

**Porsche Club of America, Chicago Region**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2022**  
**Called to Order 7:00 PM**

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

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| <b>X</b> | Stanley Sangdahl – President  | <b>X</b> | Pete Bukantis - Director         |
| <b>X</b> | Dana Comolli – Vice President | <b>X</b> | Keith Clark – Director           |
| <b>X</b> | Robert Danko —Treasurer       | <b>X</b> | Adam Kern- Director              |
| <b>X</b> | Anna Skura – Secretary        |          | Cheryl Lehman Collier - Director |
| <b>X</b> | Bob Rath – Past President     | <b>X</b> | John Ruther – Director           |

**Coordinators Present: (“X”):**

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| <b>X</b> | Alex Block – Concours                               |          | Buz Browne – AX Tech                                       | <b>X</b> | Pete Bukantis – AX Timing                            |
| <b>X</b> | Dana Comolli – Webmaster/<br>Sponsorship/Dealership | <b>X</b> | Ross Conforti – RADE Reg                                   | <b>X</b> | Todd Conforti – Blackhawk/<br>TRAC Tech/Safety       |
|          | Glenn DeWeirdt – Autobahn<br>& Gingerman            |          | John Diwik – Driving Tours                                 |          | Neil French – Gingerman                              |
| <b>X</b> | Jody Freund – DE Tech                               | <b>X</b> | Pete Hackenson –<br>Blackhawk                              |          | Jeremy Holleb – Social<br>Co-Coordinator             |
| <b>X</b> | Adam Kern – AX<br>Coordinator/Social Media          | <b>X</b> | Bobby Kurek – Social Co-<br>Coordinator                    |          | Shannon Lange – Historian                            |
|          | Cheryl Lehmar Collier –<br>RADE/TRAC Coordinator    |          | Debby Leed – Database<br>Manager/ Permanent Car<br>Numbers |          | Ed Leed – Database Manager/<br>Permanent Car Numbers |
|          | David Mansfield - RADE                              |          | Joe Morsello – AX School                                   | <b>X</b> | Neil McDonald – Insurance/<br>The Scene              |
|          | Mark Palmer – Gingerman                             | <b>X</b> | Mark Prescott – Membership                                 | <b>X</b> | Henrique Regina – Concours                           |
|          | Mark Roethemeier –Zone 13<br>Representative         | <b>X</b> | John Ruther – Chief Driving<br>Instructor                  |          | Susan Shire - Club Race Reg                          |
|          | Andy Skura – Rallye Co-<br>Coordinator              | <b>X</b> | Anna Skura – – Rallye Co-<br>Coordinator                   |          | John Westra - Autobahn                               |

To minimize COVID exposure this meeting was held via GoToMeeting video conferencing.

**Quorum**

A quorum was confirmed, and meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

**Members and Guests Present:**

Dan Cubric

**2022 Charity Presentations:****Bounce Children's Foundation**

Member Sponsor – Joe Gottschalk

Presenter(s) - Joan Steltmann - CEO

Bounce's mission focuses on chronically ill children and their families. While hospitalized chronically ill children receive medical, psychological, social, and emotional support. These support services go away when the child is released from the hospital. That's when Bounce comes in to become part of the family's support system. They never charge the family for services. When family joins, they remain members until the child reaches age 21. After six years, Bounce currently supports 414 families supporting 429 children. 100% privately funded. No government support.

**First Tee**

Member Sponsor – Thaddeus Malik

Presenter(s) – Lea Jessie, CEO, Adam Murray

Purpose is not to hook kids on golf, but to teach kids life lessons through the game of golf. 90% of program is in Cook County in underutilized and under served communities; children from low income or at-risk backgrounds – children who otherwise would not have access to golf. Partnership with Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Park District. Recently asked by Chicago Park District to help renovate club house in Waveland Golf Course (Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course), which is an ongoing project. First Tee has six full time employees, serving 1500 – 2000 kids in the Greater Chicagoland area. Part of a national organization, but no financial support is provided from the national level; national provides programming. 2021 Budget \$750K. 5 full time staff. 15 – 20 seasonal coaches and volunteers.

