

**Porsche Club of America, Chicago Region
Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2022
Called to Order 7:00 PM**

Voting Board Members Present (“X”):

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

Coordinators Present: (“X”):

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

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

Quorum

A quorum was confirmed and the meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Members and Guests Present:

Blake Thompson
Dan Cubric

Secretary's Report: (Anna Skura)

The Secretary's report for March 2, 2022, was presented and a motion made to accept and approve meeting minutes:

Motion: Bob Danko
Second: Dana Comolli
Motion Approved

Treasurer's Report: (Bob Danko)

March 2022 total assets are slightly lower year over year.

March's highest income sources:

Chili Tasting
Concours School
St. Pat's Social
Charity Donations
Scene Invoices
St. Valentine's Social

March's top expenses:

2022 RADE
2022 TRAC
Instructor Training - The Drake Hotel
Presstech
Graphic Solutions
NOW Arena for Autocross
Chili Tasting, Concours/Rally awards
Highwood Rental – Chairs and tables for Chili Tasting
RADE/TRAC WC Insurance

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

Motion: John Ruther
Second: Cheryl Lehman Collier
Motion Approved

President's Report: (Stanley Sangdahl)

The PCA National Drone Usage policy is very restrictive. The drone operator must be 1) a FAA licensed pilot who is in the business of supplying drone coverage for events and 2) have a five (5) million dollar liability policy naming PCA. The drone may only be used on the perimeter of the event. It is difficult to get permission to use a drone within five miles of an airport so we would not be able to use one during autocross in Schaumburg.

If someone is flying a drone at any PCA event, it needs to be determined who is flying the drone and they need to be asked to bring the drone down.

A motion was made to prohibit drone usage this season at all PCA Chicago region events.

Motion: Dana Comolli
Second: Anna Skura
Motion Approved

E-blasts publicizing events are sent out each Monday. The two upcoming events are featured and a short blurb is included about events coming up within the next month. Thursday e-blasts are reserved for events coming up over the weekend that may be falling short on attendance.

Vice President's Report: (Dana Comolli)

No Report

Past President's Report: (Bob Rath)

No report.

Dinner Dance (Adam Kern & Dan Cubric)

A budget analysis was provided prior to the meeting for review. After a discussion about the anticipated expenses and registration fee to attendees, it was agreed to move forward with securing the Lowes Hotel Chicago at 455 N. Park Drive, Chicago on December 10, 2022 and maintain the registrant fee at \$100.00. A block of rooms will be available.

A motion was made for a deposit of \$10,305.00 to Lowes Hotel Chicago.

Motion: Bob Rath
Second: Stanley Sangdahl
Motion Approved

A motion was made for a deposit of \$500.00 for DJ services.

Motion: Bob Danko
Second: Cheryl Lehman Collier
Motion Approved

Autocross Report: (Adam Kern)

Autocross School currently has 52 students registered and 25 volunteers. T-shirts have been ordered and the total expenses was \$196.76 over what was approved last month (\$1,500.00). The additional expense was for a 65th anniversary tag that will be sewn on the shirt.

Bob Danko clarified that the expense for the T-Shirts is higher than \$1,700.00. A payment was of \$154.00 was paid to Wonder Label to have the labels made and \$270.00 to Dazo for the artwork for the T-Shirts. The total expense is \$2,120.76.

A motion was made to increase the funding for the Autocross T-Shirts from \$1700.00 to \$2,200.00.

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl
Second: Bob Rath
Motion Approved

A total of 145 shirts have been order – 90 will be distributed to attendees of the Autocross School. The remaining shirts will be sold throughout the season for \$25.00 to support SparkShop.

Timing & Scoring Report: (Pete Bukantis)

No Report

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

There are 38 novices registered, 17 experienced, 4 instructors for the May 6, 2022 event. It is anticipated that the event will sell out and that additional instructions will register.

A T-shirt is being designed for the May event. The Exchange will be paying for the T-shirts.

June event has 15 registrants so far.

The hotel block for Oktoberfest has been made. Pete Bukantis is arranging the meal. A deposit will need to be made once the menu is finalized.

