

**Porsche Club of America (Final)
Chicago Region
Board Meeting Minutes
Sept 6 2017**

Voting Board Members Present (“X”):

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

Coordinators Present: (“X”):

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

Members and Guests Present:

Bob Danko

Secretary's Report: (Todd Conforti)

With a quorum present Chuck LaMantia called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Minutes from 8/2/17 meeting were discussed. A copy was circulated via email to all Board Members and Coordinators. A motion was made to accept the minutes

Motion: Peter Faehnrich

Second: Keith Clark

Motion: approved

President's Report: (Chuck LaMantia)

LaMantia thanks all those who contributed to TRAC 2017, it is the commitment and effort made by all the volunteers that makes it such a great event. LaMantia will report on the nominating committee in Old Business.

Treasurer's Report: (David Angelus)

No report, Angelus is out of town and will send out financial report next week.

Vice President's Report: (Neil MacDonald)

No Report

Autocross Report (Scott McClement)

McClement reports via email that Autobahn AX4 had 43 participants, a little down. Thanks to Stanley Sangdahl, Noel, Heather and Skuras' for helping out while McClement was away.

Timing & Scoring Report: (Pete Bukantis)

Bukantis report timing worked well at AX4, thanks to all the volunteers who helped him.

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

Clark reports TRAC was wonderful, thanks to all the volunteers. Apologies to the Concours group for the location at Road America, will improve next year. Clubrace attendance was good, DE was down. Perhaps we go to one DE group next year. There was a general discussion on how to improve attendance which will continue at the Road America wrap-up meeting.

Blackhawk Farms Report: (Todd Conforti, Peter Hackenson)

Conforti reports Blackhawk III August 11th had a light turnout but broke even and all had a good time. Six new novice drivers participated and 2 of them have already registered for Oktoberfest. Contract signed and deposit made to BBQ caterer. Registration is picking up now that TRAC is behind us.

GingerMan Report: (Peter Faehnrich, Kurt Konrath)

Konrath reports the date for next year's Gingerman is July 21st & 22nd.

Motion: Pete Faehnrich to provide deposit of \$6000 to Gingerman Raceway to secure date.

Second: Keith Clark

Motion: Approved

Autobahn

No report

Chief Driving Instructor's Report: (John Ruther)

No report

Technical Report: (Peter Faehnrich)

Faehnrich thanks all that have helped out at TRAC with DE tech, Race tech, scales and assisting national scrutineers. According to Club Race officials we are the best tech team in the country! Since we are seeing several center lock cars now in DE, Faehnrich will purchase a center lock torque wrench for \$450 from Midwest Eurosport to enable checking wheels at the track.

Safety Report: (Todd Conforti)

Conforti reports that there was a lot of good clean driving at TRAC this year. We had 4 DE incidents with only one car that was damaged too much to get back on track. Test & tune incidents were also relatively minor with 6 cars damaged but four of them were patched up by race time. There was one paddock incident involving a pit scooter requiring transport to hospital emergency room. All incident forms were filed with National.

Insurance Report: (Keith Clark)

Clark reports all events listed are insured

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report: (Neil MacDonald)

MacDonald reports we had good sponsorship for the TRAC event with five \$1500 platinum and seven \$500 silver sponsors. MacDonald has several ideas for improvement next year.

Concours Report: (Michael Grove & John Blyth)

Blyth reports that Concours 3 at Autobahn had only 14 cars attending and is only aware of one car that participated in both activities. Feedback received is it's too far to drive without other club social aspects and most Concours participants not interested in Autocrossing. Recommends not combining Concours with AX next year. Thanks to those that made the trip.

Concours 4 at Road America had 22 cars participating, all Chicago Region members. On the low side for this location, but a good showing of cars and close scores within each class. Next year if we do the Concours at the track again he would like a better location with get general public viewing. Thank you to those that traveled and braved the rain. Overall feedback was a great weekend. Special thank you to Nancy Grove as Concours Registrar as this was her last Concours in this capacity.

Concours 5 will be at Water's Edge Golf Course. Flyer is on web and details are all set. Awards will be in covered outdoor patio and food will be available. Beverage cart will regularly visit event. Same location as last year for last Concours of season and was well liked by those that attended.

