

**Porsche Club of America (Final)
Chicago Region
Board Meeting Minutes
Oct 4 2017**

Voting Board Members Present (“X”):

X	Chuck LaMantia – President	X	Keith Clark - Director
X	Neil MacDonald – Vice Pres	X	Dennis Costis – Director
X	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	X	Scott McClement - AX		Jack Stephensen –Zone 13 rep
	Kim Faehnrich – The Scene		Mark Prescott - Membership		Carl Walstad - Webmaster
	Michael Grove – Concours co-chair	X	John Ruther – Chief Driving Ins		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 7:31 PM.

Minutes from 9/6/17 meeting were discussed. A copy was circulated via email to all Board Members and Coordinators. A motion was made to accept the minutes

Motion: Toby Duckett

Second: Bob Rath

Motion: approved

President's Report: (Chuck LaMantia)

LaMantia has no specific report but several comments throughout the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: (David Angelus)

Angelus reports our cash flow for the month and total assets year-to-date are up. Top monthly income sources are TRAC/DE event and membership rebate from PCA National. Top expenses are Road America, Siebkens (TRAC banquet), Hotel cost for TRAC National staff, Presstech for the Scene publication and TRAC shirts. One outstanding sponsorship invoice is past due. Angelus when over the bank account balances and states the Club is firmly in the black.

LaMantia distributed a historical snap shot comparing revenues, expenses and net results for the last few years. This highlighted that the comparison from 2016 to 2017 was impacted by mainly a loss of a significant sponsor and the elimination of the club sport run group from TRAC. Expenses continue to remain in line and or as expected from previous years and that 2017 was a year of no fee increases for participants. In the end participation rates were up in pretty much all categories with the exception of drivers education.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Bob Rath

Second: Peter Faehnrich

Motion: approved

Vice President's Report: (Neil MacDonald)

MacDonald would like to make a deposit for the General Membership meeting scheduled for Jan 21st, 2018.

Motion: Keith Clark to provide a \$1000 deposit to the Onion Pub in Lake Barrington for Membership meeting.

Second: Toby Duckett

Motion: approved

Autocross Report (Scott McClement)

McClement reports the Autocross at Tire Rack was a nice event with 44 participants. Registration is more efficient now that they are importing data from Club Registration. McClement thanks everyone for a good season and he is looking for volunteers to assist for next year.

Timing & Scoring Report: (Pete Bukantis)

Bukantis reports he would like to put together a group of volunteers and train them on the operation of the AX timing equipment. A suggestion was made to put on a timing classroom at next year's Spring AX School. In addition he is looking into wireless timing equipment for next year.

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

Clark reports all the numbers (income & Expenses) are in the Treasurer's report. Income was good and consistent with 2015 but down compared to last year due to not having the Club Sport race this year. Clark has had no response from David McNeil at WeatherTech about sponsorship and recommends we terminate our agreement and send back all the advertising literature and banners. Clark believes we will need new batteries for the track radios next year but will hold off until spring to motion the purchase.

Blackhawk Farms Report: (Todd Conforti, Peter Hackenson)

Conforti reports Blackhawk IV Oktoberfest Sept 30th & Oct 1 was well attended with two days of safe driving, perfect weather and great people. Conforti thanks Toby Duckett, Jim Ptak for onsite registration, Peter Faehnrich and crew for Tech, Juan Pablo Garciabueno for donating a bottle of his family's Tequila to the charity raffle, Joe Gaucher for coordinating the BBQ dinner, Larry Hebenstreit and Katie Mark for decorating the pavilion and Glen Spiegler for providing all the wood for bonfire.

We had 87 paid drivers evenly balanced between 4 run groups, lots of great driving and no incidents. One driver dumped gear lube requiring a 45 minute cleanup and the cost of the oil dry was paid by the driver directly to Blackhawk Farms Raceway. The event ended in the black and we collected a total of \$986 for charity, \$410 touring, \$426 Tequila raffle, bags and shirts and \$150 with registrations.

GingerMan Report: (Peter Faehnrich, Kurt Konrath)

Konrath reports the deposit approved last month was received by Gingerman and August 4th and 5th are secured for 2018.