Autobahn DE: (Glenn DeWeirdt/Reported by Dana Comolli)

A full track event has been added for October 17, 2022. There will not be a formal classroom session and attendees will be on their own for food. Estimate 100 attendees; 68 would be the breakeven. Proposing four run groups (Green, Yellow, White, Black).

A motion was made for a deposit of \$3,875.00 to secure the track for October 17, 2022.

Motion: Bob Rath

Second: John Ruther

Motion Approved

For the SUV event, The Exchange developed a promotional video featuring the track that will be sent to their customers. The video will be added to our website. Registration for the event is being coordinated with the distribution of the video.

The Exchange has signed the contract for food (\$10,000.00) which will include breakfast and lunch at the Club House.

The Exchange contacted John Ruther regarding special pricing for helmets for the SUV event. Northstar has committed to offering discounts to anyone who would be interested in purchasing a helmet. A limited number of helmets may be available to borrow at the event. The Exchange will also be offering special pricing for service for Tech and a brake flush.

Napelton Porsche is putting together a ladies only event at Autobahn. Dominique & Stanley Sangdahl will attend and see what the interest will be as we have discussed holding a similar event in the past.

Gingerman Report: (Glenn DeWeirdt)

No Report

Road America Report: (Cheryl Lehman Collier)

Elkhart Police Department (“EPD”) will be charging \$100.00 per hour for blocking the street for Tech on Thursday for RADE. Siebkens is charging \$500.00 for use of their basement for the classroom and \$400.00 for the saloon used for registration. These are not charges that we have incurred in the past.

A question was raised if the charge by the EPD is in addition to the donation that we make. A follow up will be made with the EPD to verify.

We will reserve the street in front of Siebkens for the parade. This may result in limiting the number of cars that will be able to participate in the parade.

Rooms have been blocked; rooms are booked for RADE staff; waiting on T-shirt design.

There are 82 registrants, 77 have paid.
A Road America meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

A motion was made for \$2,000.00 for RADE T shirts.

Motion: Bob Rath
Second: Dana Comolli
Motion Approved

Chief Driving Instructor's Report: (John Ruther)

The Driving Instructors' Workshop was held on March 26, 2022, at the Drake Hotel in Oak Brook. Dana Comolli and Greg Turek assisted with the presentations.

There were 49 registered attendees and \$105.00 was collected for SparkShop.

Historically, jackets have been provided to instructors. The last order was placed in 2014 and it's necessary to replenish the supply. The total price per jacket is \$222.50 but our discount brings the cost down to \$105.75.

A motion was made for \$3,800.00 for 33 jackets.

Motion: Bob Rath
Second: Pete Bukatis
Motion Approved

Glenn DeWeirdt asked John Ruther for a quote and the Board to consider approval for three entry level helmets and three Hans devices for instructors doing demo drives at DE events. The cost for these items would be \$2,150.00. It was decided that this request would not be approved.

Safety Report (Todd Conforti)

PCA National has announced that due to the short supply of harnesses, it has extended FIA expiration dates by one year.

Technical Report: (Jody Freund/Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)

The April tech session was a great event collecting \$605.00 for SparkShop.

Concours Report: (Henrique Regina, Alex Block)

The Concours School at Napleton had 55 attendees and \$95.00 was collected for SparkShop. Napleton provided nice prizes for raffles and goodie bags for attendees.

The Show & Shine partnered with Porsche & Pastries has 93 registrants, with 18 registered for the Show & Shine event. The youth judging does not yet have any participants, but if there is a group in attendance, Bob Rath will lead the youth group judging.

There are nine registrants for the Concours Judging School so far.

Rallye Report: (Anna Skura)

We will have a total of four rallyes this year; the July rallye will be cancelled unless a Rallyemaster team steps up to design a rallye. We will have two seasoned Rallyemasters and two first time Rallyemasters.

Rallye School has eight teams registered and six volunteers.

A motion was made for up to \$800.00 for chair/table rental and breakfast items for Rallye School.

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Dana Comolli

Motion Approved

Rich Bireta, creator of the Richta App has invited PCA members who are interested in learning how to use the Rallyemaster app to create a rallye to join the April 21, 2022 SCCA quarterly meeting.

