

**Porsche Club of America (Final)  
Chicago Region  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Jan 3 2018**

**Voting Board Members Present (“X”):**

X	Neil MacDonald – President	X	Keith Clark - Director
	David Angelus – Vice Pres	X	Kurt Konrath – Director
X	Robert Danko --Treasurer	X	Scott McClement - Director
X	Todd Conforti – Secretary		Bob Rath– Director
X	Chuck LaMantia – Past Pres	X	John Ruther – Director

**Coordinators Present: (“X”):**

	John Blyth – Concours	X	Pete Hackenson – BH / RA DE		Susan Shire – Club Race Reg
	Buz Browne – AX Tech		James Jacisin – Historian		Ann Snyder - Rallye
	Pete Bukantis – AX Timing	X	Steve Kuk – Social Coordinator		Tom Snyder - Rallye
	Cheryl Lehman Collier, AX School		Dan Leavitt – Asst DE Tech	X	Jack Stephensen –Zone 13 rep
	Ross Conforti RA Registration		Ed Leed – Database Manager.		Carl Walstad - Webmaster
	John Diwik – Tours	X	Mark Prescott - Membership	X	John Westra –Social Media
X	Pete Faehnrich – Tech		George Schaefer III – T&S		

**Members and Guests Present:**

Toby Duckett

### **Secretary's Report: (Todd Conforti)**

With a quorum present Neil MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Minutes from 11/1/17 meeting were discussed. A copy was circulated via email to all Board Members and Coordinators. A motion was made to accept the minutes.

Motion: Chuck LaMantia

Second: John Ruther

Motion: approved

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

MacDonald welcomed the new board members and he hopes that the Board will continue its effort to guide the Club into the next 60 years with the same care and vision that it has exercised for the past 60 years. He will present additional comments, if any, in the coordinator reports that follow.

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

Danko was pleased to take over for previous Treasurer David Angelus and thanks him for his hard work to automate many of the accounting tasks and in particular interfacing with Clubregistration.net, implementing enhanced financial controls, implementing Square credit card processing, and expanded documentation of the Club's various financial transactions.

Danko reports overall the Club is in excellent financial condition with a YOY increase in assets, noting that while Income was down in FY2017 compared to FY2016 (an outstanding year), it was nevertheless in line with FY2015. The decline in income was in part due to changes in marketing strategy by a principal Club sponsor, and the termination, after one year, of a two-year Club race series by the national organizer of the series. The treasurer also noted an increase in certain event expenses, due in part to the Board's effort to "give back" to our members by absorbing some track rental increases, and by subsidizing and expanding the number of social events held. Largest income source in December was the Dinner Dance; largest expenses were the Dinner Dance, year-end awards, *Scene* publication, and new AX timing equipment, which was purchased at the end of the 2017 season.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Kurt Konrath

Second: Keith Clark

Motion: approved

### **Vice President's Report: (David Angelus)**

No report

### **Autocross Report (Scott McClement)**

McClement reports that all AX events for 2018 are booked at Boomers which is advantageous due to having the Club's storage locker situated close by. Five AX events are currently scheduled, though a 6th event is currently under consideration for September, possibly at Tire Rack. McClement will be purchasing a new fire extinguisher and safety vests prior to the AX school, pursuant to national guidance. The Club is also promoting pre-registration by increase onsite entry fees.

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

Bukantis reports via email that he received the Club's newly-purchased timing equipment and is testing that equipment now.

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

Clark reports he has the new contracts and that while there is about a 2% increase in track rentals, he would like to keep entry fees for RADE the same as last year.

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

The Club is waiting to see the 2018 contracts, and a room block was reserved at Best Western for the Oktoberfest event.

### **GingerMan Report: (Peter Faehnrich, Kurt Konrath)**

Konrath reports that the 2018 contracts were received and a deposit sent. It appears that Gingerman has raised the 2018 track rental contracts about 8%.

### **Autobahn (Chuck LaMantia)**

Autobahn DE coordinator Chuck LaMantia reports he has received and reviewed the 2018 contract, which reflects a 9.25% increase from last year. He would like to hold pricing to last year but modify the event schedule, with a 2 PM start and a 7 PM end time (one hour earlier than last year) followed by a buffet dinner. Event sponsorship, if any, remains to be determined.

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

No report

**Technical Report: (Peter Faehnrich)**

Faehnrich reports a large turnout for the Fall Tech Session held November 5<sup>th</sup> at Fischer Motorsports. Big thanks to Peter and Rick for hosting! Food was excellent and they collected \$250 for charity. The next tech event will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> at Autobahn Country Club; the focus will be on data acquisition.