Autobahn

No report

Chief Driving Instructor's Report: (John Ruther)

Ruther is considering putting on an Instructors Workshop early in 2018.

Technical Report: (Peter Faehnrich)

Faehnrich thanks all that helped out at Blackhawk. Next event will be the Fall Tech Session November 5th at Fischer Motorsports. Faehnrich displayed the new centerlock torque wrench he purchased and he is now considering acquiring a centerlock socket to simplify checking torque at the track.

Safety Report: (Todd Conforti)

Conforti reports that there was a lot of good clean driving at Blackhawk, no incidents.

Insurance Report: (Keith Clark)

Clark reports all events listed are insured

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report: (Neil MacDonald)

No report

Concours Report: (Michael Grove & John Blyth)

Blyth reports Concours 5 at Water's Edge Golf Club was held on Sep 17. Although the number of cars participating in the Concours was light, there were a number of members in attendance. We had a beautiful day and setting to end the season. Special recognition was given to Tom & Barb Stark for all their efforts over the years and to Nancy Grove and Barb Stark for all their efforts running registration and scoring.

Michael Grove reports via email: Nancy and I would like to thank all the Concours participants and volunteers, and the board for their support and the privilege serving the members of the Chicago Region over the past five years. It has been a memorable and rewarding experience. We look forward to our continued involvement in the Concours program and the many events the Chicago Region offers. Thank You.

Rallye Report: (Tom & Ann Snyder)

Tom Snyder reports there is one more Rallye this Sunday Oct 8th and he has about 20 teams registered. For next year there are already 4 Rallye Masters set. One issue from the last Rallye was we had two "drop in" teams that wanted to use minors as Navigators. In accordance with the rules we did not allow them to participate in the Rallye. Snyder will add a summary reminder to all instructions next year outlining the minimum age to participate.

Touring Report: (John Diwik)

No report

Social Report: (Steve Kuk)

Kuk reports the Greek diner had 80 attending, several new members along with a few long time members attending their first PCA event! He thanks Dennis Costis for suggesting then coordinating the dinner. A general discussion on future social events followed including suggestion for Cub game and tour of Soldier Field. The next Porsches & Pastries is October 7th at Labriola Bakery in Oak Brook Terrace.

Dinner Dance

LaMantia recently toured the newly remodeled location for this year's Awards Dinner Dance the Butterfield Country Club and finalized the menu and secured the DJ.

LaMantia provided the budget for this event and since it is the Club's 60th anniversary he would like to enhance it by providing an upgraded meal package, nicer giveaways and better raffle items. He analyzed previous budgets and recommends a budget slightly lower than our 50th Awards Dinner.

Motion: Neil MacDonald to approve Dinner Dance budget subsidy of \$35,000

Second: Dennis Costis

Motion: approved

Membership: (Mark Prescott)

Prescott reports via email that overall membership is up and as of September we have 2002 primary and 1208 family/affiliate members.

Charity Report:

No report

The Scene Report: (Kim Faehnrich)

Kim Faehnrich reminds all that articles for the next Scene are due November 1st.

Goodie Store (David Angelus)

Kim Faehnrich reports goodie store was set up at Blackhawk and she sold \$231 worth of merchandise at discounted prices. Angelus is considering options to continue the store in 2018.

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)

No report

Old Business:

LaMantia reports that since no petitions were received the ballot will be published with recommendations from the nominating committee. He passed around a mock ballot to confirm names and mailing addresses.

LaMantia provided a handout of proposed changes to the Bylaws. There are two issues, one is that the current Bylaws refer to a monthly newsletter that we no longer publish and the second is that the Bylaws refer to a December Board of Directors meeting which we do not have. These suggested changes will be printed on the ballot and must be approved by the general membership before taking effect.

Motion: Bob Rath to accept the Bylaw changes as presented.

Second: Neil MacDonald

Approved

New Business:

None

Next Meeting:

Wednesday Nov 1 2017 7:30 PM

White Eagle Banquet Hall

6939 N. Milwaukee

Niles, IL

Adjournment: 8:55 PM

Motion: Bob Rath

Second: Peter Faehnrich

Motion approved