**Hughes Who Technologies Studio**

Member Sponsor – Darryl Hughes

Presenter(s) – Darryl and Edye Hughes

Not-for-profit dedicated to exposing Black and Brown youth to the gaming and interactive industries. Black and Brown gamers make up 73% of the consumer market, but only 3% are employed as developers. Hughes Who provides workshops for students from elementary through high school grades on animation, 2D, 3D, stop motion animation, character design, clay modeling. Demonstrate Augmented and Virtual reality. Workshops may be one day to several weeks. Receive funds from DuPage NAACP (via government funding), Department of Family Support Services, private donations. Charge fees for workshops but use donations to cover fees for participants who are not able to pay.

## **Spark Shop**

Member Sponsor – Alan Cook

Presenter(s) – Tiernan Murrell, Shonali Dietz, Executive Directors & Co-Founders

Spark Shop introduces 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to STEM fields, by running engineering activities in under resourced elementary schools in Chicagoland. Participant statistics: 84% come from low-income households; 94% are non-white; over 50% are girls; 75% have never been exposed to a STEM program before SparkShop. There is no charge to the students.

Since our partnership with SparkShop in 2019, students are receiving seven times more content. The pandemic required SparkShop to reimagine how to reach students, resulting in developing a program that is more in depth, more hands-on and provides STEM curriculum throughout the school year. Grew from 15 to 19 schools. Grew team by three full time employees over the summer.

SparkShop's next phase asks, 'What happens to kids after SparkShop?' First kids taught are currently freshmen in high school. SparkShop designed a learn - work program where SparkShop alumni who are high school students would work at SparkShop, on SparkShop activities along side SparkShop staff. This would be a paid work experience for up to 15 students.

## **Secretary's Report: (Anna Skura)**

The Secretary's report for January 6, 2022, was presented and a motion made to accept and approve meeting minutes:

Motion: Bob Danko

Second: Bob Rath

Motion Approved

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

January 2022 total assets increased year over year.

January's highest income sources:

2022 Scene Invoices

2022 General Membership Meeting

Charity Donations

2021 Dinner Dance

January's top expenses:

Butterfield Country Club for 2021 Dinner Dance

Gingerman

Presstech

Graphic Solutions

The Onion Pub & Brewery (General Membership Meeting)

Phillips Flowers – 2021 Dinner Dance

Autobahn Country Club

2021 Dinner Dance Reimbursement (C. LaMantia)  
Road America (RADE & TRAC)

The Treasurer's report for January 2022 was presented and a motion made to accept and approve the report.

Motion: Dana Comolli  
Second: Anna Skura  
Motion Approved

A motion was made to approve \$3,750 for services provided by Bowman & Bowman for the filing of the annual tax return and Accountant's Review Report.

Motion: Keith Clark  
Second: Bob Rath  
Motion Approved

**President's Report: (Stanley Sangdahl)**

The General Membership meeting was held on January 23, 2022, at The Onion Pub and Brewery in Lake Barrington, IL. 141 members attended. The event was successful; collected \$1,200 for charity, of which 70% came from online donations.

**Vice President's Report: (Dana Comolli)**

The 2022 calendar will be finished this week; picture selection was made by several individuals. Requested quotes for printing for 400 (last year's total), 1000 and 2500 (the number of primary members we have). Quotes received from FedEx (\$5,200) and Presstech (\$6,300). The decision was made to utilize Presstech because of our long-standing relationship and the quality of their product. If we utilized FedEx the printing of the calendars would be done on large presses centrally, not in a print facility - quality would be unknown because we have not used them. Presstech is a known vendor who has provided top quality products for years. We would ask if Presstech could match the quote provided by FedEx.

The objective in 2023 would be to have the calendar ready to be mailed with The Scene in January 2023.

A motion was made to print and mail one calendar to each primary member in February.