**Safety Report: (Todd Conforti)**

No report

**Insurance Report: (Keith Clark)**

No report.

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

LaMantia has agreed to be event dealer liaison for 2018.

**Concours Report: (John Blyth)**

No report

**Rallye Report: (Tom & Ann Snyder)**

Tom Snyder reports via email that our Rallye Masters this year are currently as follows:

Rallye 1: Ann and Tom Snyder in Western Suburbs and Kane County. We plan to design a simple Rallye to ease the novices into our fold.

Future Rallyes; Shana Franklin and Paul Balga, in Northern Chicagoland. They last designed a Rallye about 4 or 5 years ago. Gary Neal and Bill Corbin (BMW Club), in Northern Illinois and Wisconsin. They did a real nice scenic enjoyable Rallye two years ago. It is still early for Rallye Masters, but we will be able to get the five we need.

We've asked Perfect Power to host the Rallye School again and have provided them with the date. We should hear in the next couple of days. Tom and Ann believe that this is a perfect venue for us and they really help set things up for the crowd. We're considering using a new restaurant for the practice Rallye end-point.

Snyder's we'll be ready for a presentation at the Annual Meeting on the 21st.

**Touring Report: (John Diwik)**

No report

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

Kuk reports he has several social events in the works for 2018.

- The first is a repeat of last year's Valentine's Day dinner at The Clubhouse on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> and he would like the Club to subsidize event costs at \$15 per person.

Motion: Chuck LaMantia to set entry fee \$50/person and have Club subsidize at \$15/person

Second: Keith Clark

Motion approved.

- The second is a St Patrick's Day dinner at Klairmont Kollection on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Klairmont has a collection of 300 cars under one roof. Their caterer will provide an Irish dinner buffet however it would be BYOB for alcohol. Kuk would like to also subsidize this event to hold entry fees to \$40.

Motion: Todd Conforti to provide \$500 deposit and set entry fee to \$40/person with the Club subsidizing \$13/person

Second: Chuck LaMantia

Motion approved

### **Dinner Dance**

LaMantia reports the Awards Dinner Dance was a wonderful, well-attended event, with 191 participants, the largest turnout since the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Food, wine, raffles and awards all well received. The etched PCA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary wine bottles were so well received that there are several current requests from members who would like to purchase additional bottles.

Motion: Scott McClement to spend up to \$900 to purchase 2 additional cases of etched PCA wine.

Second: Keith Clark

Motion approved

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

Prescott reported we have 2028 primary members, 3234 total. For the year we are up 90 primary members!

### **Charity Report:**

MacDonald reports in 2017 we contributed \$8,000 to The Mighty Acorns charity and thanks Nancy and Jim Hopp for their excellent work in supporting the charity's contribution efforts. We also contributed approximately \$2000 in toys for Toys-for-Tots. MacDonald is soliciting proposals for the 2018 charity and will remind the membership in a forthcoming eBlast that traditional factors considered by the Club in reviewing nominations are that the candidate charity be a kid-based local charity, where our contribution will make a difference.

**The Scene Report:**

MacDonald reports that with the retirement of its former editor, the future direction of the Scene is now in flux. There was a long discussion pertaining to various considerations that might affect the Scene's future viability, including but not limited to an all-electronic delivery, some combination of electronic and paper delivery, alteration of the magazine's publication frequency, and other personnel decisions, without reaching any final decisions at this meeting. The subject was tabled for further consideration at the next meeting.

**Goodie Store (David Angelus)**

MacDonald reports the Goodie Store as we know it will be discontinued for now, following the transfer of the Atchers out of the region, while the Club considers a number of future possibilities and sources for the members' "goodie" purchases. In the interim, unsold merchandise will be raffled off or donated.

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

No report

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

Stephensen wants the Board to be aware, pursuant to PCA national rules, that expenditure overruns related to the build out of the new National office is exceeding 2% of the Club's net dues revenue. Stephensen will be attending the winter National BOD meeting Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at the new offices in Baltimore. There is a new National AX chair this year. Registration for Parade in Lake of the Ozarks will open Jan 29<sup>th</sup>

**Historian Report: (Jim Jacisin)**

No report

**Social Media Report: (John Westra)**

No report

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 7:30 PM  
White Eagle Banquet Hall  
6939 N. Milwaukee  
Niles, IL

**Adjournment: 9:12 PM**

Motion: Keith Clark  
Second: Bob Danko  
Motion approved