

**Porsche Club of America Chicago Region
Board of Directors Meeting
May 6, 2026
FINAL Minutes**

Voting Board Members Present

☒	Dana Comolli – President	☒	Grace Chen – Director
☒	Pete Bukantis – Vice President	☒	Ross Conforti – Director
☐	Catherine Fischer – Treasurer	☒	Marcin Proszek – Director
☒	Stanley Sangdahl – Past President	☐	Brian Scifers – Director
☒	Mark Prescott – Secretary	☒	Bart Surowka – Director

Coordinators Present

☒	Dana Comolli – Autobahn/Website/Sponsor/Chief Driving Instructor	☒	John Moore – Concours
☒	David Bowers – Autocross	☒	Barb Mashburn – Concours
☒	Todd Conforti – Blackhawk/Safety	☐	Robert Safe/Committee – Social
☒	Pete Bukantis – Blackhawk/AX Timing	☒	Jack Steidle – Rallye
☐	Pete Hackenson – Blackhawk	☒	Jake Steidle – Rallye
☐	Glenn DeWeirdt – Gingerman	☐	Brian Scifers – Rallye
☐	Neil French – Gingerman	☒	Cliff Horn – RADE/TRAC
☐	Mark Palmer – Gingerman	☐	Joel Kaphengst – RADE/TRAC Volunteer
☐	Susan Shire – Club Race Registration	☐	Keith Clark – RADE/TRAC
☒	Bob Rath – Insurance	☒	Tess Conforti – RADE/TRAC/Social Media
☒	Griffin Fujii – Membership/social media	☒	Ross Conforti – RADE/TRAC DE Reg
☐	<open> - Historian	☒	Mark Prescott – RADE/TRAC CR Reg
☒	Jody Freund – Drivers Ed Tech	☒	Sean Gillette – Tours
☐	Committee - The Scene	☐	Julie Gillette - Tours
☒	Karen Stephensen – Charity	☒	Todd Benz – Zone 13 Representative
☒	Maggie Surowka – Dinner Dance	☐	Ed Leed –Car Numbers/Member DB
☒	Ashley Chin – Dinner Dance	☐	Debbie Leed – Car Numbers/Member DB

This meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing.

- Others: Henrique Regina, Chris Winslow, Cindy Jacisin

Secretary's Report (Mark Prescott)

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

April 2026 minutes were sent out prior to the meeting with no comments received. A motion was made to accept the minutes:

Motion to accept minutes: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Pete Bukantis

Accepted: Passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report (Catherine Fischer)

Presented by Dana in Catherine's absence - The financial report was distributed prior to the meeting and reviewed. The club's financial summary starts with total assets in April 2026 of \$880,624 compared to April 2025 of \$795,000. Cash assets in April 2026 were \$512,378 compared to April 2025 of \$451,453. Income for April was \$59,645 with a YTD of \$115,865. Our expenses were (\$45,896) with YTD of (\$111,468). With a charity disbursement accrual of (\$1,192), our April net was \$12,732. YTD result is a net loss of (\$1,047).

Top income sources were Charity, Events, Interest, and PCA Rebate.

Large checks include payments for expenses.

Total bank account balances, including checking, savings, and CDs were \$512,378.

Charity collected YTD is \$5,815 versus \$9,342 this time last year.

The top receivables from TRAC have been paid by PCA National.

Each event was reviewed at a high level; most have done well thus far. There was an overrun in the recent Tour that will be addressed separately. Accruals are on track to this time last year.

Need to continue to pay attention to the balance sheet which is showing improvement since Covid.

Motion to accept financial report as presented:

Motion: Ross Conforti

Second: Grace Chen

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

President's Report (Dana Comolli)

No report.

Vice President's Report (Pete Bukantis)

No report

Past President's Report (Stanley Sangdahl)

Other than the last 2 events being fantastic, No report.

Autocross Report (David Bowers)

We only had 36 novices signed up for AX School. It should break even with the low attendance. May reconsider having a second school event later in the year. 56 drivers are currently signed up for AX 1 on May 16. Regarding the school sandwiches, quality seemed less than last year. Maybe it will be time to consider an alternative for next year.

