

Porsche Club of America Chicago Region
Board of Directors Meeting
January 3, 2024
Draft 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"/>	Mark Prescott – Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pete Hackenson – Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Henrique Regina – 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"/>	Rich LaMarre – 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 type="checkbox"/>	Sharon Gregor Olson – Rallye
<input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Shire – Club Race Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Olson – Rallye
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Rath – Insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jack Stephensen – Rallye
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Kaikis – Membership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Stephensen – Rallye
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shannon Costis - Historian	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Ruther – Chief Driving Instructor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jody Freund – Drivers Ed Tech	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cliff Horn – RADE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	Tess Conforti – Social Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grace Chen – Dinner Dance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Derek Chen – Dinner Dance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dominque Sangdahl - Charity Nominator

Others in attendance.

Cheryl Prescott

This meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing

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Secretary's Report (Pete Hackenson)

A quorum was present including all Officers and Directors
Meeting called to order 7:01 PM
Adam stated no changes to the 11/8 November Board Meeting Minutes
A motion was made to Approve the November Meeting Minutes

Motion: Cheryl Lehman Collier
Second: Pete Bukantis
Motion: Approved

Treasurer's Report (Catherine Fischer)

November Report:

November Income	4,804	YTD Income	637,882
November Expenses	9,836	YTD Expenses	626,214
November Totals	(5,033)		11,668

Key expenses for November: Presstech Scene, Golf, Membership Scene, General Membership Fall Driving Tour. A motion was made to Approve the November Treasurer's Report

Motion: Cheryl Lehman Collier
Second: Henrique Regina
Motion: Approved

December Report:

December Income	35,450	YTD Income	673,629
December Expenses	72,232	YTD Expenses	698,447
Totals	(36,692)		(24,977)

Key expenses for December: Dinner Dance, Scene, Chicago Mobile Makers
Questions about dinner dance 2022 – 2023. I/E Fall Tech income \$960

Motion: Cheryl Lehman Collier
Second: Pete Bukantis
Motion: Approved

Charity Presentations (Dominique Sangdahl)

Dominique thanked the Board for her coordinating our 2024 Charity, along with the rest of the Charity Nominating Committee including, Karen Stephenson & Cheryl Prescott. There was a real diverse set of nominations from our Members. 12 Nominations were reviewed and filtered with care resulting in 3 Finalists. We should concentrate on our expectations of the selected charity. Each Charity will have 10 Minutes use for presenting and covering questions.

Almost Home Kids

Terri Danko, Judith McLean

Terri, the Board Chair for Almost Home Kids and a PCA member. They as charity liaisons they want to be proactive with the PCA. They are a bridge from the hospital to the home through innovative community-based care for children with medical complexities. They respond to the needs of the family including training the family and caregivers while offering respite care... Located in Chicago and Naperville & a 3rd in development. Judith is their Charity coordinator and Dir. of Marketing. Their 24X7 services are divided in 3 categories, The preemies/babies needing development systems, ventilators, feeding tubes, tracheostomy. Conditions include Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, and other Life- Long Conditions. Older Kids 0-22 that are suffering from a traumatic brain injury, auto accidents, gunshot wounds They have less than 1% of their kids that need to be readmitted to the hospital within 60 days (avg 16-20% for same). Their income is derived from donations, grants, and State of Illinois (our Taxes) directly for 30 Million to the 3 locations Naperville receiving 10 Million. Have affiliation with Lories Children's Hospital (no funding from them) which represents 65% of their kids and referrals from approximately 40 others.

Questions about education - Educating the family to use and care/operate all the systems & electronics so the family feels competent. What to do in emergencies.

How many people is the Staff ? A Lean Admin Staff. They have 80 nurses between Naperville & Chicago being a 24-HR 7 Day operation. One RN per 3 kids, several Certified Nurse Assistants. A Social Worker at each site, Case Manager and a child life specialist, and a Medical Director overall.

They have 12 Children at the both the Naperville and Chicago keeping a home atmosphere.

CASA of McHenry County

Catherine Fischer, Becky Morris

Court Appointed Special Advocate helps abused and neglected children within the system by providing trained advocates working with the children. Examples how the Advocates "walk along" with the children (Like a case worker) are: Write reports for the judge & lawyers filling out paperwork (how to), prepping them through the court system. Foster care is difficult with not enough foster homes and case workers having 20+ cases. Net problems include switching schools no continuity in their lives, and they may have all their clothes and toys in a plastic bag. Every child deserves to live in a safe and loving home. A CASA advocate is a one on one

association offering the child a single person to work with them looking out for the child. They build relationships providing a voice for the child by working with them in giving them a single person for changes like a new case worker new foster home, Cases range from 6 Mo to 5Years for a child.

