

**Porsche Club of America Chicago Region
Board of Directors Meeting
September 3, 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 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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:

Thomas Mott, Joel Kaphengst, Henrique Regina, mystery caller 7737267310

Secretary's Report (Mark Prescott)

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

August meeting minutes were sent out prior to the meeting. No additional comments were received. A motion was made to accept the minutes:

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 August 2025 of \$812,271 compared to August 2024 of \$875,778. Cash assets in August 2025 were \$579,203 compared to August 2024 of \$545,582. Income for August was \$39,467 with a YTD of \$387,955, mostly due to TRAC. Our expenses were -\$36,868 and YTD of -\$357,079.

Top income sources were Events.

Total bank account balances, including checking, savings and CDs Total \$579,203 as opposed to 2024 of \$545,629.

Charity collected YTD is \$16,829 versus \$17,493 last year.

Top receivables are Napleton, RA Sponsorship, and The Exchange.

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 again.

Change over to cloud quick books target October.

Motion to accept financial report: Pete Bukantis

Second: Ross Conforti

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

President's Report (Dana Comolli)

No report

Vice President's Report (Adam Kern)

No report

Past President's Report (Stanley Sangdahl)

Need to extend the deadline for submitting a slate to Sept 15 to give more time to fill the slate.

Motion requested to extend the deadline

Motion: Mark Prescott

Second: Pete Bukantis

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

Discussion about using electronic voting was presented about using it again this year. Need someone to review and compile the data. Stanley suggested the Nom Com will manage that through survey monkey. No additional questions or concerns.

Autocross Report (David Bowers)

2 events left - finalize plans for the 9/13 event 5 that coincides with PCA 70th
Last event is October 11.

Timing & Scoring Report (Pete Bukantis)

Should be good to go with timing on the 9/13 event.

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

Gearing up for Oktoberfest. The exchange has changed its logo so Todd will send to Dana. Still working on the schedule. Expecting attendance to be down slightly this year. Going with an American BBQ dinner theme. May have a whiskey trail type event.

Gingerman Report (Glenn DeWeirdt)

Via email - Our registrations at 2025 Gingerman were down by about 15 cars compared to the past few years. This was due to very low enrollment (15 confirmed) in the Novice group. Typically, this group is full, and we have a waiting list.

There were also lower registration numbers in Yellow (Less Experienced) than typical. The lower numbers were partially offset by higher registrations for Black (Advanced) group that was at capacity. I have no explanation for the significant change in registrations and would welcome any constructive discussion or suggestions for next year.

We substituted the Italian Dinner for a free pizza party with beer, wine, and soft drinks. The Italian Dinner was cancelled this year due to a caterer change with significant additional food costs and lower registrations at the time we needed to make a final commitment. The party was well attended and appreciated. A group photo was taken at the pizza party. As this was the 30th consecutive Gingerman event it would be nice to get the picture published in "From the Regions" in *Porsche Panorama* magazine. Special recognition should be made to Peter Fischer who has attended, and driven, at all 30 Gingerman events.

Despite the lower registration numbers Neil, Mark and I are happy to provide the Preliminary Financial Report (attached) showing a net \$6099.48 profit for the club.

Glenn

Road America Report (Ross Conforti, Cheryl Lehman Collier)

Around 110 racers registered. Good feedback on how organized the event went. Volunteers were great, including Joel. Hope next year to get more volunteers to help Joel. Mark P spent most of the weekend in registration and thanks to Stanley for picking up some of the slack.

Feedback on parking was great (Stanley).

John Ruther and Greg Tureck drove the pace cars – great job.

Surveys were listened to and changes were made.

Collected over \$1,700 for tips for corner and safety workers. This is the second year we used RA workers which is cheaper.

Live streaming went well.

Track walk for the first time, may need to look at improvements next year.

Did a one lap tribute to Joey Buonsante.

Had to cancel track touring on Monday due to incident near turn 12.

Big incident during the yellow (fast) enduro caused a shortened session. The passing car ended up going through the wall and fence. Shut down for 3.5 hours. The bill to repair the wall was significant. There will be a lot of discussion about responsibility for the bill. National still needs to complete the investigation.

