

**Porsche Club of America, Chicago Region  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 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	<b>X</b>	Adam Kern- Director
<b>X</b>	Anna Skura – Secretary	<b>X</b>	Cheryl Lehman Collier - Director
<b>X</b>	Bob Rath – Past President	<b>X</b>	John Ruther – Director

**Coordinators Present: (“X”):**

	Alex Block – Concours		Buz Browne – AX Tech	<b>X</b>	Pete Bukantis – AX Timing/Blackhawk
<b>X</b>	Dana Comolli – Webmaster/Sponsorship/Dealership	<b>X</b>	Ross Conforti – RADE Reg	<b>X</b>	Todd Conforti – Blackhawk/TRAC Tech/Safety
	Glenn DeWeirdt – Autobahn & Gingerman		John Diwik – Driving Tours		Neil French – Gingerman
	Jody Freund – DE Tech	<b>X</b>	Pete Hackenson – Blackhawk		Jeremy Holleb – Social Co-Coordinator
<b>X</b>	Adam Kern – AX Coordinator/Social Media		Shannon Costis – Historian	<b>X</b>	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		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:**

Steve Olson  
Sharon Olson  
Robert Safe  
Jack Stephensen  
Chris Winslow

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

The Secretary's report for the October 5, 2022, meeting was presented, and a motion made to accept and approve the meeting minutes.

Motion: Dana Comolli  
Second: Bob Danko  
Motion Approved

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

October 2022 total assets are down by \$117K year over year.

October's highest income sources:

Autobahn #2  
Driving Tour #2  
TRAC  
Autocross #5  
Charity

October's highest expenses:

Driving Tour #2  
Dinner Dance Deposits  
TRAC Expenses  
Concours Trophies  
2022 Rallye #4 & #5 Awards  
Blackhawk Octoberfiesta Expenses

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

Motion: Cheryl Lehman Collier  
Second: Pete Bukantis  
Motion Approved

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

Awards have been ordered for the dinner dance.

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

The 2023 print calendar will be ready for mailing with the January edition of The Scene. There will be 2700 copies printed of which 2500 will be mailed for a cost of \$4547.00 which is the same as the cost for 2022. The remaining 200 will be extras to distribute at events.

A motion was made to spend up to \$5,000 for the printing and mailing of the 2023 calendar.

Motion: Keith Clark  
Second: John Ruther  
Motion Approved

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

The SparkShop packaging event on October 30, 2022, was enjoyable.

The losses from the Labor Day TRAC event need to be submitted to National to obtain some reimbursement.

Bob has offered to forward the summary to National.

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

There are 120 registrants for the dinner dance. Another payment is due for the venue by November 10, 2022. The initial block of rooms has been reserved and there is additional interest. We need to open another 20 – 30 rooms. Prizes & gifts are being purchased.

**Autocross Report: (Adam Kern)**

Wintrust in Schaumburg has increased their pricing from \$1,250 to \$1,500 per event. We have Autocross School and three events scheduled there in 2023.

A motion was made for \$6,000 to pay Wintrust.

Motion: Cheryl Lehman Collier  
Second: Dana Comolli  
Motion Approved

**Timing & Scoring Report: (Pete Bukantis)**  
No Report

**Blackhawk Farms Report: (Todd Conforti, Peter Hackenson, Peter Bukantis)**  
Working on finalizing dates for 2023.

**Autobahn DE: (Glenn DeWeirdt/Reported by Dana Comolli)**  
There were 63 attendees at the full track event on October 17, 2022. Overall, the event received good feedback other than for the cold weather. Because of the weather a more aggressive position was taken regarding safety. There was one Miata driver asked to leave after two safety violations and there was one incident.

The sports car/SUV event is scheduled for July 28, 2023, and it was agreed to try another full track event on October 16, 2023.

**Gingerman Report: (Glenn DeWeirdt/Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)**  
Gingerman will be increasing the track rental price by \$2000 in 2023. Despite this increase it is recommended to keep registration rates the same as this year.

A motion was made to pay \$18,000 for the Gingerman event on August 11 – 13, 2023.

Motion: Keith Clark  
Second: Dana Comolli  
Motion Approved

**Road America Report: (Cheryl Lehman Collier)**  
The RADE contract has been received. There is a \$4,000 increase in the track rental over 2022 pricing. Road America is repaving the whole track. Liability insurance is no longer available through Road America. We are required to have \$5M in insurance.

The lunch break will increase from 45 to 60 minutes for corner workers so we will need to increase our lunch break.

A motion was made for \$5,000 for a deposit for RADE which is due by December 1, 2022.

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Keith Clark

Motion Approved

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

Instruction at the Autobahn full track event was not originally planned, but several novices registered so there was a need.

There may be an instructor seminar held on March 25, 2023, at one of the Porsche dealerships. A final decision will be made by January 2023.

**Safety Report (Todd Conforti)**

There was one incident at Autobahn involving a 2021 GT4 rolling. The car sustained damage, but the driver was not injured.

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

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

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

All Concours event dates are confirmed for 2023. A recap and strategy meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2022.

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

Rallye #5 was held on October 9, 2022, with 12 teams participating. We are looking forward to transiting to the new Rallye Coordinators, Sharon & Steve Olson, Jack Stephensen.

