

**Porsche Club of America, Chicago Region**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 7, 2022**  
**Called to Order 7:01 PM**

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

<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		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”):**

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

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:**

Robert Safe

Dan Cubric

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

The Secretary's report for the August 3, 2022, meeting was presented, and a motion made to accept and approve the meeting minutes.

Motion: Keith Clark

Second: Pete Bukantis

Motion Approved

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

August 2022 total assets are up by \$53K year over year.

August's highest income sources:

TRAC

Gingerman

Membership

Autobahn

The Scene

Charity Collection

August's highest expenses:

TRAC Corner Workers

Gingerman

Driving Tour #1

Presstech

TRAC – NPN360

PCA National – TRAC

TRAC Elkhart Lake Police

Bowen & Bowen

Blackhawk Octoberfiesta Deposit

PCA National – Gingerman

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

Motion: Keith Clark  
Second: Bob Rath  
Motion Approved

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

Thank you to everyone who was at TRAC working to make it a great event. We received many compliments on the event. One time registration made things significantly better.

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

No Report

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

Indy was interesting; attendees were racers and DE participants. GT Tour had 30 states represented.

**Dinner Dance (Adam Kern/Reported by Dan Cubric)**

The third deposit needs to be made by September 10, 2022. An initial block of 20 rooms has been reserved for Saturday night and should now be open for reservations. We will check with the hotel to see if Friday night and/or Sunday night may be open as well for anyone who may want to extend their weekend in the city. The event will need to be opened on ClubReg at least six weeks prior to December 10, 2022.

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

Autocross #4 is half sold out at Wintrust Field (formerly Boomers).

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

No Report

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

There are 37 registrants for Oktoberfest on September 24 – 25, 2022. Dinner options have been selected; hotels have been booked. The next eblast will have a corrected date for Blackhawk (had October when it should be September).

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

The Autobahn full track event on October 17, 2022, is open on ClubReg and has 10 registrants so far.

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

There were 96 registered drivers at Gingerman held on August 13 -14, 2022. There was a successful Macan run group and it will continue to be retained. The low-speed touring on Friday night was a success with approximately 40 cars.

Gingerman would like us to move our event to August 4-6, 2023, which will be one week after the scheduled SUV event at Autobahn. We will continue to work with Gingerman to finalize dates for 2023.

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

The event was a great success. Much was learned from last year's event and there was a better understanding of what to expect. There were some last-minute emergencies that were addressed quickly. Four volunteers recorded car numbers "old school" style in race control when the timing equipment aligned to the start/finish line went out. The equipment was up and running for the last three Sprints, but the group continued to record numbers as a back up.

The Stewarts were happy with Andy Skura and would like him to come back.

A tremendous thank you to everyone who helped organize each aspect of the weekend and to the volunteers who helped daily. The tumblers were a huge success – many were sold as cars waited for track touring on Sunday.

There were 89 registrants for DE with 8 cancellations. Club Race registrant were at 130, down about 30 from 2021 with 15 cancellations. More than 1200 non-driver wristbands were issued during the event.

A financial analysis will be completed to capture the impact of the PCNA Indy event.

DE waivers from ClubReg have been forwarded to Bob Rath, paper waivers still need to be forwarded.

The Stewarts and staff were inclusive of our regional staff, and they attended the core volunteer meeting on Friday. This year was a wonderful experience with the National crew.

There were a some Club Race incidents with most being minor or mechanical.

We collected \$3,975 for charity across multiple platforms (track touring, donations, sale of hats, t-shirt, tumblers).

The contract for RADE 2023 has been received.

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

Four instructors helped drivers at TRAC. We need to change the questions on ClubReg to get a better understanding of who needs an instructor. Some indicated they only needed a check ride, but they were drivers who needed more than just a ride along. TRAC is not an event for those that are not experienced. We can help someone who is experienced but not familiar with Road America versus someone who is not familiar with DE.

**Safety Report (Todd Conforti)**

This year's TRAC event was the safest in recent years. The first DE incident of the year was on Friday in Turn 5. On the race side there were seven incidents, most mechanical. There was one fire. Smaller groups made it safer and kept us on schedule.

**Technical Report: (Jody Freund)**

TRAC was good with no problem securing volunteers.

