Walstad)

No report

Zone 13 Rep Report: (Jack Stephensen)

Jack Stephensen reports the Presidents meeting was March 25th and some of the topics were tour guidelines and social media policy. All coordinators need to fill out the required insurance reports including the Observer's and Post event reports. These help reduce the insurance cost to the Club. Jack also discussed examples of a few social media issues that have created big problems for other regions.

Historian Report: (Jim Jacisin)

No report

Social Media Report: (John Westra)

As discussed in the President's report Westra will set up the Facebook page to require approval before posting. The Board expressed its agreement that this will strike an appropriate balance between the immediacy of communications on social media, versus the Club's ability to exercise at least some editorial control over the content of this on-line forum.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Executive Session

At Neil MacDonald's request the Event Coordinators, general membership and guests were excused at approximately 9:15pm. The Board thereafter entered executive session to discuss sponsorship agreements.

The board emerged from executive session at 9:42.

Next Meeting:

Friday 5/5/2017

White Eagle Banquet Hall or TBA

6939 N. Milwaukee

Niles, IL

Adjournment: 9:44 PM

Motion: Keith Clark

Second: David Angelus

Motion approved