

Porsche Club of America Chicago Region
Board of Directors Meeting
October 9th, 2024
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"/>	Mark Prescott – Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pete Hackenson – Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Henrique Regina – Director
<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	David Bowers – Autocross
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pete Hackenson – Blackhawk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Safe – Social
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glenn DeWeirdt – Gingerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barb Mashburn – Concourse - Co-Chair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neil French – Gingerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Moore – Concours
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Palmer – Gingerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sharon Gregor Olson – Rallye
<input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Shire – Club Race Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Olson – Rallye
<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Cliff Horn – RADE
<input 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"/>	Jim Dorfman Concourse - Chair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tess Conforti – Social Media Admin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grace Chen – Dinner Dance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Derek Chen – Dinner Dance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dominque Sangdahl - Charity Nominator
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Anne - Charity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ross Conforti – On-Line Registrar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Catherine Fischer - Charity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Scifers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anna Skura	<input type="checkbox"/>	

This meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing

Additional participants: Cindy Jacisin, Douglas Lawrence

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of
October 9th, 2024, Draft**

Meeting commenced at 7:01PM by: Dana Comolli

Secretary's Report (Pete Hackenson)

Pete Hackenson reports we have a quorum.

I recorded the September 4th Board Meeting on my phone to use in developing the Minutes. Unfortunately, I either could not find, or it was accidentally deleted. To the best of abilities following information from others, I drafted a September Minutes which is to be presented at the November Board Meeting

Treasurer's Report (Catherine Fischer)

Starting with the high level overview; our total assets mostly cash or cash for the month of September. We had total income of \$310,291, mostly from events. We had total expenses of \$265,319. We had some vouchers from prior year of \$990, which gave us a \$46,600 positive cash flow for the month of September and a year to date positive cash flow of \$48,519. The vast majority of that came from our September top monthly income sources. We have cash in the bank right now between CD's and just regular accounts of \$545,100 and at the end of September, we had \$72,000 still sitting in Club Reg. Collected \$6,651.00 to charity. Our year to date for charity is \$24,144. Proposing a \$17,000 check for the second quarter which was previously approved. This is the net of what we've collected for them after credit card expenses. Motion to approve the financials.

Motion. Pete Bukantis

Second: Mark Prescott

Motion: Approved by all

President's Report (Dana Comolli)

There was a large discussion about or Google Forms or the Survey Monkey. Providing an On-Line vote. This would be in addition to the PDF on the web for printing and mail in. The only way to do the Google direction is to have a google account. There was much discussion about signatures and security. Neither one of the directions will this allow a digital signature. The PCA number is a unique #, the name and the e-mail address, and if all three of those matched, then we can

assume that it's legitimate. It turns out that SurveyMonkey collects a lot of behind the scenes data from the connection, like where they're at. The suggestion is to make three approaches available because some people are going to just put them in an envelope. The PDF is to download to print. This will be announced next week's E Blast

Wilderness Region requested all regions donate monies for the Southern States. Result was to decline this and let everyone do their own Donations. Cindy recommended all documents need to be trashed and forget about it.

Motion. Pete Bukantis
Second. Michael Bennett
Motion: Approved by all

John Diwik asked Catherine Fischer for \$500 while the limit is \$400 for his touring event. She turned him down. Dana picked it up and John promised he would never do that again. Motion to give \$500 to John Diwik

Motion. Adam Kern
Second. Henrique Regina
Motion: Approved by all

Vice President's Report (Adam Kern)

Adam started a lengthy discussion about Identifying the role of a non-member attending an event and how awards would be given. What we have on the website should mirror the rules, Most know when a non-member competes and if they should happen to beat a member, that result does not exist in terms of year end awards. If they were in 2nd place, the member in 3rd place would now have a second and so on up to 5 places. The discussion continued with many board and committee members debating the many variations making a simple rule not so simple for the different venues. The website was updated in March of 23, 2023 following the then board approval of how the year end awards would be calculated.

Dana Comolli and Adam Kern will do the audit for year-end tallying for all the venues. It was evident that many in attendance had their own views of the who, what, when and where and why was discussed. Tiebreaking rules and

camaraderie being enhanced with more awards. Any costs were agreed to be negligible. In the end, it was decided that no changes are to be made within 2024 and to allow next year's board to decide their recommendation for 2025.

