

**Porsche Club of America Chicago Region**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**FINAL Minutes**

**Voting Board Members Present**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dana Comolli – President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Bene – Director
<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Cheryl Lehman Collier – RADE/TRAC
<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	Jack Steidle – Future Rallye
<input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Shire – Club Race Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jake Steidel – Future Rallye
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Rath – Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian Scifers – Future Rallye
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Kaikis – Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Ruther – Chief Driving Instructor
<input type="checkbox"/>	<open> - Historian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cliff Horn – RADE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jody Freund – Drivers Ed Tech	<input type="checkbox"/>	Todd Benz – Zone 13 Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natalie Szabo – The Scene	<input type="checkbox"/>	Debbie Leed – Car Numbers/Member DB
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ed Leed –Car Numbers/Member DB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Olson - Rallye
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tess Conforti – social media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Stephensen – Rallye
<input type="checkbox"/>	Derek Chen – Dinner Dance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sharon Gregor – Rallye
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grace Chen – Dinner Dance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jack Stephensen – Rallye

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

**Others:**

Mark Prescott, Joel Kaphengst, PCA's Fathom Notetaker, Kieth Clark, Cindy Jacisin

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

The meeting started with 9 present; a quorum at 7:02pm

Thanks to Mark Prescott for assistance with February 5th, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Request motion to accept Minutes

Motion: Robert Safe

Second: Pete Bukantis

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

The club's financial summary starts with total assets in February, 2024 of \$661,000 compared to February 2025, of \$760,000 with a YoY of \$98,000. Our total cash assets in February 2024 were \$516,000 and February 2025 were \$482,000 leaving a YoY change of -\$33,000. Income for February was \$11,000 with a YTD of \$26,900. Our expenses were \$10,000 and YTD of -42,000. Top monthly payments were Blackhawk Farms for \$48,800, covering the track rental for the full year. Adding the two chili cook offs of \$1,000 and \$2,000 gives a total of \$52,100. Total bank account balances, including checking, savings and CDs Total \$456,000 as opposed to 2024 of \$495,916.

Charity money collected in Feb. was \$1,400 and YTD is \$3,900. Accounts receivable totaled \$18,500.

Request: motion to accept financials

Motion: Pete Bukantis,

Second: Ross Conforti

Accepted: Passed unanimously

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

Quick note, there is a Zone Meeting in Springfield on March 14-15. The same slides and agenda will be given as last year. It seems a good plan is for Dana to not attend and instead continue the Quartey meetings zone Presidents meetings via Zoom.

An announcement was made about this year's Dinner Dance. Grace will be chairing the event again this year. 2025 will Be at the Weston in Wheeling.

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

No Report

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

No Report

**Autocross Report (David Bowers)**

Currently there are 12 attendees and r volunteers  
proposed budget for Autocross was previously approved  
All done

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

No Report

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

We have a light price increase of 4.5% from last year while our overall expenditure looks to be the same. The Event will be published on CR following this board meeting. The schedules for both the instructor day and the Novice Day have a few tweaks to be accomplished prior to finalization.

**Gingerman Report (Glenn DeWeirdt)**

Everything is completed. Catherine answered Glenns inquiry confirming the check was sent to Gingerman.

**Road America Report (Ross Conforti reporting for Cheryl Lehman Collier)**

Ross and the team have put together a schedule for the RADE event that will address challenges the club has had for many years. Event plan is to have the experienced group only to run on Friday with a significant number of sessions with a lot of track time. Our novice program will then continue into Saturday and Sunday. We will be giving them what they have asked for in the surveys while having the novice drivers at RA only 2 Days instead of 3. This saves them money and covers any price increase. The plan is to Come out with \$1K of profit. It is very tight, but we are planning to it.

**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)**

The Chilli was good although the attendance was lower than last year. There were 27 Crocks of Chilli and 9 edible art deserts. A highlight was the Dry Ice Demonstration provided by Mace, the Exchange detailing expert. A token of appreciation was provided to Ferris, Marco and Vlad. The next concourse will be at Napleton West on Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. A Turtle Wax R&D Director from Texas will be the featured speaker.

A lengthy discussion regarding Chilli Day pricing for next year. Given we had 200 people this year and s\till finished in the red with much extra work thoughts will come together prior to the 2026 event.

The debate of higher entry fees the fewer attendees – lowering the fees, getting more attendees.

Their last event of the year will be Black Dog Racing

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

The Club is very pleased that Grace has volunteered again to coordinate the 2025 Diner Dance event at the Weston in Wheeling. She will be working with their planner, Jennifer to start the “Process”

### **Historian Report (Open)**

No Report

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

No additional Report

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

Membership Information provided directly from James

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

We’re having a private training program on April for those taking over Rallies next year. Registration is open for the rally school on May 4. The schedule calls for two out of town rallies. This will cause a deficit of about \$1,300. Let’s make a motion for \$1,500 so no one needs to do it twice.

Request: motion for \$1,500

Motion: Pete Bukantis

Second: Robert Safe

Accepted: Passed unanimously

### **Safety Report (Todd Conforti and Jody Fruend Tech)**

PCA National has changed several rules for DE tech. A single inspection is now valid for 120 days. This will help streamline the tech process and help to save our drivers' monies for extra tech inspections within 120 days. There will be a web presentation to clarify the process and to make sure our drivers understand their responsibilities. This will also be reviewed at the Spring Tech Session. There are certain DE and Club Racers that are well qualified to inspect cars while many others would have no clue to address.

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

No Report

### **Technical Report (Jody Fruend)**

Our First Tech Session will be our Spring Event at NorthStar Motorsports. The new Tech sheets will be presented with a lot of Q & A.

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

Up and Coming events with Registration open

- St Patrick's Day
- April 5<sup>th</sup>
- May 4<sup>th</sup> Labriola

### **Potters Picnic (Catherine Fischer)**

Financials are same as last year except IL now charges 8 tax on Rentals. The tent cost last year was \$2,400. There was a big discussion between a Band or Ice Cream. The band was noted as too loud. Ice Cream won. Pricing to be finalized – last year was \$20 Pre-Register and \$30 On-site.

Cindy Jacisin mentioned she had several pop-up tents in our storage locker. Who wants some? She also has many 3-legged Artist Stands. Who wants them? Grace and Barb will follow up with Cindy.

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

Dana spoke with Body Builders Auto in Rohling Meadows. The company has been there for many years, and they are now a certified PORSCHE repair shop. They are interested in sponsoring and hosting some events

Track Day Tire.com providing discounted Holsters and Michelins to PCA Region free 2-day shipping

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

Scene going to press in the next weeks

**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 the new zone rep

**New Business**

None

**Action Items**

Next meeting is April 9, 2025

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Pete Bukantis

Second Ross Conforti

Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 PM