

**Porsche Club of America, Chicago Region
Board Meeting Minutes
June 8, 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		Adam Kern- Director
X	Anna Skura – Secretary	X	Cheryl Lehman Collier - Director
X	Bob Rath – Past President	X	John Ruther – Director

Coordinators Present: (“X”):

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
	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
X	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 7:00 PM.

Members and Guests Present:

Steve Kwon

Robert Safe

Steve Kwon – Discount Tires

Discount Tire is offering a Fleet Account to the club that would offer a 10% discount to members. Discount Tire owns Tire Rack. Tires may be ordered through Discount Tire and shipped anywhere. The discount would apply to the cart price. Some racing and high-performance tires are available. There is no cost to the club to set up the account. The discount percentage can be renegotiated annually based on volume.

Once the Fleet Account is established, we would have access to analytics. We will want to confirm with Discount Tire that they will not use our name in any of their advertisements. When the account is set up, we will publicize the discount code through email blasts, website, and in The Scene. We may want to inform National about this discount as they may be interested in a similar account to offer the discount to members nationwide.

Discount Tire is also looking to get more involved with the club and would like to bring trinkets to events.

A motion was made to complete the Fleet Account application.

Motion: Bob Danko

Second: Anna Skura

Motion Approved

Stanley Sangdahl will work Steve Kwon to prepare the Fleet Account application. Dana Comolli will work with the Discount Tire to see what type of sponsorship they are interested in.

Secretary's Report: (Anna Skura)

The Secretary's report for May 4, 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)

May 2022 total assets are up 25K year over year.

May's highest income sources:

RADE
Blackhawk #1
Multi-Region BBQ
PCA Rebate
The Scene
Autocross #1
Charity
Auto Cross Sponsorship
Rallye School & Rallye #1

May's top expenses:

Multi-Region BBQ - Reimbursement to Stanley Sangdahl
RADE Corner Workers
Presstech – May Scene
Graphic Solutions – May Scene
Victory Screening – RADE
Haymarket Brewing
PCA – DE Insurance

The multi-region BBQ resulted in the Chicago region supplementing slightly over \$4,000.00 for tents, tables, and chairs. Charity donations will be split between three regions – the Fox Valley region only had two members in attendance, so they asked not to be included in the charity split. The Milwaukee, Chicago and Central Wisconsin's charities will receive four hundred dollars.

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

Motion: Dana Comolli
Second: Cheryl Lehman Collier
Motion Approved

President's Report: (Stanley Sangdahl)

The storage unit payment for June 2022 rent was paid in the amount of \$166.00. A motion was made to lock in the current rate and pre-pay the rental fee for the next three years for a total of \$6,012.00.

Motion: Bob Danko
Second: Bob Rath
Motion Approved

Monday morning announcements will advertise events 30 days in advance. Events will be rotated to keep interest. Coordinators should not be concerned about their event being dropped one week, as it will be added back the next week.

A \$1,000.00 deposit was made to The Onion in Barrington for the General Membership meeting scheduled for January 15, 2023.

Cooper's Hawk in Arlington Heights has been reserved for the St. Valentine's luncheon on February 18, 2023.

We are looking to schedule a golf outing in 2023 at White Pines in Bensenville.

We would like to start scheduling events for 2023 to have calendar ready to distribute at the Membership Meeting.

Vice President's Report: (Dana Comolli)

No Report

Past President's Report: (Bob Rath)

The four-region event was wonderful. Much appreciation to Cheryl Lehman Collier and her team for a nice Memorial Day weekend at Road America.

Dinner Dance (Adam Kern/Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)

A motion was made to make a second deposit to The Loews Chicago Hotel in the amount of \$8,236.00 for the 2022 dinner dance.

Motion: Bob Rath

Second: Bob Danko

Motion Approved

Autocross Report: (Adam Kern/Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)

Autocross #2 was a good event with 53 drivers.

Autocross ran out of trophies and are giving away hats and T-shirts. A motion was made for \$950.00 for the purchase of additional T-shirts (\$300.00) and hats (\$650.00).

Motion: Cheryl Lehman Collier

Second: Bob Rath

Motion Approved

Rockford Speedway is a fun place for Autocross, but we almost had an incident with a car coming close to a wall. The Autocross minimum standards recommend 25 feet between the course and any solid

object. Rockford Speedway may not be an option for us in the future. This will be discussed further with Adam Kern.

Timing & Scoring Report: (Pete Bukantis)

There are no issues with timing and scoring equipment.

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

Novice Day held on May 6, 2022, was a great event, despite a rainy day. There were 77 paid drivers, 40 novices, with eight no shows. There were no incidents.

Our next event at Blackhawk is scheduled for June 24, 2022. We currently have 68 paid drivers, 18 novices, nine in the black/white group. Additional instructors are needed. SCCA members will be in their own run group.

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

The SUV event is open with eighteen registrants so far. We have several instructors in place. This event is only open to members which has resulted in new memberships. The Exchange claims to have sent out an email to customers who have purchased a Macan or Cayenne, but we have not been able to confirm that the emails have been received. Dana will follow up with The Exchange. The next payment for this event is due by June 29, 2022. The Exchange is offering tech and brake flush for a Cayenne or Macan for \$100.00 for anyone participating in the event. Autobahn can offer up to 35 rental helmets if necessary.