The currently have 142 Advocates with 170 children. Meeting their next year's goal of assisting 300 children they will need 50 additional Volunteer Advocates.

They are working a budget of \$876K. that mostly covers 10 staff salaries and expenses.

They are planning a new transportation organization. Recruiting is their largest challenge.

All PCA dollars will go to just McHenry only. Illinois law requires the case worker and lawyer to meet with the child twice a year. CASA sees the child twice a month.

Crushers Club

Ted Jackson, Sally Hazelgrove

The Crushers Club was our 2023 PCA Charity

Sally is presenting their overview. last year they employed 140 Youths, ages from 14 to 18 worked over 30,000 hours. Their payroll was 600,000. The more hours they work the less they are involved with any negative conduct like crime. CC has replicated the "Gang Model" using a job and supporting services. They are codifying the club and providing it like a franchise in the future. The senior members are now teaching and managing the new guys.

The Bears provided a Box for a game as one of many CC great benefits. The members are working in retail, food services, construction, and others.

President's Report (Dana Comolli)

Dana thanked all the Charity groups for their presentation. The regular January Board Meeting started at 7:58 PM. The 2024 Hardcopy Calendar is at the printers, Will be mailed with the January Scene Magazine and will have copies at the Membership Meeting

Membership Meeting status (with James Kaikis)

Dana passed the status to James our new Membership Coordinator. Jan 21st Pinstripes, two Big Rooms with Bocci courts. Each of our Chicago Region venues (Autocross, Rally, DE, etc.) will have their own booth to display their material and have the Coordinators there to answer questions. The concept is Mix and Mingle to assist in communication to our new and existing members. This is a new idea and should be able to directly foster communication.

James introduced new program for new members for "New and Like New Members", getting them to sign for events. Proposed most of their event fees for the new members from the past 2-3 years. There are 85 Registered as current. That includes 20 "New" members which is more than last year. We are shooting for 250 to register but can accommodate 300.

Within the Monday eBlast, Dana will introduce a *Trivia Contest*. Proposed \$10 voucher used for any event for up to 3 winners each week of PCA Chicago Region trivia questions. These questions will be from prior Scene issues The invitation will be sent to all Chicago Region. If

someone can answer all weekly questions for the year, they could be looking at \$500! Setting up the system for 2 days a week to submit answers. The Board and Leadership team are excluded. Commentary within the attendees agree, this is a great idea. If there are more than 3 correct answers; a blind drawing will set the 3 winners for the week. We will be able to track who / new members are attending. A great educational tool in understanding our Regions History. Dana is setting up the system to do all of this and will need \$1,550 approved for the awards.

2024 BOD Meeting Dates were discussed. Some changes will be April 3 changed to the 10th, July 3 changed to the 10th, Sept 4

Motion: Cheryl Lehman Collier

Second: Stanley Sangdahl

Motion: Approved for \$1,550

Vice President's Report (Adam Kern)

Adams is reporting this is the *Year of The Dragon*
Looking forward to 2024 and Happy New Year.

Past President's Report (Stanley Sangdahl)

Stanley thanked all the members for assisting him as President for the past 2 years.
All the new Officers and Directors have been forwarded to National

Autocross Report (David Bowers)

All 2024 dates are set at Wintrust. We are looking at 75 attendees for the April 20th School so we will need at least 25 AX volunteers. The season will kick off on June 28th, then July 20th, August 3rd, September 3rd & 21st. The facility has all the amenities including Rest Rooms & a Storage Unit. The first payment has been paid and the next due March 4th is \$4,750. Requesting Board for \$4,750. Adam reflected we may get back in next year including the free venue. It may be possible for a non-points and David will investigate it .

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Mark Prescott

Motion: Approved for \$4,750

Timing & Scoring Report (Pete Bukantis)

No report.

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

We have all the events scheduled in Club Reg but not open yet. Registration will be open March 1st. Once we see the contracts a determination will be made on pricing. The Oktoberfest this year will be a Hawaiian Aloha Fest compliments of Pete Bukantis. Something was noted about my Mai Tais.

Gingerman Report (Glenn DeWeirdt)

Dana covered the Gingerman financials on Glenn's behalf. Glen relayed that GM need a \$9,000 deposit to lock in the date. Due date February 8th. Same great Dinner.

