

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

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

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

**Coordinators Present: (“X”):**

X	John Blyth – Concours	X	Pete Hackenson – BH / RA DE		Susan Shire – Club Race Reg
	Buz Browne – AX Tech		James Jacisin – Historian	X	Ann Snyder - Rallye
	Pete Bukantis – AX Timing	X	Steve Kuk – Social Coordinator	X	Tom Snyder - Rallye
X	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		John Westra –Social Media
	Pete Faehnrich – Tech		George Schaefer III – T&S		

**Members and Guests Present:**

Toby Duckett, Jonathan Franks, Dan Cubric, Megan Nogasky, Steve Miller, Kendra Curry-Khanna

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

MacDonald welcomed the Board members, Coordinators, general members and guests attending. MacDonald asked that we hear presentations from two charities before continuing our regular meeting.

### **Charity Presentations**

#### **Children's Place**

Sponsor: Dan Cubric

Children's Place Association intervenes at critical points in a child's development by stabilizing the most vulnerable children and families, crafting personalized plans for their well-being and providing comprehensive services that break the cycle of poverty and illness. Their work focuses on Health, education, family stability and financial stability. Their services include Early Childhood Education, Residential Care with 24-hour Nursing for medically complex children, Foster/Adoptive Care for abused and neglected children, Supportive Family Housing for those struggling with illness and homelessness, Case Management, Mental Health Counseling, Summer Camp and Recreation. CPA representatives Daniel L. Dever and Cathy Krieger responded to a number of questions from the Board about their financial structure, programing needs, funding sources (including governmental and private sources), and possible volunteer opportunities, both for Club members and for CPA staff.

#### **826CHI**

Sponsor: Megan Nogasky

826CHI is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6 to 18 with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. It is their commitment to providing English Language Learners, low-income families, and under-resourced schools fair access to high-quality arts education. 826CHI offers free, year-round distinctive writing programs for Chicago students. After School Tutoring & Writing, Field Trips, Workshops and In-Schools programs engaged 2,507 students from 53 zip codes across the city. As above, 826CHI representative Kendra Curry-Khanna responded to a number of questions from the Board about their financial structure, programing needs, funding sources (including governmental and private sources), and possible volunteer opportunities, both for Club members and for 826CHI participants and staff.

MacDonald thanked the presenters of these worthy charities for attending.

## **President's Report: (Continued)**

Continuing the regular meeting MacDonald had sad news that longtime friend, member and former PCA-Chicago President Ed Barnicle passed away yesterday March 6<sup>th</sup> 2018. He will be missed. The Club will be sending flowers. MacDonald asked Board members and Coordinators to review the 2018 Region Procedures Manual (RPM) to make sure their events are in compliance.

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

With a quorum present Neil MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Since there was no quorum last meeting the 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

Minutes from 2/7/18 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: Dave Angelus  
Motion: Approved

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

For January Danko reports minimal activity. 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 January's Treasurer's report: Scott McClement  
Second: Bob Rath  
Motion: Approved

For February Danko reports the largest income sources were the PCA National rebate, new member's fees, Valentine's dinner and the Data Acquisition seminar. Largest expenses include full payment for Blackhawk track rental and Valentine's dinner.

Motion to approve February's Treasurer's report: Bob Rath  
Second: Todd Conforti  
Motion: Approved

Danko has contacted the accounting firm of Bowen & Bowen for our annual financial audit and tax proposal.

Motion to approve up to \$3000 for financial audit: Bob Danko  
Second: Keith Clark  
Motion: Approved

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

Board members and coordinators should focus on our members and have fun.

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

Cheryl Lehman Collier reports there are 17 students and 29 instructors signed up for the spring Autocross School. This year is a bit challenging due to changes in personnel. She would like \$4,000 to cover expenses for school.

Motion to provide \$4000 for AX school: Todd Conforti  
Second: Bob Rath  
Motion: Approved.

McClement reports he will require all AX participants to register online. This procedure will reduce the setup time needed for timing and scoring. To aid last minute registrations he will keep the online registration open the day of the event with a \$15 late fee included. McClement would like \$2750 to order trophies for this year's AX awards.

Motion to provide \$2750 for AX awards: Todd Conforti  
Second: Bob Danko  
Motion: Approved.

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

No report

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

Hackenson reports RADE registration is open and they have 35 registered to date. Contact was made with Ron Pace with Badger Bimmers and they accepted our invitation to join up at RADE. So far 4 experienced BMW drivers have registered.

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

Conforti reports registration is open for BH1 Novice Day and we have 24 registered to date. Conforti would like to hold event pricing at 2017 levels and pay the full rental fees to Blackhawk Farms.

