

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

Voting Board Members Present

☒	Dana Comolli – President	☒	Michael Bene – Director
☒	Adam Kern – Vice President	☒	Pete Bukantis – Director
☒	Catherine Fischer – Treasurer	☐	Grace Chen – Director
☒	Mark Prescott – Secretary	☒	Ross Conforti – Director
☒	Stanley Sangdahl – Past President	☒	Robert Safe – Director

Coordinators Present

☒	Dana Comolli – Autobahn/Website/Sponsor	☒	Cheryl Lehman Collier – RADE/TRAC
☒	Adam Kern – social media	☒	Pete Bukantis – Blackhawk/AX Timing
☒	Todd Conforti – Blackhawk, Safety	☒	David Bowers – Autocross
☐	Pete Hackenson – Blackhawk	☒	Barb Mashburn – Concours
☐	Glenn DeWeirdt – Gingerman	☒	Robert Safe – Social
☐	Neil French – Gingerman	☐	John Moore – Concours
☐	Mark Palmer – Gingerman	☒	Jack Steidle – Future Rallye
☐	Susan Shire – Club Race Registration	☐	Jake Steidle – Future Rallye
☐	Bob Rath – Insurance	☒	Brian Scifers – Future Rallye
☐	James Kaikis – Membership	☐	John Ruther – Chief Driving Instructor
☐	<open> - Historian	☒	Cliff Horn – RADE
☒	Jody Freund – Drivers Ed Tech	☐	Todd Benz – Zone 13 Representative
☐	Natalie Szabo – The Scene	☐	Debbie Leed – Car Numbers/Member DB
☐	Ed Leed –Car Numbers/Member DB	☐	Steve Olson – Rallye
☐	Tess Conforti – social media	☒	Karen Stephensen – Rallye
☐	Derek Chen – Dinner Dance	☒	Sharon Gregor – Rallye
☐	Grace Chen – Dinner Dance	☐	Jack Stephensen – Rallye

This meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing

Others: Joel Kaphengst, Henrique Regina, Kieth Clark, Marcin Proszek,

Secretary's Report (Mark Prescott)

The meeting started with all board members present: a quorum at 7:00pm

September meeting minutes were sent out prior to the meeting. One comment was received. No further comments. A motion was made to accept the minutes:

Motion: Pete Bukantis

Second: Ross Conforti

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 September 2025 of \$696,889 compared to September 2024 of \$719,702. Cash assets in September 2025 were \$588,259 compared to September 2024 of \$545,301. Income for September was \$303,158 with a YTD of \$691,112, mostly due to TRAC. Our expenses were -\$269,348 and YTD of -\$626,427.

Top income sources were Events.

Total bank account balances, including checking, savings and CDs Total \$588,259 as opposed to 2024 of \$545,301.

Charity collected YTD is \$20,360 versus \$24,144 last year.

Top receivables are Napleton, RA Sponsorship, and The Exchange as well as the incident and damage at TRAC from RA.

Events were reviewed by each, most everything did well. There will be a slight change to RA with a last-minute invoice.

Change over to cloud quick books in October.

Other issues – slight change in reporting format thanks to Dana.

Motion to accept financial report as presented with minor revision to RA:

Motion: Michael Bene

Second: Stanley Sangdahl

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

President's Report (Dana Comolli)

The draft 2026 calendar is online now for collaboration and filling in dates by each coordinator. It is requested this task be completed by end of November.

Napleton AR has been given a lot of attention by Dana. We are owed money back to 2024 ladies' day. Total outstanding is \$15,468. Latest is they will pay 2 \$5000 costs. No further response. Reportedly, they will not pay ladies' day items. They paid what autobahn billed. No help from National. Discussion from the group about what to do about this situation with a lot

of brainstorming. Feeling now is to avoid future events with them until the situation is resolved and write off any unpaid. Run the scene advertisement that has been paid. Future events that could be impacted would be ladies' day at Autobahn and Concourse school.

Charity Report – The committee reports 7 interested nominations 2 have withdrawn. Now at 5. All application materials have been reviewed. Next meeting 10/20 to review in person to narrow down to top 3. We were hoping for more nominations and charities selected by end of November. We will reopen the nomination period until end of October.

Vice President's Report (Adam Kern)

No report

Past President's Report (Stanley Sangdahl)

Extended the deadline for submitting a slate to Sept 15 to give more time to fill the slate. The slate has been selected, and voting can begin on 10/12.

It would be worthwhile identifying nominees throughout the year rather than at the last minute.