SCCA set up a rallye that can be run anytime within a two-month window. The rallye has cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers with the remaining proceeds going to charity. It was suggested we do this type of rallye that would not count for points. It may spark interest for members that have not rallied. The question of how insurance would be handled for this type of event was raised and additional follow is required with National.

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

The tour to Brown County, Nashville, Indiana fall tour on October 14 – October 16, 2022, was a great time.

**Insurance Report: (Bob Rath)**

Insurance is all set for the rest of the year. Waivers should be forwarded to Bob from all events.

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

The Porsches and Pastries SparkShop social event on October 30, 2022, had 74 registrants of which 55 packed 416 student educational kits. The feedback was positive and there were several new faces at this event.

We will try to organize a Porsches and Pastries event for Toys for Tots at Labriola in November. We will also collect Toys for Tots at the Dinner Dance.

We are looking at June 24, 2023, for a golf outing.

**Membership: (Mark Prescott)**

The Chicago region has 2,476 primary members (a decrease of 10 since October) and 1,350 affiliate members (a decrease of 2 since October).

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

We will start marketing TRAC sponsorship earlier in 2023. The Porsches and Pancakes at The Exchange was a great event with over 400 participants.

**The Scene Report: (Neil MacDonald/Reported by Stanley Sangdahl)**

The November issue has been released. The deadline for the January issue is December 1, 2022.

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

National raised a concern about pictures posted on our Facebook page taken from a drone. One of our photographers took pictures from a drone at a non-club event and accidentally posted it to the club's Facebook page rather than the photographer's own Facebook page. The pictures have been removed.

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

Users are up 72% over the same period as last year. There has been a 100% increase in Mobile device users over the last year. The Great Drives page has broken the top ten. The age of the average website user has decreased by 10 years over the last year.

**Historian Report: (Shannon Lange)**

No Report.

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

No Report.

**Old Business:**

The 2023 calendar of events needs to be finalized.

Dominique Sangdahl will chair the committee to select a charity for 2023. There are three charities so far that have been brought to our attention. We need two volunteers to join the committee. The final charities will present at the January 2023 meeting. Cheryl Lehman Collier and Keith Clark volunteered for the committee.

We would like to schedule some in person board meetings in 2023, but our former VFW hall has moved. We are looking at other options.

We will be discussing sponsorship opportunities with Discount Tire for 2023, including sponsorship of the Grand Prize for overall winner in 2023.

**New Business:**

If necessary, Stanley will hold a meeting on December 7, 2022, with the coordinators to finalize 2023 events. All event coordinators are asked to review changes to event operational guidelines and rules for next year.

The votes were counted on October 30, 2022, and the 2023 slate of candidates has been voted in. There was significantly low voter participation (58 votes). We discussed online electronic voting and Dana has reached out to the policy folks at National to see if any other region is using electronic voting and if so, how they are doing it. Once Dana hears back, he will share the information.

Some reasons identified as contributing to low voting were that our elections are uncontested so the motivation to vote is low, membership may not have an interest as to who serves on the board, membership may be fine with the proposed slate and doesn't feel the need to vote, and the manual paper process may have become too cumbersome.

It was suggested that a self addressed, prepaid post card may be an option that would increase voting.

If we make any changes, they will need to be addressed through an update to the bylaws.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Anna Skura  
Second: Stanley Sangdahl  
Motion Approved

Adjournment at 9:30 PM

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 2, 2023, at 7:00 PM via Zoom Meeting or at 7:30 PM if in person.

**Addendum To Minutes**

On November 19, 2022, two motions were made via email to address items that needed attention prior to the January 2, 2023, Board Meeting.

- 1) We had raised just over \$19K for SparkShop this year. A motion was made to round the donation to \$25K to present to SparkShop at the Dinner Dance.

Motion: Bob Danko  
Second: Stanley Sangdahl  
Motion Approved

- 2) A \$100K Certificate of Deposit (“CD”) will mature in December and a motion was made to renew the CD for another 12-month term.

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl  
Second: Bob Danko  
Motion Approved

The votes on both motions are attached.



PCA Chicago Region Board of Directors  
 Voting on issues proposed in 11/19/2022 email

**Motion 1:** The club will provide ~ \$6k to the charity donations collected over the 2022 season for SparkShop to make a \$25k donation to be presented at the Dinner Dance.  
 (Motion: Bob Danko, Second: Stanley Sangdahl)

**Motion 2:** Renew the \$100k CD at Chase Bank that is maturing in December for another 12 month term.  
 (Motion: Stanley Sangdahl, Second: Bob Danko)

Officers	Directors
Stanley Sangdahl  1. Yes 2. Yes	Pete Bukantis  1. Yes 2. Yes
Dana Comolli  1. Yes 2. Yes	Cheryl Lehman Collier  1. Yes 2. Yes
Bob Danko  1. Yes 2. Yes	Adam Kern  1. Yes 2. Yes
Anna Skura  1. Yes 2. Yes	Keith Clark  1. Yes 2. Yes
Bob Rath  1. Yes 2. Yes	John Ruther  1. Yes 2. Yes

Both motions pass without objection.