

**Porsche Club of America (Final)
Chicago Region
Board Meeting Minutes
Feb 7 2018**

Voting Board Members Present (“X”):

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

Coordinators Present: (“X”):

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

Members and Guests Present:

Toby Duckett, Adam Tapus, Sarah Bane

Secretary's Report: (Todd Conforti)

With 5 voting members present Neil MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM.

LaMantia and MacDonald questioned whether a quorum was present. LaMantia suggested it was okay to proceed with the understanding that it will be an ordinary routine meeting which was mutually agreed.

Minutes from 1/3/18 meeting were discussed. A copy was circulated via email to all Board Members and Coordinators. A motion was made to accept the minutes.

Motion: Bob Danko

Second: Bob Rath

Motion: Approved

President's Report: (Neil MacDonald)

MacDonald introduced our Concours coordinator John Blyth who with club member Pat Yanahan, worked to develop a range of options regarding the continuance of *The Scene*. Blyth introduced Adam Tapus and Sarah Bane from the Grossbauer Group an integrated marketing firm that presented a proposal to design the Chicago Region's Scene publication. Their presentation included a mockup of a few pages of a typical 36 page *Scene*. They provided several cost options depending on number of pages published. In addition there would be a one time setup charge. MacDonald thanked the Grossbauer Group for making their presentation.

Treasurer's Report: (Robert Danko)

Danko reports minimal activity for the month. The largest income sources were the Membership Meeting, Scene advertising (last year) and charity. Largest expenses are the Road America deposit for RADE, Membership Meeting, directory and calendar printing and Autobahn DE deposit.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Bob Rath

Second: Chuck LaMantia

Motion: Approved

Director Rath excused himself and left meeting temporarily.

Vice President's Report: (David Angelus)

No report

Autocross Report (Scott McClement)

McClement reports via email that he would like \$2750 to order trophies for this year's AX awards.

Cheryl Lehman Collier reports via email that she would like \$5,000 for AX school.

Motion to provide \$5000 for AX school: Todd Conforti

Second: Bob Danko

No vote – tabled until end of meeting.

Timing & Scoring Report: (Pete Bukantis)

Bukantis reports new timing equipment is working well. He is still looking for ways to have live and archived scoring online.

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

LaMantia reports RADE ad is complete and will be on website shortly. He will contact Ron Pace with Badger Bimmer Club about allowing select members to attend our RADE event.

Blackhawk Farms Report: (Todd Conforti, Peter Hackenson)

Conforti reports contracts were received and rental cost has increased \$500 a day across the board. That's a 7% increase weekday and 6% for Oktoberfest. Since we are having one fewer event this year Conforti believes attendance will be up and the larger turnout should offset the cost increase. Therefore he would like to hold 2017 prices. Blackhawk events are on Club Registration with an opening date of 3/1/18 and an updated ad for Blackhawk is on our website.

Motion to hold entry fees at 2017 level: Todd Conforti

Second: Bob Danko

No vote – tabled until end of meeting.

Motion to pay full rental amounts to Blackhawk Farms Raceway: Todd Conforti

Second: Bob Danko

No vote – tabled until end of meeting.

GingerMan Report: (Peter Faehnrich, Kurt Konrath)

Faehnrich reports that Gingerman registration will be listed on Clubregistration.net next week.

Autobahn DE (Chuck LaMantia)

Chuck LaMantia reports the deposit check has been sent and cashed. He will contact Barrington Porsche to see if they would sponsor the dinner again this year.

Chief Driving Instructor's Report: (John Ruther)

No report

Technical Report: (Peter Faehnrich)

Faehnrich reports Tech Session on data acquisition this Saturday 2/10/18 has 46 confirmed participants.

Safety Report: (Todd Conforti)

Conforti reminds all DE coordinators that PCA National is not allowing any cars with automatic braking systems unless the system can be completely disabled.

Insurance Report: (Keith Clark)

No report.