Autocross Report (David Bowers)

Last event is October 11; it should be sold out. Regarding 2026 calendar, we need to work with Boomers and Village of Schaumburg and Tire Rack.

Timing & Scoring Report (Pete Bukantis)

We should be good to go with timing on the 10/11 event.

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

Octoberfest went well. Need to find a way to get people to register early for planning purposes. Went with an American BBQ dinner theme with a whiskey trail type event. Great weather with only one incident and another oil spill. Sunday was lighter attendance.

Gingerman Report (Glenn DeWeirdt)

No report

Road America Report (Ross Conforti, Cheryl Lehman Collier, Cliff Horn)

RA did well financially, better than expected. Siebkens and Gearbox invoices submitted late. Good feedback received on how organized the event was. Still have the outstanding invoice from RA for track repair.

We would like to see more communication from CR National. Region is on the hook for financials.

Ongoing dissuasion about the outstanding RA invoice and who is responsible for the costs. One driver says no, the other not responding. Per contract the region is responsible to RA for the costs and then try to recover the costs from the driver who caused the damage.

This will be a longer discussion about insurance, financial risk, etc. A smaller group will be assembled to investigate this.

The RA bill needs to be paid now.

Autobahn Report (Dana Comolli)

The fall full track event was cancelled due to expected lower attendance. Next year, TBD.

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. It was good event with 100 attendees with DJ and cars.

Will find potential new locations for Concours school.

Dinner Dance (Grace and Derek Chen)

No report, registration is open.

Historian Report (Open)

No Report

Insurance Report (Bob Rath)

No report

Membership Report (James Kaikis)

Membership report was emailed for everyone to review.

Membership is at a 13-month high, and we had a nice jump from August to September (likely a lot of late renewals)!

Rallye Report (Jack, Karen, Sharon, Steve)

Rallye Report:

Rallye 4 was Sunday, September 14th and took place in Galena Illinois. Jack and Karen Stephensen were the rally masters. Ron Micek and Martha Kuffel performed the pre-run. The Start Point was Chestnut Mountain Resort and there was a group dinner Saturday night where we celebrated PCA's 70th birthday with a birthday cake and everything! Eight of us also played in a golf outing on Saturday afternoon.

The hills and valleys in Galena are special for rallying and this rallye had extraordinary views! The CASTS (average speeds) were high and what a terrific way to enjoy our Porsches! Thirteen rallye teams had registered, but only nine teams completed the rallye, which ended at the Lena Brewing Company.

Steve and Sharon Olson won First Place with 208 Points and Joris Prikken and Charles Waldman took home the Novice win with 599 points.

Rallye 5, the last rallye of 2025 is Sunday, October 12th and will take place primarily in Kenosha County. It is appropriately called North of the Cheddar Curtain Rallye. Rallyemasters are Susan Shire and Steve Rashbaum. And the rallye has been pre-run by Ron Micek and Martha Kuffel. The start and end point is at the Brat Stop in Kenosha. Registration is open on clubregistration.net. It would be nice if some board members would attend!

For every rallye we had another event the same weekend which lowered attendance so will work to coordinate for better attendance.

Safety Report (Todd Conforti and Jody Freund)

One incident at Blackhawk, report filed.

Regarding 2025 helmets, extending 2015 to June of 2026 due to limited availability.

BHF discussed how to manage drivers who are not up to pace or erratic. Further discussion to be had.

Social Media (Tess Conforti, Adam Kern)

No report

Technical Report (Jody Freund, Cliff Horn)

Tech session at Body Builders. November 9 in the morning. Looking at a cars and coffee type event that could include a social aspect. Coffee and pastries provided. Basic raffle items and DPS Automotive will be there as well. Topics to include Porsche certification, PPF and Ceramic Coatings. A substantial gift card will be included.

Looking into some events over the winter.

Social Report (Robert Safe)

2 Brothers Porsche and Pilsners in Aurora on Oct 4 went well.

Event with Sparkshop to assemble supplies. Date is Oct 26 at Midwest Performance cars in west loop. Very light signed up at this point. May consider cancelling if not more interest.

Last event is a P&P at Labriola in November with Toys for Tots.

Still looking for Social Coordinator for next year

Potters Picnic (Catherine Fischer)

No report

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report (Dana Comolli)

No report

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)

No report

New Business

No report

Action Items:

Next meeting is Wednesday November 5, 2025

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Robert Safe

Second: Pete Bukantis

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 8:27PM