Past President's and Nominating Committee Report (Stanley Sangdahl)

No Report

Autocross Special Report (Pete Bukantis)

No Report

Timing & Scoring Report (Pete Bukantis)

No Report

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

We think everybody had a good time for the driving part. We had 85 drivers, and the rally had another 30 or 35. We must thank Peter Bukantis for the outstanding Hawaii meal he put together. We started with a Hawaiian themed cocktail hour with Mai Tia cocktails, Kona beer and Island music. We had 150 people for food. The black group had 6 Cup Cars,-and a variety of other very fast cars. Eurosport made it there with another four or five cars. The weather gods were with us. Tropical weather. This year the Blackhawk events produces over \$20k in net income for the club. . It was nice to have the Rally people that aren't normally there at the event. "Scoop" flew his jet to the amusement of all at our Aloha Fest at Blackhawk on Saturday

Gingerman Report (Glenn DeWeirdt)

No Report

Road America Report (Cheryl Lehman Collier)

No report for September, um. Catherine, Dana and Cheryl assembled the financials for TRACK, and it looks liked we made money this year. Cheryl sent her expense report yesterday for some trophies. She got an e-mail for an outstanding last minute expense from the gearbox and stating for \$240 gratuity that was never has never been in our invoice previously. They ended up making money and we're pleased with that. They think we're going to continue to track the expenses as we did this year to try and make sure that the event continues to have a positive impact. Congratulations to Cheryl and her team.

Autobahn Report (Dana Comolli)

It rained very early, and the rest of the day was sunny! Only one Incident. The weather was perfect. We 59 drivers. It was a great event. We had many new drivers with the full track, which is not the best place to learn how to drive on a track. We had plenty of instructors. A driver in a 300 HP Miata which got a little too aggressive in turn 1 and ended up in a guardrail, but he wasn't hurt. The car was damaged, but everything else was great.

Pete Bukantis voiced the following with much conversation: He viewed a group of people discussing corded tires and were asking if it was OK to do another session. The driver was looking for a recommendation or approval, What would our standard answer be? After much conversation, we should not provide recommendations. We can make a comment. But not a recommendation. This can be expanded to more than corded tires. Any conversation to something as major as corded tires should be "I wouldn't do it", but the decision is ultimately up to the driver. We should not take responsibility in any way, shape or form. Don't say anything could come back to us. The tech team should be involved for these things, Flagging at the track leaves a lot to be desired. There was one car black-flagged for six laps. It turns out that on Tuesday he left the region as he moved to Florida.

Chief Driving Instructor Report (John Ruther)

No Report

Concours Report (John Moore, Barb Mashburn)

The 24 season concluded August 30th. Barb as the Host, a group 12 met to review and prepare for the 2025 season. Barb and Jim and I are addressing the 2025 draft with most in place. We will have 4 Concours again next year and combining that with Show and Shines. The glasses will change slightly, but I think we'll end up getting a larger group of people to attend. This season was good. We updated the calendar with as much as we have so far, which hopefully will have finished in the next week. John wants to thank Barb and Robert Safe for their input bringing him up to date. We had had some nice events together. Thank you all and I'll see you at the dinner dance.

Dinner Dance (Grace and Derek Chen)

We have about 63 registrants which does not include their Co members. So that's approximately 126 people so far that are registered. We're doing a full page ad in the November scene. Another e-mail blast right before the registration cut off. There was a notion presented about prizes for this year. Everyone seems to spend a lot of time deciding what Prize Boxes to place tickets in. This takes a bit away from conversation. The idea is to send the registrants a picture listing of the prizes so they can use it to speed the selections. This can be sent with their confirmations. The purpose of it is to get people together to socialize, to mingle, to meet new members and just have fun. This way they can spend their cocktail hour more constructively in meeting people, talking to their friends and in general, mixing and mingling as opposed to kind of like hovering over the raffle prize tables. sometimes they're scattered all over the room. We can see that picking the prizes is a bit of a social activity. They're still going to have to find a bucket to put it in. Everyone in the meeting thinks this is a great idea and we should do it. Grace already bought most of the gifts and she has not submitted the expense report yet except for the gift certificates because sometimes they have like a term date to extend that term date as much as possible for the recipients. Great idea.

