

**Porsche Club of America Chicago Region**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**August 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"/>	Mark Prescott – 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 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"/>	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 – 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Scifers – Future Rallye
<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Jody Freund – Drivers Ed Tech	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Todd Benz – Zone 13 Representative
<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Jack Stephensen – Rallye

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

**Others:**

Keith Clark, Joel Kaphengst

**Secretary's Report (Mark Prescott)**

The meeting started with all board members present: a quorum at 7:01pm

One final spelling correction to the July minutes was submitted. Requested motion to accept Minutes that were sent out with the one correction.

Motion: Pete Bukantis

Second: Stanley Sangdahl

Accepted: Passed unanimously

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

The financial report was distributed prior to the meeting and reviewed. The club's financial summary starts with total assets in July 2025 of \$755,706 compared to July 2024 of \$802,458. Cash assets in July 2025 were \$470,056 compared to July 2024 of \$510,953. Income for July was \$77,997 with a YTD of \$348,458, mostly due to TRAC. Our expenses were -\$74,116 and YTD of -\$319,943.

Top income sources were Events, PCA Rebate.

Top monthly payments were TRAC final deposit, Scene.

Total bank account balances, including checking, savings and CDs Total \$470,046 as opposed to 2024 of \$511,000.

Charity collected YTD is \$16,124 versus \$16,912 last year.

Top receivables are Napleton (Dana working with them to resolve).

Net income YTD is \$15,617.89 versus last year at \$-19,430.93 for a difference of +\$35,048 due to RADE clearing costs this year.

Events were reviewed by each, most everything did well.

Our bank account had a couple of fraudulent charges. Steps are being taken with Chase to correct the charges and will work moving forward to prevent this.

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Adam Kern

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

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

Karen Stephenson will be chair of charity committee.

Karen thanked all the previous members. Charges – 1) selection of charity for 2026 and 2) Overall donation process. Karen is reaching out to other regions for how they can achieve their level of donations. She is collecting these ideas for moving forward and starting a dialogue with them. Need to solicit applications and select committee members.

Will start looking for nominations by beginning of September.

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

Sunday social at Big Boost was a good event with many new faces.

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

Time to start thinking about elections. All executive officers are up for election as well as 3 directors. Will replace them or re-elect based on their preference.

Proposed committee:

Stanley Sangdahl

Grace Chen

Robert Safe

Cheryl Collier

Bob Rath

Bylaws say this committee needs board approval. Motion was requested to approve committee as proposed.

Motion: Pete Bukantis

Second: Mark Prescott

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

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

From David Bowers via Email:

- 1) Could someone please post the Autocross 2 albums from Michael Bene & Jeff Brown from Facebook to the website AX page?
- 2) 41 registered for 8/16 event, I anticipate another sell out.
- 3) 57 paid for 7/26 and only 3 no-shows. What looked like to be a very rainy day, turned out to be almost perfect conditions. No photos from this event – fyi
- 4) I need to finalize plans for the 9/13 event 5 that coincides with PCA 70<sup>th</sup>. Continuing to work on that and will have that solidified after the 8/16 event.

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

Pete announced he is stepping down after next year as timing and scoring after 21 years.

Thanks to Pete.

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

Taco Tuesday in July went well thanks to Pete. Event had about 45 drivers and good weather. Good event. Thanks to all who helped. No incidents but two mechanical breakdowns.

**Gingerman Report (Glenn DeWeirdt)**

Via email - We currently have 78 registrants and 74 cars including four administrative attendees. I expect 6-8 additional registrants for the event. This is well below the typical attendance of 100+ cars. The most notable trend is the very low numbers of Novice registrants. This is typically our largest group with 25-30 registrants, we currently have 13. I am expecting total expenses to be around \$25,000 and we currently have receipts of \$26,600 so the event should show a profit but significantly less than in prior years.

We had to cancel the Italian Dinner at the Track this year due to the previous caterer backing out and the new caterer requiring a minimum of 80 plates at a higher per plate cost coupled with the low registration numbers. We have refunded all registrants who paid for the Italian Dinner option. We have made arrangements for pizza, beer, wine, and soft drinks for Saturday night with the cost being included in registration fee. We estimate around \$1000 for this and the cost is included in the expense estimate.