Motion: Bob Rath  
Second: Anna Skura  
Motion Approved

A motion was made to use Presstech for the printing of the calendars at a maximum cost of \$6,300 but we would ask if they would come closer to FedEx's quote.

Motion: Bob Danko  
Second: Keith Clark  
Motion Approved

Presstech matched the FedEx quote of \$5,200.

**Past President's Report: (Bob Rath)**

Great membership meeting; nice to see members coming out. 2022 has a good selection of charities making it difficult to select one.

**Dinner Dance (Adam Kern & Dan Cubric)**

A proposal was made to host the annual Dinner Dance on December 10, 2022, at Lowes Hotel Chicago at 455 N. Park Drive, Chicago. Capacity up to 400 guests. A budget will be reviewed at the March 2, 2022, meeting.

**Autocross Report: (Adam Kern)**

The 2022 session will include one autocross at NOW Arena (formerly Sears Center), one autocross at Rockford Speedway, two autocrosses at Wintrust Field (formerly Boomers), and one autocross at Tire Rack. Autocross School will be held at Boomers.

A motion was made for \$3,000 for the rental of the NOW Arena parking lot.

Motion: Dana Comolli  
Second: Pete Bukantis  
Motion Approved

A motion was made for \$4,250 (\$3,750 for use of the parking lot & \$500 for use of the Stadium Club for Autocross classroom session) at Wintrust Field.

Motion: Bob Danko  
Second: Dana Comolli  
Motion Approved

A motion was made for up to \$1,500 for Rockford Speedway. We will probably receive a discount as there is another event occurring on the same day.

Motion: Bob Rath  
Second: Dana Comolli  
Motion Approved

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

No Report

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

All event dates have been finalized. From a survey conducted, there was interest in a Tuesday date at Blackhawk. Contracts have been signed.

A motion was made to pay \$46,000 to Blackhawk to cover track fees for all scheduled 2022 events in full.

Motion: Anna Skura

Second: Keith Clark

Motion Approved

**Autobahn DE: (Glenn DeWeirdt/Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)**

The contract is signed for the SUV event at Autobahn (North Track) on July 29, 2022, and The Exchange is excited to provide support and sponsorship for this event.

Looking to schedule a sports car only event in October.

**Gingerman Report: (Glenn DeWeirdt)**

No Report

**Road America Report: (Cheryl Lehman Collier/Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)**

Meeting scheduled for Road America team next week. Deposits have been made and cashed for both events.

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

The contract is signed for the Driving Instructors' Workshop to be held on March 26, 2022, at the Drake Hotel in Oak Brook. There will be no charge to the instructors who attend.

There was a good turnout at Northstar after the General Membership Meeting allowing members to take advance of discounts. This year there is an ample supply of helmets, so there should not be a shortage.

## **Safety Report (Todd Conforti)**

No Report

## **Technical Report: (Jody Freund)**

Ready for the Tech session in April and working on the November session.

Discussed the need for new shirts for the Tech team. Current shirts had been purchased several years ago and are worn. Ten team members help on a consistent basis and other members are helping on a sporadic basis – shirts might increase participation/commitment. For the consistent members, their replacement shirts would be customized mechanic-like shirts (one long sleeved and one short sleeved) with the PCA logo, name on chest, car number on sleeve and the back would read “Tech Team.” Short sleeved generic shirts would be purchased for the ten (10) sporadic participants. The shirts express our appreciation to those that help and aid in identifying who is a Tech Team member. Total estimated cost of \$2,200.

A motion was made for \$2,200 to purchase a total of 30 shirts (20 customized, 10 generic).

Motion: Bob Danko

Second: Dana Comolli

Motion Approved

A suggestion was made for Coordinators to consider getting shirts.

## **Concours Report: (Henrique Regina, Alex Block)**

The Chili Tasting on February 27, 2022, looks to have good attendance. Currently have 66 registered attendees. Giveaways for the Concours season will include folding chairs and trunk organizers with cooler. A total of 80 items are needed for the season for an estimated cost of \$2,000. Rallye asked to order the same items for rallye prizes. Rallye and Concours will confer on the item count needed and will revisit the expense at the next meeting.