Motion: Cheryl Lehman Collier

Second: Stanley Sangdahl

Motion: Approved for \$9,000

Road America Report (Cheryl Lehman Collier)

Non Porsches handled on a case-by-case basis for PCA Members. Cheryl is already getting requests. Anticipating a good attendance.

Autobahn Report (Dana Comolli)

Received a signed contract from Napleton and they are once again sponsoring the entire Ladies' Day event. Their current spend estimate is \$18,100 for Ladies Day. Paid directly to Autobahn by Napleton. Need approval for the July & October deposits of \$4,216.25 for each event.

Dates include:

Ladies' Day – June 13 SUVs allowed

Full Track – July 29 No SUVs

Full Track – October 7 No SUVs

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Pete Bukantis

Motion: Approved for \$4,216.25 for each event

Chief Driving Instructor's Report (John Ruther)

John not in attendance. Instructor Workshop is scheduled on March 23. Registration opening soon

Concours Report (Rich LaMarre and John Moore)

Rich is looking forward to working with John. Rich sent an Email to prior Concours registrants and multiple others within the Region. Very well received for garnering new ideas.

Dinner Dance Wrap-up

Grace & Derek Chen

Stanley stated the 2023 was one of the least costly Dinner Dance events. It was acknowledged that multiple errors were made. The raffle products were considered “lame” by some attendees. The Chens will be taking over the Coordination of the 2024 event. Talking about the Marriott in Naperville. Cheryl and Keith Clark volunteered to assist as part of the Committee. Need follow-up and multiple assignments with the Chens. Stanley will start that conversation and start the 2024 event planning process.

Historian Report (Shannon Costis)

No Report

Insurance Report (Bob Rath)

Bob will be chasing the insurance for insurance required events

Membership Report (James Kaikis)

James covered much in the early part of the Meeting. States much thanks to Mark Prescott, and Robert Safe, for getting him up to date on our systems. Everyone thought James did a great job with the Membership Meeting.

Rallye Report (Sharon, Steve, Karen and Jack)

Karen providing the update. The Rally School will be on March 5th. The location is TBA by Stanley at his prior employer ESI. We have 5 committed Rally Masters providing Rallyes on the following dates:

May 9

July 7

August 4

September 28

October 13

Safety Report (Todd Conforti)

No Report

Social Media (Adam Kern)

Adam asking for attendees to keep eyes open for a knowledgeable Social Media addition or best a future replacement.

No additional report

Technical Report (Jody Freund)

Jody is alive

No Report

Social Report (Robert Safe)

Robert has our Social Activities in order and is viewing an exciting 2024! He is working with Rich LaMarre to create some new ideas to expand attendance. Robert is turning over the Board Meeting reporting for the Valentine's Day Lunch to Stanley. The event will be at Coopers Hawk in Arlington Heights on Sunday February 18th. The budget is connected to the Quantity of attendees. Stanley is asking for a maximum of a \$1,200, PCA subsidy. Link will be up in a few days for registration.

Motion: Cheryl Lehman Collier

Second: Henrique Regina

Motion: Approved \$1,200

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report (Dana Comolli)

We obtained 15 Advertisers that paid \$31,700. Contracts in hand.

The Scene Report (Natalie Szabo)

Looking forward to the new year – Dana gave Natalie a big thanks for picking this key role with a big applause.

Touring Report (John Diwik)

Not in attendance – No Report

Webmaster's Report (Dana Comolli)

Details sent to Board and Coordinators
No Additional report

Zone 13 Rep Report (Mark Roethemeier)

Not in attendance – No Report

New Business

Open discussion regarding the three Charity Nominations.
Next Meeting, February 7, 2024
General Board Meeting Adjourn to allow for the Executive Board Session

Motion: Cheryl Lehman Collier
Second: Pete Bukantis
Motion: Approved by all at 8:54 PM

Executive Session, Board Only – Charity Selection

The Executive Board session started at 8:54 PM
There was much discussion relating to all 3 Groups
Reactive vs. Proactive.
Budget size of organization .
Education
Downtown vs suburbs
How large will our impact be

After much input from the Executive Session, we unanimously voted to select CASA as our 2024 Charity.

The Executive Board Adjourned at 9:28 PM

Officers & Board for selecting the 2024 Charity:

- President: Dana Comolli
- Vice President: Adam Kern could not vote as was a sponsor of one of the 3 Charities
- Treasurer: Catherine Fischer could not vote as was a sponsor of one of the 3 Charities
- Secretary: Pete Hackenson
- Past President: Stanley Sangdahl
- Board: Michael Bene
- Board: Pete Bukantis
- Board: Mark Prescott
- Board: Henrique Regina
- Board: Robert Safe