

**Porsche Club of America Chicago Region  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 7, 2024  
Final Minutes**

**Voting Board Members Present**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Dana Comolli – President          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Michael Bene – Director    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Adam Kern – Vice President        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pete Bukantis – Director   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Catherine Fischer – Treasurer     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mark Prescott – Director   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pete Hackenson – Secretary        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Henrique Regina – Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Stanley Sangdahl – Past President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Robert Safe – Director     |

**Coordinators Present**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Dana Comolli – Autobahn/Website      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cheryl Lehman Collier – RADE/TRAC         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Adam Kern – Social Media             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pete Bukantis – Blackhawk/AX Timing       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Todd Conforti – Blackhawk, Safety    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | David Bowers – Autocross                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pete Hackenson – Blackhawk           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Rich LaMarre – Concours                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Glenn DeWeirdt – Gingerman           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Robert Safe – Social                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Neil French – Gingerman              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | John Moore – Concours                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Mark Palmer – Gingerman              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Sharon Gregor Olson – Rallye              |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Susan Shire – Club Race Registration | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Steve Olson – Rallye                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Bob Rath – Insurance                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jack Stephensen – Rallye                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | James Kaikis – Membership            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Karen Stephensen – Rallye                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Shannon Costis - Historian           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | John Ruther – Chief Driving Instructor    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Jody Freund – Drivers Ed Tech        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cliff Horn – RADE                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Natalie Szabo – The Scene            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Mark Roethemeier – Zone 13 Representative |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ed Leed –Car Numbers/Member DB       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Debbie Leed – Car Numbers                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Tess Conforti – Social Media Admin   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Grace Chen – Dinner Dance                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ross Conforti – RA Online Registrar  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Dominque Sangdahl - Charity               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Derek Chen – Dinner Dance            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jim Dorfman - Sponsorship                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Michelle Anne - Charity              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |   |

***Others in attendance.***

Barb Mashburn

***This meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing***

**Board of Directors Meeting  
February 7, 2024**

**Draft Minutes**

**Secretary's Report (Pete Hackenson)**

A quorum was present including all Officers and Directors

Meeting called to order 7:02 PM

A motion was made to Approve the January Meeting Minutes as submitted

Motion: Pete Bukantis

Second: Adam Kern

Motion: Approved

**Treasurer's Report (Catherine Fischer)**

**New Format/Accrual Internal Reporting**

In the past, PCA has recorded its financials on a cash basis, meaning we only see expenses hit our P&L when they get paid out. It causes difficulty in reviewing financials when expenses get paid out in periods long before the revenues ever occur. We've decided to add accrual based financials for internal use . This means that expenses get recorded the month when the revenue hits. Catherine ran through the financials. between the P&L and the balance sheet. With respect to the Accrual financials, it is only about internal reporting. Our tax reporting and any external reporting will remain cash based. Nothing changes externally, just internal reporting to make it a little easier for us to follow. what's going on. The club is doing OK Catherine reviewed the Top Income and Top Expenses for January in the Accrual. Everyone Liked the new internal format

Motion: Pete Bukantis

Second: Stanley Sangdahl

Motion: Approved

## **Chicago Region CD**

We have a CD that has completed its term – Much discussion as to what to do. We also have the Presidents CD which can be turned into a higher rate yield. Catherine will be researching other a high yield money interest and Money market account, also looking at shorter term six or eight month CD's. Catherine will do and let us know for next Board Meeting.

Motion for Catherine to roll the current CD into a new higher rate, with or without us negotiating the penalty.

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Michael Bean

Motion: Approved

## **President's Report (Dana Comolli)**

Membership Meeting Review:

We had a total of 205 attendees. The new format with multiple coordinator tables was well received.

Event Raffle/Sponsorship Procedure

Fixing the Raffle and sponsorship announcements relative to the Dinner Dance. Suggesting a Procedure, Check List. Keith Clark kindly volunteered to help guide expectations to the 2024 event.

Upcoming Zone 13 Presidents Meeting – Multi-Region event

Dana will be attending this Zone Meeting 23-24. He wanted the Boards comments about the possibility of the Chicago Region hosting a Multi Region BBQ Event. These are great, but we did all the planning and footing the bills with other Regions returning lite participation.

Following the 2022 event the Board voted we would not do this in 2023.

Our Calendar is already full – anything in 2024 would have a low probability.

When was the last time the Goody Store product selection was updated?

It has been a few years back. Mark Prescott reviewed what he Cheryl and Niki previously. It was 10-12 items we were to pick. Mark Prescott will pass the site information to Dana.

## **Vice President's Report (Adam Kern)**

Direction of the General Membership Meeting was a good start to a great 2024

See everyone at the Valentine's Day event at Coopers Hawk

## **Past President's Report (Stanley Sangdahl)**

Valentine's Day Lunch Update

95 Registered anticipating a full 100.

Competition Committee

Wants the coordinators to send Stanley the updated rules. If someone needs a current copy – contact Stanley.

## **Autocross Report (David Bowers)**

Dana reporting for David - All open and ready to register

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

Pete spoke with David and spoke of his people asked a few changes in the timing display No additional report.

## **Blackhawk Farms Report (Todd Conforti, Pete Hackenson, and Pete Bukantis)**

We have all the Contracts. No change in verbiage but up \$500 / Day. Registration will be open March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Exchange will Sponsor at \$500/event but dropping the free lunch. The Exchange will provide Long Sleeve Shirts for Novice Day and an event commemorative for our Oktoberfest. We will be informing our registrants of the change of Lunch via many announcements.

Todd Signed the contracts and asked for motion to have Catherine send the Check for full track rental.