The Fall Tech session will be at Midwest Performance Cars in Northbrook on November 13, 2022.

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

There were 16 cars participating in the Concours at the Osthoff of which four were from the Milwaukee region. There was one perfect score.

The Osthoff did a nice job of setting us up and the location was great. We look forward to being back at Osthoff next year.

The September 18, 2022, Show & Shine requires a \$1,500 minimum guarantee on the food truck plus management fees and port-a-potties for a grand total of approximately \$2,800. A motion was made to approve up to \$2,800 in expenditure.

Motion: Keith Clark

Second: Dana Comolli

Motion Approved

There are 39 registrants for the event so far and with guests we anticipate 78 participants.

**Rallye Report: (Andy Skura, Anna Skura)**

Rallye #4 is scheduled for September 11, 2022, with 8 teams registered so far. Rallye #5 on October 9, 2022, will be held west of Milwaukee and will be open on ClubReg by the weekend. A request for insurance will be made.

Last month approval was granted to spend up to \$1,500 for prizes for the last two rallyes and we came in under \$1,000.

Sharon Olsen is prepared to take over as Rallye Coordinator in 2023 with Jack Stephensen's assistance.

**Touring Report: (John Diwik)**

The Brown County, Nashville, Indiana fall tour scheduled for October 14 – October 16, 2022, has 80 participants registered and paid. There are still openings for another 20 participants. An application for insurance will be made shortly.

**Insurance Report: (Bob Rath)**

We have insurance for all events except Rallye #5 and the Fall Tour.

**Social Report: (Reported by Robert Safe)**

The SparkShop event on October 30, 2022, will be live on ClubReg this week. Twenty-four volunteers are needed for the assembly of SparkShop education boxes.

The Morton Arboretum is asking if we were going to do an event at their facility this year. It may be difficult to schedule something this year, but we will work them for an event in 2023.

**Membership: (Mark Prescott)**

The Chicago region has 2,450 primary members (an increase of 25 since August) and 1,340 affiliate members (an increase of 5 since August).

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

We received \$7,500 in sponsorship for TRAC this year which was \$4,000 less than in 2021. This is attributed to the Indy event. Some lowered their sponsorship because the event was not going to be as large as in previous years. Others did not provide sponsorship because they were not going to be at our event (attending Indy).

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

We are between 40 – 44 pages per issue. Discount Tire advertising has started. We continue to work on getting new contributing authors and photographers with each issue.

Hot Wired is a possible new page being considering that would offer an electronic newsletter.

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

Instagram has over 1500 followers. Many at TRAC were tagging us and posting videos.

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

Website traffic is up by 65% over last year for users; 40% increase for access. The use of the online TRAC program was down because attendance was down. The paddock layout was added and used 60 times.

**Historian Report: (Shannon Lange)**

No Report.

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

No Report.

**Old Business:**

The 2023 calendar has been emailed to all coordinators and loaded with similar dates from this year. The updated calendar will be sent out once again.

**New Business:**

The Nominating Committee met on September 6, 2022. The slate will include:

President:	Stanley Sangdahl
Vice President:	Dana Comolli
Treasurer:	Bob Danko
Secretary:	Adam Kern
Director:	Henrique Regina
Director:	Mark Prescott

A motion was made to accept the slate.

Motion: Robert Danko

Second Keith Clark

Motion passed.

The slate will be published on Monday September 12, 2022, with the weekly announcements. There will be a one-month period for any other nominations that are accompanied by 25 region member signatures. The ballot will be set in October. Ballots will be sent out and the Secretary will oversee the count in November.

We would like to get a jump start on identifying a charity for 2023. It would be ideal to have a charity in place by the General Membership meeting in January 2023.

As we prepare for year-end, if there is anyone that should be recognized by a President's award, please let Stanley Sangdahl know.

There was a discussion about how to get more women involved in driving events. Some thoughts and ideas were discussed, challenges were addressed, and it was decided that further conversations should be had on the topic.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Bob Rath

Second: Dana Comolli

Motion Approved

Adjournment at 8:30 PM

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 5, 2022, at 7:00 PM via Zoom Meeting or at 7:30 PM if in person.