A deposit has been made for the full track event on October 17, 2022.

We have started discussions with Autobahn about locking in dates for 2023.

Gingerman Report: (Glenn DeWeirdt//Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)

Registration is open with thirteen registered so far. Macon group will run on Sunday

Road America Report: (Cheryl Lehman Collier)

RADE was successful. No incidents for the first time in PCA history. There was \$1660.00 raised for SparkShop, with \$880.00 coming from the touring event, \$620.00 through ClubReg and \$160.00 from sales of T-shirts, lanterns and hats.

The stewards for TRAC have been assigned and a meeting is scheduled with them for June 15, 2022.

Cheryl met with Susan Shire and learned that we can offer Lapping sessions or Test & Tune for club racers on Friday. The benefit to Test & Tune is that we can give decals and wristbands for sprints and enduro on Friday. The driver would then need to return to registration for logbooks and tech stickers on Saturday. DE rules would apply but we will expand passing rules in the corners as long as a “point” is given.

We have taken a full-page ad in Club Race News for 2022 TRAC to counterbalance the Indy event which is not a points event so it is not likely that we will lose many drivers.

Chief Driving Instructor’s Report: (John Ruther)

We had enough instructors for Novice Day at Blackhawk. Dana Comolli and John Ruther did the classroom sessions. The rain gave everyone the opportunity to gain experience on a wet track.

RADE had more instructors than novices so some newer driver or drivers new to Road America were assigned an instructor.

We need more instructors for Blackhawk on June 24, 2022.

A suggestion was made to provide instructors with copies of blank track maps to mark up and make comments that would help their student.

Safety Report (Todd Conforti)

There were no incidents at Blackhawk (May 6, 2022) or RADE (May 25 – 16, 2022).

There is a recall of Recaro SPG XL seats manufactured from 2017 to 2022. The defect can cause cracks in the seat shell resulting in a possible detachment of the shell from the adaptor. Recaro is expecting replacement seats to be available in October 2022. We will check with National to see how they are managing this situation.

Technical Report: (Jody Freund)

No Report.

Concours Report: (Henrique Regina, Alex Block)

The first event scheduled for June 26, 2022, in Bolingbrook has four registrants. We are waiting for the Promenade to send an agreement for the event.

Dana Comolli will set up the Concours registration for Potters Picnic. Stanley Sangdahl will contact Rick Fisher to finalize pricing for Potters Picnic.

Rallye Report: (Andy Skura)

Rallye #1 on May 15, 2022, had 15 teams participating. First time Rallyemasters, Les and Caroline Teichner wrote the 'Revenge Rallye' which included a trick that cause all teams to miss a checkpoint resulting in high scores for all. Rallye #2 scheduled for July 10, 2022, has been cancelled due to a lack of Rallyemasters. Rallye #3 is scheduled for August 24, 2022 and will be designed by first time Rallyemaster Chris Costis and Shannon Lange.

Andy will be doing a brief training session on the Richta app for Rallyemasters. We will also need to order prizes for rallye #4 & #5.

A motion was made to reimburse mileage equivalent to the total mileage for one run of a rallye route to the individual who drives the photographer along the rallye route to take pictures.

Motion: Dana Comolli

Second: Cheryl Lehman Collier

Motion Approved

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

There are still spots available for the Pittsburg Tour and it will be added back to the Monday morning announcements.

Insurance Report: (Bob Rath)

We are caught up on insurance for the month. A reminder to send waiver forms to Bob Rath.

Social Report: (Reported by Robert Safe)

A good time was had at Big Door on Saturday, May 7, 2022. Porsche & Pastries #3 at Black Dog on June 11, 2022, has 76 registrants.

Ice cream social has been confirmed with Super Dawg in Wheeling for August 13, 2022. Brian Voss to take the lead on this event.

Membership: (Mark Prescott/ Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)

The Chicago region has 2,418 primary members (an increase of one since May) and 1,320 affiliate members (an increase of eight since May).

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report: (Dana Comolli)

Dana is primarily working with The Exchange, and we are shifting the focus to TRAC sponsorship.

The Scene Report: (Neil MacDonald)

We've picked up some new advertisers. The next issue will be released in July.

Social Media Report: (Adam Kern/Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)

No report.

Webmaster's Report: (Dana Comolli)

Web traffic for May 2022 increased by 84% over May 2021 and page views are up 45% to just under 12,000. The home page and schedule page are the most popular.

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

Shannon Lange has gained access to our storage locker and is collecting information to create a slide show for the Dinner Dance. A scanner has been purchased to scan pictures and post on social media/website.

Zone 13 Rep Report: (Mark Roethemeier)

No Report.

Old Business:

A statement needs to be developed and included in instructions for Rallye and Touring about what to do in the event of an accident.

We need to follow up with Pat Yanahan regarding the valuation of 356 and early 911s presentation at Cantigny on November 12, 2022.

The Geneva Concours is self-registration directly with the organizer. We need to have membership at the event to help stage cars.

New Business:

Robert Safe is the liaison on the Westmont Cruisn' Nights scheduled for July 14, 2022. Westmont is asking for a headcount of attendees and asked if they could have access to our photos.

A Motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Dana Comolli

Second: Bob Rath

Motion Approved

Adjournment at 8:56 PM

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday July 6, 2022, at 7:00 PM via Zoom Meeting or at 7:30 PM if in person.