

**Porsche Club of America Chicago Region**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 8, 2025**  
**FINAL Minutes**

**Voting Board Members Present**

<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"/>	Grace Chen – Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pete Hackenson – Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ross Conforti – Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stanley Sangdahl – Past President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Safe – Director

**Coordinators Present**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dana Comolli – Autobahn/Website/Sponsor	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Bowers – Autocross
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pete Hackenson – Blackhawk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barb Mashburn – Concours
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glenn DeWeirdt – Gingerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Safe – Social
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neil French – Gingerman	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Moore – Concours
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Palmer – Gingerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jack Steidle – Rallye
<input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Shire – Club Race Registration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jake Steidel – Rallye
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Rath – Insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Scifers – Rallye
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Kaikis – Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Stephensen – Rallye
<input type="checkbox"/>	<open> - Historian	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Ruther – Chief Driving Instructor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jody Fruend – Drivers Ed Tech	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cliff Horn – RADE
<input 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/Member DB
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tess Conforti – Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grace Chen – Dinner Dance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Derek Chen – Dinner Dance		

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

**Others:**

Cindy Jacisin  
Keith Clark

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

Meeting started with full quorum at 7:02pm

November Meeting notes delayed due to secretary health reasons. Will provide in the coming week or two.

## **Charity Presentations (Dominique Sangdahl)**

Three charities to present their pitch at this mtg

Stanley shared a short preface from Dominique.

Thank you for trusting me with the task of vetting the charities for 2025

Hearty thanks to volunteers that helped me with this effort: Karen Stephensen, Lisa Barthelle, Danielle Scifers

Four charities were recommended by club members which were all worthy of our consideration

Committee met several times, submitted additional questions to each charity liaison. After careful consideration based on the boards criteria, we are forwarding three charities for your consideration:

Hughes Who Technology Studio, The Spring Foundation and Spark Shop

Thank you to the liaisons for stepping up to nominate a charity.

Each Charity had 10 minutes to present

Presentation 1: Hughes Who Technology Studio

Sponsor: Darryl Hughes

Presenter(s): Darryl Hughes, Edye Hughes

Work with underserved and at-risk students teaching them about gaming, animation and technology industries. Provide educational experiences and related support.

Presentation 2: The Spring Foundation

Sponsor: Maggie Surowka

Presenter: Zuzanna Jabłoński

Helps families who have found themselves in difficult financial situations for reasons outside their control. Provide both material and motivational resources to help get them back on their feet

Presentation 3: Spark Shop

Sponsor: Andy Bizub

Presenter: Shonali Ditz

Build engineering programs aimed at 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Focused on bringing opportunities in the STEM field to those that are under-represented in those careers.

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

November income \$16.8k with expenses of \$24k resulting in a loss for the month of \$7.2k  
An October expense is reflected in November, a driving tour, resulting in Oct looking better and November looking worse.

December income \$40.3k with expenses of \$80k resulting in negative cash flow of \$39.7k  
Dinner dance accounted for a large portion of both income and expenses as is usually the case every year.

Cash balances for the end of the year is about \$514k which is down from 2023 by about \$40k. Since 2021, we have reduced the negative cash flow in each succeeding year so it is not as concerning as it looks on its own.

Invoices for 2025 advertising and sponsorships of approx. \$40k have been sent.

Outstanding receivables greater than 90 days old is \$9k.

Costs are increasing for all events so all coordinators need to consider budgets more carefully to make sure we reduce losses

We already have contracts for 2025 events that total \$200k that we will have to start paying out in first quarter of the year.

Request motion to provide funds to pay bill for \$3600 for accounting tax services.

Motion: Pete Bukantis

Second: Ross Conforti

Accepted: Passed unanimously

Request release funds for deposits due Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> for Gingerman \$9,250

Motion: Pete Bukantis

Second: Stanley Sangdahl

Accepted: passed unanimously

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Request to pay RADE and TRAC per their contracts

Motion: Dana Comolli

Second: Ross Conforti

Accepted: passed unanimously

Request motion to accept financials

Motion: Pete Bukantis

Second: Michael Bene

Accepted: Passed unanimously

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

2025 calendar submitted for print. Thanks to all who helped. Will be in the Scene mailer mid-January

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

Fantastic dinner dance Great food and venue

Welcome to the board new directors Ross and Grace

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

No Report

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

Planning for 50 attendees at ax school. After discussion raising to 75

May 10<sup>th</sup> ax at Tilerack still not confirmed

Raise member cost to \$50 and others bumped as well

Request to approve proposed budget for Autocross

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Michael Bene

Accepted: Passed unanimously

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

Working on improving live ax results website

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

Contracts in.

No price change from last year

Room blocks in for Oktoberfest and Thursday instructor school in April

Exchange will sponsor same as last year. Shirts for novice day and special gift for Oktoberfest

Entertain additional non-dealer sponsors.

Pete Bukantis put together new flyer for Blackhawk 2025 at membership mtg

Plan to offer experienced groups on both the instructor training and Novice days in April

Request to release funds to pay Blackhawk contracts for 2025 on the schedule indicated

Motion: Pete Bukantis

Second: Pete Hackenson

Accepted: Passed unanimously

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

Contracts have been signed

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

Contracts for Osthoff and Road America have been finalized and signed

Working on club racing application for TRAC

Cheryl retiring as coordinator after 2025 season

Looking for a volunteer to take over

RADE will be handled by Cliff Horn due to Cheryl family obligations

Look into hiring Road America to man registration to allow more hours and relieve folks like Mark

Prescott from spending a lot of time there

**Autobahn Report (Dana Comolli)**

No Report

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

Instructor workshop set for Mar 29th

**Concours Report (John Moore, Barb Mashburn)**

Working on handout for membership mtg

Adding a show and shine to ever concours to drive more attendance of novices

Evaluating prices on various events

**Dinner Dance (Grace and Derek Chen)**

Event was well liked by all. Top notch event

Looking for someone to organize 2025 event

**Historian Report (Open)****Insurance Report (Bob Rath)**

Can't apply for insurance for 2025 events till Feb but we have no need before then

**Membership Report (James Kaikis)**

Membership mtg details

Event Jan 19 from 11am to 2pm at Chevy Chase

Instructions to volunteers/coordinators on how event will run

**Rallye Report (Jack, Jake, Brian)**

Everything scheduled

**Safety Report (Todd Conforti)**

Everything same as last year

New helmets following 2025 standard won't be out till next year so keeping current rules

**Social Media (Adam Kern)**

Feb events listed

**Technical Report (Jody Fruend)**

No report

**Social Report (Robert Safe)**

Grace organizing painting event Jan 25<sup>th</sup>

Cindy Jacisin organizing Valentines Day event

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

No Report

**The Scene Report (Natalie Szabo)**

Scene going to press in next couple of days

**Touring Report (John Diwik)**

No Report

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

Web report was supplied in meeting invitation

**Zone 13 Rep Report (Todd Benz)**

Todd Benz is new zone rep

**New Business****Action Items**

Next meeting is Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Adjourn****At 8:56 pm meeting went to private session**

Board unanimously choose Spark Shop as charity for 2025

Closed meeting ended at 9:15 pm