

**Porsche Club of America Chicago Region
Board of Directors Meeting
November 4, 2025
FINAL Minutes with addendum**

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/TRAC
☒	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, Keith Clark, Sean Gillette, Cindy Jacisin, Bart Surowka, 17737267310

Secretary's Report (Mark Prescott)

The meeting started with all board members present: a quorum at 7:02pm

October meeting minutes were sent out prior to the meeting. Numerous comments were received. No further comments were received. A motion was made to accept the minutes:

Motion to accept minutes: Robert Safe

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 October 2025 of \$645,244 compared to October 2024 of \$645,024, very close. Cash assets in October 2025 were \$539,345 as compared to \$568,955 last year. So, for cash positions, we're down almost \$30,000.

Income for October was \$14,859 with a YTD of \$705,166, mostly due to TRAC. Our expenses were -\$11,662 and YTD of -\$639,703. And we had a disbursement to charity for the third quarter of \$3,127. Our net cash flow for the month of October was a positive \$70. When we look at year-to-date, we are at a positive 45,203.

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 \$23,522. This time last year, we were at \$24,679.

Accounts receivable is at almost \$41,000. Top receivables are Napleton (\$15,000), as well as the incident and damage at TRAC from RA.

Each event was reviewed, most everything did well. There will be a slight change to RA with a last-minute invoice.

We are converted to quick books online.

Other issues

Motion to accept financial report as presented:

Motion: Pete Bukantis

Second: Ross Conforti

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

President's Report (Dana Comolli)

Please update the draft 2026 calendar.

Please send to Dana all year end trophies recipients for dinner dance

Vice President's Report (Adam Kern)

No report – See comments about autocross below.

Past President's Report (Stanley Sangdahl)

Here are the results of this year's election (79 ballots):

- President – Dana Comolli
- Vice-President – Pete Bukantis
- Treasurer – Catherine Fischer
- Secretary – Mark Prescott
- Director – Brian Scifers
- Director – Marcin Proszek
- Director – Bart Surowka

It was suggested that a selection be added to vote for the entire slate.

Autocross Report (David Bowers)

Via email from David:

Autocross Report: Still waiting for Boomers to get back with available dates for 2026, so nothing has been finalized for the schedule yet. Please continue to be flexible with your event dates until I hear back from them. I've put alternate dates on the calendar so you all can see what I'm working towards. I'll let you all know as soon as I hear anything.

Knowing that we probably won't have the dates solidified by the December deadline, and will thus likely have some changes (as we did in '25); is a printed calendar truly necessary and a worthwhile use of club funds? Can we just direct everyone to the online schedule? No discussion on this.

From Adam Kern:

Autocross Comments (Adam)

Two issues regarding this year's events:

Each event this season cars classed together were in the same run group per every event. Meaning the drivers started with the same assignment each time. The biggest violation here is that the higher classed cars always ran in the coveted last run group. Which usually meant they had the best track conditions for each event. Also, it's just plain boring to start with the same assignment every time.

The other issue is classing for classic cars. They used to be all lumped in together in one class. Primarily because there were not enough of them. But this season the SC 911 (78-83) and 3.2 Carrera (84-89) were in different classes. They are practically the same car. And if we are following parade competition rules, those 911s are classed together in 'stock' and 'production' classes. See below.

This can be discussed further next year prior to the start of the season.

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<u>356/912/914</u>			
1948-1965	356	S1	P1
1965-1969	912	S1	P1
1970-1975	914/4	S1	P1
1970-1972	914/6	S1	P2
1976	912E	S1	P1
<u>924/928/944/968</u>			
1976-1988	924 - All	S1	P1
1978-1995	928 - All	S1	P2
1983-1991	944 - All	S1	P2
1992-1995	968	S1	P2
<u>911</u>			
1965-1977	911	S1	P2
1978-1998	911	S2	P3
1999-2005	996 911 Carrera	S3	P4
2002-2005	996 911 Carrera S 4S	S4	P4
2005-2012	997 911 Carrera 4S	S3	P4
2005-2012	997 911 Carrera S	S4	P4
2005-2008	997 911 Carrera SX51S5	S5	P5
2010-2012	997 911 GTS/Spdster	S5	P5
2012-19	991 911 Carrera	S5	P5
2012-19	991 911 Carrera S 4S	S6	P5
2015-19	991 911 Carrera GTS	S6	P5
2016	991 911 R	S8	P6
2018-19	991 911 Carrera T	S6	P5
2020-On	992 911 Carrera	S6	P5
2020-On	992 911 Carrera S	S6	P5
2021-On	992 911 Carrera GTS	S6	P5
2022-On	992 911 Carrera T	S6	P5
2023-On	992 911 Dakar	S7	P6
2024	992 911 S/T	S8	P6
<u>911 Turbo</u>			

Autocross Addendum 1

After the zoom meeting David received the contract from Boomers Stadium for parking lot rental for the 2026 autocross season. The contract requests a downpayment of \$4,750 now with the balance of \$4,750 due 3/18/26. Via email - A motion was requested to pay first installment now for \$4,750.

Motion (via email) to approve payment of first installment.

Motion: Robert Safe
Second: Mark Prescott
Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

Timing & Scoring Report (Pete Bukantis)

The supplier (Race America) for our timing equipment is going out of business at end of the year. It was decided to purchase enough equipment to get us through 5 years.

There are other (cheaper) suppliers so there are options as of now.

It was motioned that we approve \$800 to purchase equipment.

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl
Second: Ross Conforti
Motion passed unanimously

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

Blackhawk Farms has recently repaved the entire track. Looks nice. Need to see what happens with pricing when new contracts arrive. Tentative dates have been submitted and should be OK when they are approved. Made about \$12,000 overall this year at all BHF events.