Cindy asked for an annual toys-for-tots contribution. Historically it's always been \$1,000 or maybe it's gone up to \$1,500. Does anybody have a motion for 1500 for Toys for Tots? Mark gave the motion and Pete gave a second. All those in favor aye, aye opposed, none. You got \$1,500 Cindy

Motion. Mark Prescott

Second. Pete Bukantis

Motion: Approved by all

Historian Report (Shannon Costis)

No Report

Insurance Report (Bob Rath)

The COI for the Tech Session at Euroquipe is on its way.

Membership Report (James Kaikis).

Statistics Attached within the Agenda email. We are entering the slower months for membership growth. Hopefully, our friends in the dealerships can drive new members. Plans are coming into place for the Membership Meeting at Chevy Chase.

PS - Shanelle and James welcomed a new family member this week (as this is being written). Jordyn was born 10.30 and has already requested a Porsche for her 16th birthday. Maybe a 987.1 Boxster will do! Congratulations!

Rallye Report (Sharon, Steve, Karen, and Jack)

Rallye Report:

Rallye 4 - was held on September 28th, the Saturday of Aloha Fest and started and ended at Blackhawk Farm Raceway! Rallyemasters were Andy and Anna Skura, and pre-runners were Les and Caroline Teichner. We started on the track and continued to fantastic roads on this rallye! Some of the instructions had pictures of certain road signs that had been 'tweaked' to trick the rallye teams! The focus was to maintain a proper CAST, so the drivers were really challenged! Steve Olson and I won 1st place AND Josh and Meirav Loberant received 1st place Novice for the rallye.

Rallye 5 – October 13th will be a rallye starting in Verona Wisconsin and ending in Lena, Illinois - Rallye masters are Steve Rashbaum and Susan Shire. – There is a group dinner planned for Saturday evening for those staying over the night before. Open for registration and a block of rooms are available at the Hyatt in Verona.

Transitioning of Rallye Coordinators:

A reminder to the board that Steve and I as well as Jack and Karen Stephensen will be retiring as rallye coordinators at the end of 2024.

So, please actively look for our replacement. We have discussed the possibility with Brian and Danielle Scifers. However, currently, there is no commitment from them.

The four of us would be happy to run the 2025 rallye school if need be. And you can count on the Olson's as well as the Stephenson's to be rallyemasters for 2 of the 5 - 2025 rallies.

Safety Report (Todd Conforti)

We had two incidents at Blackhawk. One was the first day there was a driver and the last lap of his first session and in the drivers meeting. Everybody was told, we

typically, have incidents, first session, so take it easy. Did he take it easy? No. We told everybody to turn off their cell phones and don't go out in the car with their cell phone. Did he go out with his car phone? Yes, he went out in the car and not only did his phone call the police when he had the incident but also had a call to OnStar from his Cadillac, He received reports from two agencies. He was fine, the car was a little damaged up got towed away. We had another incident on Saturday afternoon. One cup Car spun, and the other car spun to try to avoid. He overcorrected, spun and backed into the first car. There was as relatively minor damage and the first car while the second car had severe damage. The 300 horsepower Miata at the Autobahn was self-inflicted. All paperwork has been filed.

Technical Report (Jody Freund)

No Report but looking for a location for the next Tech event

Social Report (Robert Safe)

We did Porsches and Planes with about 300 people with air controllers, super great volunteers on hand. Weather was perfect. We did a Porsches and Pilsners at Two Brothers Roundhouse with 65 Porsches, and they have asked us to come back next year. Porsches and Pastries at Labriola, starting at 9AM located in a new special room. Marines are scheduled.

Social Media Report (Adam Kern, Tess Conforti)

No Report

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report (Dana Comolli)

No additional Report. The Exchange provided an Award for the rally poker raffle.

The Scene Report (Natalie Szabo)

No additional Report

Touring Report (John Diwik)

No Report

Webmaster's Report (Dana Comolli)

Attached in the Addenda E-Mail

Zone 13 Rep Report (Mark Roethemeier)

No Report

Old Business – Autocross Report (David Bowers)

Old Business – Nominating Committee (Stanley Sangdahl)

Deadline date for submission October 31st

Stanley Sangdahl (Committee Chair), Brian Scifers, Pete Bukantis, Henrique Regina & Pam Brundage

Next Meeting, January 2025

Action Item Review

Adjourn At 8:32 PM

Motion to Adjourn: Pete Bukantis

Second: Mark Prescott

Motion: Approved by all at 8:32 PM