Rallye Report: (Tom & Ann Snyder)

The August 6th Rallye led by new rally masters Anna and Andy Skura went well with 18 cars, 36 people attending. Thanks to the Skura's for being Rallye Masters. The next Rallye is September 10th and will be run in conjunction with the BMW club and we have 19 cars, 38 people preregistered.

Touring Report: (John Diwik)

No report

Social Report: (Steve Kuk)

Kuk reports 25 attended the golf outing at White Pines Golf Club and all had a good time. The Ice Cream Social at Superdawg in Niles was a great hit! Over 70 cars attended and for 10 participants it was the first PCA event they ever attended. The Club covered 40% of the ice cream and Superdawg provided a 20% discount. Total cost to the Club was \$165. Thanks to managers Laura and Scott Ustick for providing Superdawg gift cards. Special thanks to Marco Rodriguez and Porsche of Barrington for providing gifts including a free inspection and detailing of car and a Porsche messenger bag with Porsche logo SWAG(coffee mugs, umbrella, pens)!

The Greek diner has 56 people preregistered with room for 100 so we need to get the word out.

The next Porsches & Pastries is October 7th at Labriola Bakery in Oak Brook Terrace.

Dinner Dance

No report

Membership: (Mark Prescott)

Prescott reports we are down 8 members from our high in June to 1997 primary members but family / affiliate members is holding at 1200. Total Chicago region members is 3197.

Charity Report:

Jim and Nancy Hopp collected \$1861 from TRAC touring plus another \$800 with online registrations for the Mighty Acorns. In addition Fox Valley region donated a check for \$522 to us in the name of Toys for Tots which will be presented to them at the Awards Dinner Dance.

The Scene Report: (Kim Faehnrich)

Kim Faehnrich will inform BTR-Chicago that they cannot use the Porsche logo in their advertisement in The Scene. For those sponsors who get a ½ page Scene ad at no charge with TRAC sponsorship will be offered the equivalent credit towards their full page ad if that's what they normally run.

Goodie Store (David Angelus)

No report

Webmaster's Report: (Carl Walstad)

No report

Zone 13 Rep Report: (Jack Stephensen)

No report

Historian Report: (Jim Jacisin)

No report

Social Media Report: (John Westra)

Westra reports PCA National social media team informed him we need to add a disclaimers to all our event literature that license plates may be photographed and published in the Scene, on our website or on Facebook.

Westra would like us to add the "Like us on Facebook" link to our email blasts.

Old Business:

LaMantia presented the report from the nominating committee he headed which consisted of Keith Clark, Bob Rath, Toby Duckett and Peter Faehrich. The Following recommendations were made:

President: Neil MacDonald
Vice President: David Angelus
Treasurer: Bob Danko
Secretary: Todd Conforti
Director: Kurt Konrath
Director: Scott McClement
Director: John Ruther

Rounding out the board for 2018 will be Keith Clark and Bob Rath in their second year as Directors.

This then officially opens the "window" for which a member in good standing can petition (signed by at least 25 members in good standing) the current board so that they may be added to the official ballot. Petitions are due by 8PM at the October 4th Board meeting. The ballot will be finalized at the October 4th board meeting and then emailed and posted to the website no later than Monday October 9th. Ballots are to be RECEIVED by the Secretary on October 26, 2017 and will be counted at the November 1st Board Meeting.

New Business:

LaMantia provided a handout of proposed changes to the Bylaws that he recommends. There are two issues, one is the current bylaws refer to a monthly newsletter that we no longer publish and the second is the Bylaws refer to a December Board of Directors meeting which we do not have.

Lamantia proposes that we remove any reference to the monthly newsleter in particular where it references the Election and Ballots. He also suggests we change the date the new Board takes over from the termination of the December meeting to the first day of the year which they were elected.

After brief discussion this topic was tabled until next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday Oct 4 2017 7:30 PM
White Eagle Banquet Hall
6939 N. Milwaukee
Niles, IL

Adjournment: 8:55 PM

Motion: Bob Rath
Second: Peter Faehrich
Motion approved