Cliff Horn volunteered to take over RA chair for next year. Dana is fine with the change.

We did sprint awards for place 1, 2, 3. Down to 7 unclaimed trophies.

Motion by Dana for round of applause for Cheryl. Second by Stanley.

Autobahn Report (Dana Comolli)

Cancelled the fall full track event due to lower attendance.

Chief Driving Instructor's Report (John Ruther)

No report

Concours Report (John Moore, Barb Mashburn)

Last event in September – Octoberfest at Black Dog. Have German buffet, DJ, Social and Show and Shine and Concours.

Geneva concourse we had parking spaces again near the courthouse. Sold out all the stalls and had a tent to attract new members. Good event.

Dinner Dance (Grace and Derek Chen)

Not much to report. Working the timeline for To Do lists and will put out a save the date notice.

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.

Starting to plan for the January General Membership meeting

Rallye Report (Jack, Karen, Sharon, Steve)

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Rallye Report:

Rallye 3 was Sunday, August 17 th - New Rallye Masters – Jack and Jake Steidle were mentored by Steve and Sharon Olson, who also pre-ran the rallye. Jack and Jake did an extraordinary job! The rallye started in Elgin and ended at – Cruisin 72, which was a lot of fun! It was a beautiful day with beautiful roads! 17 teams had pre-registered...but due to 2 surgeries and 3 teams with significant storm damage from the night before, 11 teams participated. Then, the rallye team of Bob Rath and Cindy Jacisin got a flat tire, so 10 teams finished. This rallye was not easy...the navigational tricks of Priority and Redundancy caused some pretty high scores and lots of discussion after the rallye. Jack and Jake gave out great critiques which included maps to thoroughly explain the navigational tricks for this rallye.

Congratulations to Kinga Wesolowska and Marci Proszek for winning first place in the Seat of Pants (SOP) competition with 744 points and congratulations to Bobby and Lynn Friend who took first place novice with 2,125 points.

Rallye 4 is Sunday, September 14 th and will take place in Galena Illinois. Registration is open. Jack and Karen Stephensen are the Rallye masters. Ron Micek and Martha Kuffel

performed the pre-run. The block of rooms at the Start Point – Chestnut Mountain Resort – for Saturday Night expired on August 13 th . But, rooms are available and 2 Comfort Suites are also nearby. There is a group dinner planned for Saturday night where we will celebrate PCA's 70 th birthday. Jack is also planning a golf outing on Saturday afternoon. The hills and valleys in Galena are very special for rallying.

Rallye 5 is Sunday, October 12 th and will take place primarily in Kenosha County. Rallye masters are Susan Shire and Steve Rashbaum. Registration should open next week.

Safety Report (Todd Conforti and Jody Freund)

Up to the major incident at Road America things were pretty clean. Both drivers in the major incident were unharmed. All reports were filed. About 11 incidents in CR and 3 in DE.

Social Media (Tess Conforti, Adam Kern)

No major report. Platforms are up to date. People were happy with the RA live streaming. Gingerman wants to send a group picture for Pano magazine. Adam can submit

Technical Report (Jody Freund, Cliff Horn)

Looking for a venue for the fall tech session. Body Builders is willing to host it.

Social Report (Robert Safe)

9/14 have the social event at the Pearl in St Charles to show off cars for the residents. Will use circular driveway and side lot. Residents will vote for their favorite cars for prizes.

Then Black Dog and then 2 brothers in Aurora on Oct 4.

Event with Sparkshop to assemble supplies. Date Oct 26 at Midwest Performance cars in west loop.

Potters Picnic (Catherine Fischer)

No report

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report (Dana Comolli)

New sponsor in the scene and TRAC

The Scene Report (Natalie Szabo)

No report

Touring Report (John Diwik)

About to open next tour in October.

Webmaster's Report (Dana Comolli)

Web report was supplied in meeting invitation.

Zone 13 Rep Report (Todd Benz)

No report

New Business

Karen Stephenson hopes to close the charity selection process by the end of the year for presentation at the General Members meeting.

Action Items:

Next meeting is Wednesday October 8, 2025

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Robert Safe

Second: Stanley Sangdahl

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22PM