Researching glass or acrylic trophies for Concours. Ribbons will be issued at Shine ‘n Show. The final Show ‘n Shine will be in Long Grove; pricing out the event as it will be the largest and final Concours event.

## **Rallye Report: (Anna Skura)**

Two Rallyemasters have been confirmed for the season; negotiating with three other teams, two of which would be first time Rallyemasters. There is a need to sound the call for Rallyemasters in upcoming Monday Morning emails. The venue for Rallye School scheduled for May 1, 2022, has been confirmed. We will return to Midwest Performance Cars in Northbrook. Looking to secure prizes for the season. We will have an ad in the March Scene edition for Rallye School.

**Touring Report: (John Diwik, Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)**

Jeff Buck of the Central Wisconsin Region asked if there would be any interest in a multi region tour to the Tail of the Dragon in August. No date has been selected yet. Depending on the date, we may not be able to promote the event if it conflicts with one of our scheduled events.

**Insurance Report: (Neil MacDonald)**

Requests are being made as events come up. National's policy is to rule on a Certificate of Insurance ("COI") within 10 days of the event, because of COVID restrictions. Our practice is to get the COI issued by the last Board meeting before the event.

**Social Report: (Bobby Kurek)**

St. Valentine's Day luncheon is scheduled at Coppers Hawk on February 13, 2022. This event is currently requiring proof of vaccination.

The St. Pat's event is set for March 12, 2022. The first Porsche and Pastries event at LaBriola is scheduled for April 9, 2022. The second Porsche and Pastries is tentatively planned at Napleton Porsche.

The team is working on the four region Barbeque. Jeremy is taking the lead working with Steve Kuk.

**Membership: (Mark Prescott)**

2,410 Primary Members

1,308 Affiliate Members

**Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report: (Dana Comolli)**

Midwest Performance Cars ("MPC") will be sponsoring Autocross this year. Still looking for a sponsor for Autocross School. Haggerty has been slow to respond to our request for sponsorship.

**The Scene Report: (Neil MacDonald)**

We have 15 full page advertisers; five (5) half page advertisers. All are committed to the full year. The magazine runs 36 - 48 pages.

**Social Media Report: (Adam Kern)**

There is ongoing monitoring of our Facebook page for appropriate postings. This led to a review of who should have administrative access to post on our Facebook page. It was agreed to limit administrative access to Facebook to Adam Kern and Jeff Brown.



**Webmaster's Report: (Dana Comolli)**

We are now at the point where we can compare this year's utilization to last year. January 2022 had almost twice as many visits and users as January 2021.

Past editions of The Scene have been posted to the website going back to 1971. If anyone has earlier editions, contact Dana.

The new section of the website called "Great Drives" is live with ten items posted.

**Historian Report: (Shannon Lange/Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)**

No Report. Shannon needs to gain access to the storage locker.

**Zone 13 Rep Report: (Mark Roethemeier)**

No Report.

**Old Business:**

- A. Calendar – The calendar is finalized for 2022.
- B. Event fees will remain the same for 2022 as in 2021.
- C. Charity – We are looking for ways to increase our financial support of the charity in addition to what is collected from club members. Different ways to achieve this goal were discussed. We will revisit this topic later in the year. This year we will be promoting the option of making charity contributions when registering for events via ClubReg.

**New Business:**

- A. Calendar – The 2022 calendar will be printed and mailed in February to each primary member.
- B. Directory – No directory will be distributed.

A Motion was made to end the General Meeting and go into Executive Committee to make the charity selection for 2022.

Motion: Keith Clark

Second: Bob Rath

Motion Approved

The meeting went into Executive Committee at 9:35 PM to deliberate the selection of a charity for 2022. SparkShop was selected as our charity for 2022.

A motion was made to exit Executive Committee and Adjourn.

Motion: Peter Bukantis

Second: Bob Danko

Motion Approved

Adjournment at 9:40 PM

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday March 2, 2022, at 7:00 PM via GoToMeeting