The weather is looking perfect so hopefully we will have a few extra registrants.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn DeWeirdt, Gingerman Co-Coordinator

**Road America Report (Ross Conforti, Cheryl Lehman Collier)**

Per Stanley on club race side - registration opened on 7/14/25. Around 100 registered. We are rental all garages including new north paddock. They are starting to fill.

Per Ross – down a little bit on registrations to date. Everything seems to be moving forward.

Per Dana – we have 85 to 100 committed in sponsorship

Joel is still organizing volunteers.

**Autobahn Report (Dana Comolli)**

Full track event on July 28. It had 60 registrants and 57 drivers. One incident with damage to guard rail and car. It took a long time to repair guard rail. Switched to north track only for about two hours. Everyone got 5 sessions. Rain during last sessions. Otherwise, event went well.

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

No report

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

Potters was terrific despite rain. Last event in September – Octoberfest at Black Dog. Geneva concourse in August will have a tent to attract new members.

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

Not much to report. Have a special prize from Scotland. Will open event end of October.

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

No Report

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

All good for insurance.

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

Membership report was emailed for everyone to review.

A few highlights:

- We are at a 13-month high on Membership - nice work!
- We had 51 new members in July (previous 13mo high was 37!)

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

Rallye Report:

Rallye 2 was Sunday, July 20th – New Rallye Masters – Charles Mills and Laura Ferraro. They did a fantastic job! They were mentored by Susan Shire and Steve Rashbaum. The On Lake Time Rallye started and ended at the Lake House in Lake Villa. However, most of the rallye took place in the Southern part of Wisconsin. Beautiful Roads! We had fourteen teams of which 10 ran in the competitive SOP Class and 4 ran in the Touring Class.

Jack and Jake Steidle took first place with only 133 points. That is just over 2 minutes over a 100 mile rallye! Dave and Nikki Spitzer came in as the First place Novice Team.

Rallye 3 is Sunday, August 17th – Registration is open. New Rallye Masters – Jack and Jake Steidle. They are being mentored by Steve and Sharon Olson. We pre-ran the rallye on Sunday and it is a great rallye on great roads! This rallye starts in Elgin and the End Point – Cruisin 72 is also a lot of fun! Currently 12 teams have pre-registered.

Rallye 4 is Sunday, September 14th and will take place in Galena Illinois. Registration is open. Jack and Karen Stephensen are the rallyemasters. Ron Micek and Martha Kuffel will perform the pre-run. There is a block of rooms available at the Start Point – Chestnut Mountain Resort – for Saturday Night. (until August 13th). There is also a group dinner planned for Saturday night where we will celebrate PCA's 70th birthday. Jack is also planning a golf outing

on Saturday afternoon. The hills and valleys in Galena are very special for rallying.

**Safety Report (Todd Conforti and Jody Freund)**

No report.

**Social Media (Adam Kern)**

No Report

**Technical Report (Jody Freund, Cliff Horn)**

No report.

**Social Report (Robert Safe)**

This past Sunday - Big Boost – went well. Superdawg went well also.

Rescheduled Westmont cruise night upcoming (non PCA).

Considering an event with Sparkshop to assemble supplies. Located in west loop. Dates TBD.

Looking for someone to take over as social coordinator.

**Potters Picnic (Catherine Fischer)**

No band – playlist with speakers. Yes on ice cream. Expecting 275 people.

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

TRAC - Exchange will provide Pace car, lining up sponsors for TRAC

**The Scene Report (Natalie Szabo)**

No report

**Touring Report (John Diwik)**

No Report

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

Web report was supplied in meeting invitation.

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

Saw some folks at Parade. Had 66 zone 13 members at parade.

At Parade PCA announced anniversary 911 club coupe.

Zone meeting last month.

Attended a few zone region events. Looking to attend more.

Zone 13 - 4919 primary members.

**New Business**

Bob Rath – Parade - congrats to Michael Grove (Concours Chair), John Moore concours 1<sup>st</sup> in class, Enrique second in class in concours, Cindy Jacisin and Jack Stephenson recognized for PCA display, Michael Grove first in art show for photography, Chi region did well in website and newsletter, Karen Stephenson took first in golf, Cindy and counterparts' 4<sup>th</sup> in gimmick rallye and Dana for app everyone uses.

**Action Items:**

Next meeting is wednesdat September 3, 2025

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Ross Conforti

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 7:49PM