Touring Report: (John Diwik/Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)

We continue to advertise the Pittsburgh tour.

Insurance Report: (Bob Rath)

We are set for insurance for the next month. After each event, a Post Event report must be filed by the leader of the event within five (5) days of the event; an Observer's Report within ten (10) days of the event and all signed waivers need to be forwarded to Bob.

Social Report: (Bobby Kurek/Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)

Bobby Kurek is moving out of the region and Brian Voss will pick up responsibility for some social events, but we need someone to step into this role. Steve Kuk has been asked and agreed to function in an advisory role only.

The St. Pat's event had 25 registrants and 45 attendees.

The next Porsches & Pastries is at LaBriola and is partnered with the Concours Show & Shine. Porsches & Pastries #2 is as Big Door. Brian Voss and Robert Safe will coordinate this event and Robert will coordinate Porsches & Pastries #3.

Jeremy Holleb is taking the lead on the four region BBQ. Jeremy is no longer a PCA member and as such he has been instructed not to sign any contracts on behalf of the club.

Robert Safe will help with the BBQ on May 21, 2022. Attendance is expected between 300-400 attendees resulting in additional tents, tables and chairs compared to last year. The entry fee will increase from \$30.00 to \$35.00 which will result in a subsidy of less than \$3,000.00 from our region. Registration will open shortly.

A motion was made to approve expenditures of up to \$14,000.00.

Motion: Dana Comolli

Second: Cheryl Lehman Collier

Motion Approved

Eric McHugh is responsible for Chrome & Coffee at Iron Gate. Management is moving away from the developer and a new Board is being formed which may create some opportunities for us to partner with them for events at Iron Gate.

The Swap Meet was a great, successful event and it was agreed to hold the event annually.

Membership: (Mark Prescott)

The Chicago region has 2,420 primary members (increase of five since March) and 1,313 affiliate members (increase of five since March).

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report: (Dana Comolli)

No Report

The Scene Report: (Neil MacDonald)

The Scene is holding at 40 pages per issue except for the September issue which features Road America. We will have two new half page advertisers beginning in May.

Social Media Report: (Adam Kern)

Our hash tag campaign for our 65th anniversary is #PCAC65.

Webmaster's Report: (Dana Comolli)

Web traffic for March 2022 is up 21% over March 2021. Great Drives is the 6th most popular page. Our page on Porsche model and type codes continues to gain popularity with 10-12 visits per day.

Historian Report: (Shannon Lange)

No Report.

Zone 13 Rep Report: (Mark Roethemeier)

No Report.

Old Business:

Charity donations on ClubReg - Stanley Sangdahl recommended that coordinators who sell raffle tickets at their events model their event set up in ClubReg on the Rallye School registration which allows members to pre-purchase raffle tickets for any raffles held at the event. The registration allows the purchase of a single ticket for \$5.00; five tickets for \$20.00; or to just make a charity donation without purchasing raffle tickets.

Suggestions were made to set up a separate event for SparkShop on ClubReg to allow members to make a donation even if they are not attending an event and to add SparkShop's URL to our webpage so members can be taken to the SparkShop website to learn more about their mission. We will also be asking SparkShop to author an article for The Scene.

General Membership meeting at The Onion was previously set for January 22, 2023, but Northstar will not be open on this date. It has become tradition for Northstar to open after the General Membership meeting to allow members to make purchases at a discount. The General Membership meeting will be moved to January 15, 2023.

Last meeting there was a question asked about whether we should consider changing the venue for the St. Valentine's Day event. The Cooper's Hawk location in Arlington Heights has served us well, the private room is ideal and there have not been any complaints. Therefore, it was decided to stay with Cooper's Hawk for a St. Valentine's Day luncheon on February 18, 2023.

New Business:

We need to think about returning to some in person meetings, perhaps on a quarterly basis initially. Contact will be made with the VFW to check on availability of the space we previously used.

A Motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Bob Rath

Second: Cheryl Lehman Collier

Motion Approved

Adjournment at 8:50 PM

Next Meeting:

Wednesday May 4, 2022, at 7:00 PM via Zoom Meeting.