Motion to hold entry fees at 2017 level: Todd Conforti  
Second: Dave Angelus  
Motion: Approved.

Motion to pay full rental amounts to Blackhawk Farms Raceway: Bob Rath  
Second: Bob Danko  
Motion: Approved.

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

No report.

**Autobahn DE (Chuck LaMantia)**

No report

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

No report

**Technical Report: (Peter Faehnrich)**

Westra reports via email that we attracted 55 registered attendees for the Data Acquisition event. Autobahn provided facilities and staff for free to the club, and both were outstanding for the event. Our thanks to the Autobahn Country Club for hosting. All costs for registration and catering were covered by the event fees. The catering invoice has been submitted to Treasurer Danko for approval and payment. Thanks to Conforti for handling registration. Dr. David Redzus' presentation was well received by the attendees.

Ruther reminds everyone the Spring Tech Session will be at Northstar Motorsports Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Safety Report: (Todd Conforti)**

No report

**Insurance Report: (Keith Clark)**

Clark reminds everyone to contact him about any insurance needs.

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

No report

**Concours Report: (John Blyth)**

Blyth reports 124 members attended the Chili Tasting Concours & Rallye event Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. He thanks The Exchange for hosting and all the volunteers and cooks who brought some excellent chili and edible art. Last Sunday Blyth met with his Concours team and is making some improvements this year including a coaching corner and more hospitality. Future events include the Concours workshop at Pat Yanahan's which is sold out and Concours 1, Father's Day at the Promenade Bolingbrook.

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

Tom Snyder would like to purchase a Go-Pro to for Rallye development. He believes it will reduce the number of runs required to develop new Rallye's therefore reducing the reimbursable mileage. As Coordinator he would keep track of it and control the signing out of the device. He is still looking for one more Rallye Master. The first event the Rallye School is set for Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Snyder would like \$3000 for awards. (Cheryl offered one of her Go-Pro's. It is up to Tom to follow up).

Motion to provide \$3000 for Rallye awards: Keith Clark

Second: Scott McClement

Motion: Approved.

### **Touring Report: (John Diwik)**

Diwik reports via email he would like to be reimbursed for the deposit made for Fall Tour.

Motion to provide \$515 to reimburse Diwik for deposit made: Keith Clark

Second: David Angelus

Motion: Approved.

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

Kuk would like to thank Toby and Bonnie Duckett for filling in for him at the Valentine's Day dinner. St. Patrick's Day dinner at Klairmont Kollection this Saturday has 114 people registered. Kuk is looking at another social at a Kane County Cougars game July 1<sup>st</sup>. After discussion, it was decided to hold off and find a better date in 2019. The next Porsches and Pastries is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at Labriola in Oak Brook. Kuk would like to get approval to spend \$500 for Golf outing prizes.

Motion to provide up to \$500 for Golf Outing Prizes: Keith Clark

Second: Bob Danko

Motion: Approved

### **Dinner Dance**

No report

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

Prescott reports we are up to 2037 primary members.

### **The Scene Report:**

MacDonald will do additional research before making a proposal for the future of the *Scene*. He will be contacting other Clubs to see what they are doing with their newsletters. He will also contact our current printer Ed Soske and Ed's recommended designer Fred Huetter of Graphic Solutions for their recommendations. MacDonald has retracted his proposal made last month regarding Grossbauer Group producing two *Scenes*

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

No report

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

Stephensen states the 2018 Region Procedures Manual (RPM) is available on PCA.org. Coordinators should review the insurance section so all required waivers are signed by participants if applicable for their events. The Presidents meeting is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>. National has allocated \$200,000 for new website development. Stephensen informs everyone that June 9<sup>th</sup> is PCNA's "Sports Car Together Day", so get out and celebrate.

### **Historian Report:**

No report

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

Westra reports via email that the RADE event has attracted some strong attention on Facebook, reaching 511 people with 7 Going, 135 Interested, 16 Shares that generate additional reach, and some inquiries for other marques attending. Note: Facebook algorithms control the reach of every page post, so only about 39% of our FB followers have seen the post.

### **Old Business:**

None

## **Executive Session**

At MacDonald's request the Event Coordinators, general membership and guests were excused at approximately 9:50 pm. The Board thereafter entered executive session to choose this year's charity.

The board emerged from executive session at approximately 10:15 pm to continue the regular meeting.

## **New Business**

After discussion held in executive session, MacDonald reported the 826CHI will be this year's PCA-Chicago charity.

Need to find a new historian.

### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 7:30 PM  
White Eagle Banquet Hall  
6939 N. Milwaukee  
Niles, IL

### **Adjournment: 10:20 PM**

Motion: Bob Danko

Second: Bob Rath

Motion: Approved