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report: (Chuck LaMantia)

LaMantia is happy to report that LN Engineering has agreed to sponsor AX again this year. LaMantia will be contacting Barrington Porsche to see if they are willing to sponsor both the Autobahn DE dinner and the Ice Cream social again this year. He also spoke with Lake Barrington Motors regarding their desire to sponsor one of our events.

Concours Report: (John Blyth)

Blyth says he is all set for the Chili Tasting event at The Exchange February 18th. He will provide a sign-in sheet to The Exchange as requested. Future events include the Concours workshop at Pat Yanahan's and Concours 1, Father's Day at the Promenade Bolingbrook.

Rallye Report: (Tom & Ann Snyder)

Tom Snyder reports they will be running a Rallye Master workshop in conjunction with the Chili Tasting event at The Exchange. He has Rallye Masters lined up for four out of five Rallyes.

Touring Report: (John Diwik)

Diwik reports via email that he would like reimbursement for a \$515 deposit he paid to the Salt Creek Golf Retreat to secure the dinner location for the Fall Tour. So far he has 81 signed up for the Spring Tour and 54 for the Fall Tour.

Motion to provide \$515 deposit money to reimburse Diwik: Chuck LaMantia

Second: Bob Danko

No vote – tabled until end of meeting.

Social Report: (Steve Kuk)

Kuk reports the Valentine's Day dinner has met the minimum required but he hopes to get a few more members to attend. He would like MacDonald to send out a separate blast on just this event. Kuk was also able to get a hold of the Golf Pro at White Pines and secured the date. He would like \$500 for golf prizes. Kuk is also looking to go back to Kane County Cougars July 1st for a ball game social. Working on entry fees and will have a complete report next meeting.

Motion to provide \$500 for Golf Outing Prizes: Chuck LaMantia

Second: Bob Danko

No vote – tabled until end of meeting.

Dinner Dance

No report

Membership: (Mark Prescott)

No report

Charity Report:

MacDonald is happy to report that he received a thank you from Nancy Hopp in regards to last year's charity The Mighty Acorns. With PCA Chicago's support they were able to accommodate 433 additional kids!

The deadline for this year's charity proposals is February 16th. We have 5 nominations to date. MacDonald will prepare an executive summary of each of the proposed nominees, after which he, LaMantia, and Angelus will review all proposals prior to the next meeting and select the proposals that seem to be the best "fit" with the Club's guidelines. The full Board will consider proposals from the selected nominees at the next meeting March 7th 2018.

Webmaster's Report: (Carl Walstad)

No report

Zone 13 Rep Report: (Jack Stephensen)

Stephensen reports via email that National is reminding the Regions to make sure that vehicles with accident avoidance systems are not allowed unless the system can be completely disabled.

Historian Report: (Jim Jacisin)

No report

Social Media Report: (John Westra)

Westra is pulling data for social media from our website. If there is any critical information that you want to get out sooner please send directly to him.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Rath rejoined the meeting.

The Scene Report:

Blyth has volunteered to gather content and write stories and basically be the Scene editor and would like to work with the Grossbauer Group (see president's report) to produce the Scene.

After long discussion pertaining to the high cost of outsourcing what has been historically a volunteer position for the Club, President MacDonald proposed that we accept the proposal from Grossbauer and produce two *Scenes*. LaMantia commented that this proposal was far from being routine and that the proposal should be tabled until a full quorum was present. MacDonald stated he was moving forward with his proposal.

Motion: Bob Rath to spend up to \$25,000 to produce 2 *Scenes*.

Second: Bob Danko

Motion: Yea: MacDonald, Rath, Danko
 Nay: LaMantia, Conforti

LaMantia excuses himself and leaves the meeting.

Remaining items previously tabled for vote where not brought up for action.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday Mar 7th 2018 7:30 PM

White Eagle Banquet Hall

6939 N. Milwaukee

Niles, IL

Adjournment: 10.28 PM

Motion:

Second:

No vote – quorum not present.