Charity Report (Karen Stephensen)

11 applications received with extended deadline, 1 withdrew. Currently reviewing submittals. Thanks to Sharon Gregor for reviewing financials. All are very worthy charities. Committee to meet 11/10 with recommendations to the board by mid-December.

Charity Addendum 1

On December 4, 2025, Dana issued the following request via email for charity funding ahead of the annual awards banquet:

We have to decide the final amount to give SparkShop this year.

Here are the numbers:

- Based on all available information, we are on track to ending the year with a Net PnL of \$26K (includes all Dinner Dance income and expenses).
- However, we have \$15K of A/R with Napleton that is very likely lost, meaning the actual PnL for 2025 is \$11K.
- The net \$ raised for charity this year was \$22K.

I move that The Club add \$3K to the amount raised so the total to SparkShop for the year is \$25K. This will leave The Club with a net PnL of \$8K for the year (verses a negative \$12K last year).

Do I have a second?

Motion to approve \$3,000 to round up the charity donation to \$25,000 for presentation at the awards banquet.

Motion: Dana Comolli

Second: Adam Kern

Motion passed unanimously via email

Gingerman Report (Glenn DeWeirdt)

No report

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

Thanks to Katherine for getting post event bills paid, Siebkens banquet, Gearbox national coupons, and the Osthoff Resort. There was difficulty connecting PCACR National and Osthoff to pay the bills for Stewards and Scruts, but that should be resolved.

Dana had a conversation with Dave Rodenrath, the PCA CR National Chair, to discuss the participant-contested incident on Monday of TRAC. PCA National will make the Chicago region whole, further actions coming. He will work on cleaning up the race agreement/contract ambiguity, Dana will be involved. It was suggested we investigate property damage insurance, as another region might be doing.

More research needs to be done on property damage insurance in 2026. Are there any best practices available, TBD. There is insurance available, which is needed to coordinate with PCA National Insurance.

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

Planning for next year is in progress with hand off from Cheryl to Cliff on notes, procedures, etc. Cliff is in discussion with RA and PCA National on dates. We will take all the garages like last year.

Autobahn Report (Dana Comolli)

No report.

Chief Driving Instructor's Report (John Ruther)

No report

Concours Report (John Moore, Barb Mashburn)

John will submit year end rewards to Dana. Planning underway for 2026. Chili Exchange 2/22 at exchange. Looking at Body Builders for potential school.

Historian Report (Open)

No Report

Insurance Report (Bob Rath)

Via Email by Bob:

All insurance is up to date. I am not aware of any insurance requirements for the rest of the year. If there is, please let me know.

Bob purchased some 70th anniversary Christmas ornaments and needs permission to offer them to the members for a donation to Toys for Tots at both the Porsches and Pastries and at the Awards banquet if any remain. All were OK with this.

Membership Report (James Kaikis)

Membership report was emailed for everyone to review.

Membership is at 4095 primary and affiliate, slightly off the high of last month.

James is relocating and we are looking for new membership chair.

Rallye Report (Jack, Karen, Sharon, Steve)

Rallye Report:

Rallye 5, the last rallye of 2025 was Sunday, October 12th and took place primarily in Kenosha County. It was appropriately called North of the Cheddar Curtain Rallye. Rallye masters were Susan Shire and Steve Rashbaum. Typical of a "Shirebaum" rallye, the CASTs were high on beautiful winding roads, and the autumn weather was exceptional! The start and end point was at the Brat Stop in Kenosha where great discussions took place of the sly tricks that Susan Shire is known for!

There were fifteen cars including two touring cars. Congratulations to Jack and Jake Steidle for their first place with only 335 points! And congratulations to Bobby and Lynn Friend with the first-place novice win with 927 points. This team will also win Novice of the Year for Rallye at the banquet in December.

As you all know, the reigns of rallye coordinators for 2026 are being turned over to Jack and Jake Steidle as well as Brian Scifers. Jack introduced himself. He has 5 Rallye masters for next year. Looking for more participation, especially with younger members. School will be at Euroquip.

Dinner Dance (Grace and Derek Chen)

Everything is in place and set. Have volunteers to help with setting up. It should be good.

Cindy asked for the usual \$1500 donations for Toys for Tots.

Motion for \$1500: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Pete Bukantis

Motion Passed Unanimously

Safety Report (Todd Conforti and Jody Freund)

No report.

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.

Would like to find a way to get folks to sign up in advance for planning purposes.

Looking into some sort of event over the winter if someone is willing to manage this event.

There was a short discussion of the younger folks worry about passing tech at DE. There was a short brainstorming to find an easier path to get to the first event. More to be discussed.

Social Report (Robert Safe)

The event with Sparkshop to assemble supplies went well with 43 registered and many more showing up. Date was Oct 26 at Midwest Performance cars in the west loop.

Next event at Body Builders along with the tech session.

Last event is the P&P at Labriola on November 15 with Toys for Tots.

Need a volunteer for Valentines Day due to a conflict. Room is booked and ready to go.

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.

Dana introduced our new Touring Coordinators, Sean and Julie Gillette. Planning and transition for 2026 is underway. Many thanks to John Diwick for his many years as Director of Tours. Fall tour should be to Traverse City, best date for spring is the same weekend as Blackhawk in April. No concerns expressed.

Webmaster's Report (Dana Comolli)

Web report was supplied in meeting invitation.

Zone 13 Rep Report (Todd Benz)

No report

New Business

Stanley Sangdahl reported, sadly, that Neil MacDonald is experiencing some serious medical issues. Neil has been a long-standing member and held various positions on the board including

treasurer, scene editor, up to President. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his wife, Rita.

Action Items:

None

Next meeting is Wednesday January 7, 2026

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Ross Conforti

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20PM