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Mark Prescott

Motion: Approved

## **Gingerman Report (Glenn DeWeirdt)**

Dana covered the Gingerman financials on Glenn's behalf. Glen relayed:

Contract is signed and deposit sent with receipt confirmed by Gingerman Raceway.

## **Road America Report (Cheryl Lehman Collier)**

Cheryl has the contracts and will be reviewing. Cheryl is participating in a Club Race Chair email forum, the intent of which is to increase Club Race participation for all events throughout the season.

## **Autobahn Report (Dana Comolli)**

Dana updated on the April 13<sup>th</sup> Street Survival National event. We have many Drivers and should have all the Instructors. PCA National Person in charge of the SS is recommending 30 Drivers for the first year. We can start with PCA People and when if needed open it to others.

Additional Dates:

Ladies' Day – June 13 SUVs allowed

Full Track – July 29 No SUVs

Full Track – October 7 No SUVs

## **Chief Driving Instructor's Report; Dana for (John Ruther)**

### **Instructor Workshop Budget**

Instructor Workshop is scheduled on March 23 at Black Dog Racing.

Proforma Budget is \$1,000 (Lunch Coffee, Donuts) requiring a Board Motion.

Motion: Adam Kern

Second: Stanley Sangdahl

Motion: Approved

### **Continuation of Communicator Subsidy**

All the instructors having purchased one last year have positive reviews

Motion to Continue for PCA to Subitize \$100 for Instructors to purchase.

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Pete Bukantis

Motion: Approved

### **Driver's Ed Coordinator Meeting**

Dana is suggesting we hold a DE Coordinators ZOOM Meeting to agree on plans to turn Vouchers into another mode of decimation and verification.

## **Concours Report (Rich LaMarre and John Moore)**

Rich is looking forward to the Chili Taste. A review of requirements. Insurance is in. Robert Safe will assist in filling in with a Club Registration crash course and Stanley did the same. Normal expenses of \$1,700 – Standard operating expense – no Motion required

### **Dinner Dance (Grace & Derek Chen)**

Grace is presenting, while Derik assembled the very nice PPT slide presentation. The Eagle Wood Resort & Spa in Itasca fills the overall objectives for this year. Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>

is the date available. The pricing discussed is a package and well within our overall estimates and history. Additional items like Big Center Table flowers, DJ, Raffiel items, Year-end Awards, table signs, etc. A Motion to have Grace proceed with a December 14<sup>th</sup> is on the floor Substantially an email motion on Feb 20, 2024 was floated to allow her to sign the contracts and to pay the deposit of \$5,750, which was approved unanimously on the 20/21<sup>st</sup> via e-mail .

Motion: Dana Comolli

Second: Pete Bukantis

Motion: Approved

### **Historian Report (Shannon Costis)**

No Report

### **Insurance Report (Bob Rath)**

Bob will be chasing the insurance for insurance required events. All 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. done. We are in good shape.

### **Membership Report (James Kaikis)**

Dana reporting on behalf of James (out of town) Changing a few of the charts to highlight Primary vs. Total members and Renewing vs. lapsing members to be more intuitive. He is working on streamlining the new member registration process.

### **Rallye Report (Sharon, Steve, Karen, and Jack)**

Karen providing the update. No additional beyond what was said at the Membership Meeting. The 2024 Rally Budget was presented.

A recap presented by Karen

Recommending a \$2000 subsidy for Rallye for 2024. Motion carries so we have a \$2000 subsidy and they will not be raising the registration fees this year.

The Rally School will be on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The location is TBA by Stanley at his prior employer ESI. We have 5 committed Rally Masters providing Rallies on the following dates:

May 9

July 7

August 4

September 28

October 13

Motion to Subsidize the Rally by \$2,000

Motion: Dana Comolli

Second: Stanley Sangdahl

Motion: Approved

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

No Report.

### **Social Media (Adam Kern)**

Tess Conforti is our new on-line Social Media Coordinator. If we have something needing to be posted on our Social part, connect with Tess!

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

No Report beyond Todd working with Jody in Updating the Tech Form and setting up registration for the first Tech Session.

### **Social Report (Robert Safe)**

Robert has our Social Activities in order and is viewing an exciting 2024! Swap Meet- half of the available tables are sold. St Patrick's Day Hardware Gastro Club all set.

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

Jim Dorfman starting his Sponsor Duties

### **The Scene Report (Natalie Szabo)**

She is being proactive to obtain new people in creating interesting articles. New voices for the Magazine. – Maybe have our new blood doing articles.

### **Touring Report (John Diwik)**

Not in attendance – No Report

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

Dana found several old black & white pictures and will be posting on our web. Dana also has 1959 Parade in WI. Details sent to Board and Coordinators along with 1963 and 1964 News

Letters. He is digitizing for the web. Dana also has old shop manuals – maybe also digitizing for web.

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

Not in attendance – No Report

### **Old Business**

Bob and Wilma White – Wilma passed last month. She was a past President for our Region. Dana has 1,000 old slides – can be copied into our web for \$.40 each. Old but may be lost forever. A motion for \$500 – \$1,000 is required to Copy.

Motion: Michael Bene  
Second: Henrique Regina  
Motion: Approved

### **New Business**

Have all coordinators provide Pro-Forma income & expense for their events. Parade – new activities including a lapping on the NASCAR Track at Talladega in Birmingham AL, Possible Hans Peter Porsche and maybe Wolfgang attending.

### **Next Meeting, March 6, 2024**

Requesting Event Pro-Forma Budgets for 2024 event  
If you want past data contact Catherine.

### **Action Items**

### **Adjourn**

Motion: Pete Bukantis  
Second: Mark Prescott  
Motion: Approved by all at 8:51 PM