Timing & Scoring Report (Pete Bukantis)

Ready for AX 1. May have a line on someone willing to take over timing equipment. More to come.

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

Thanks to all who helped at the experienced and novice 2 day event. Had 42 novices with one on the wait list with 38 instructors so we had enough. Only 42 for the experienced day. Both events cleared about \$5,000. Collected \$540 for charity. Thanks to Pete B. for the background work. Tech went well; event ran smoothly. New pavement made the track smoother.

Weather was very good. All who signed up showed up.

Charity (Karen Stephensen)

The committee is working to develop ideas to increase donations. A list of ideas has been submitted to Dana for review to be discussed at a future board meeting. The list should be available for review by the end of May.

Donations this year are lagging last year at this time of the year. Tour is looking at an auction type event for charity during the fall tour.

The two charity organizations are collaborating to share presence at each event.

Gingerman Report (Glenn DeWeirdt)

Via Email from Glenn - I have the membership list for the Fast Guy Club and will send them invitations when Gingerman registration is active on Clubreg.

Road America Report (Ross Conforti, Cliff Horn, Keith Clark, Tess Conforti)

RADE should be all set. Currently we have 140 paid with 5 yet to pay. 6 novices on wait list which is higher than last year. Could use more instructors. Rate bumped up on May 5.

Pizza party is set for Saturday and a get together on Friday at Fischers.

Working to finalize TRAC with a few good ideas that can be shared next month

Autobahn Report (Dana Comolli)

3 spots left for Street Survival. It should sell out. Need 5-7 more instructors. We could also use more volunteers to assist in running the event.

Chief Driving Instructor's Report (Dana Comolli)

Tried driving evals at Blackhawk. Experience was that the evals were done faster than the old paper method. The system also provides access to any eval done anywhere. There are additional features that may be used in the future.

Release to solo will be the same except it will be noted in the event form. A solo sticker at tech will still be needed.

Concours Report (John Moore, Barb Mashburn)

Saturday C&C and Concours at Labriola had good weather and thus good attendance. We ended up judging 34 cars at S/S and Concours.

All set for Bolingbrook on June 6 at Promenade.

Judges school had good attendance along with 5 newbies at Labriola.

Vin Collector is sponsoring Concours for \$3,000 this year.

Historian Report (Open)

No Report

Insurance Report (Bob Rath)

So far so good. Need the post event reports submitted and Bob notified when done. Also need incident reports if there is an incident. Reminder that insurance does not cover damage to vehicles, that is between the drivers.

Membership Report (Griffin Fujii)

Membership Report for April 2026 was distributed prior to the meeting. Primary membership is down 12 primary members to 2711 – Total 4111, Primary 2711, Affiliate 1400. One item of note is we had 66 lapsed members. Historically April is the highest month of lapses every year. But also, a high new primary member month. Something worth keeping an eye on.

The region sends 2 emails to remind folks to renew, looking for ideas to help with renewals. Auto renewal is one option.

Rallye Report (Jack Steidle, Jake Steidle, Brian Scifers)

Via Email - Rallye School, held this past Sunday (5/3) at Euroquipe in St. Charles, was very well attended. A total of fifty-nine people participated, including forty-two students and seventeen volunteers.

Following the classroom instruction, twenty-one teams competed in the School Rallye. Top finishers were Rallye veterans Steve and Sharon Olson (77), Tom and Ann Snyder (155), and Nick and Susan Brenkus (280). The top novice team, Todd and Mattine Gallentine, finished 5th overall with a score of 443.

We received very positive feedback on both the classroom instruction and the Rallye route. The post-Rallye social gathering was especially successful. Two Euroquipe goodie bags were raffled off — one including a \$500 labor certificate and the other a \$250 certificate. Overall, there was excellent interaction between new and experienced members. With Euroquipe help we cleared costs and collected \$540 for charity.

Registration is now open for Rallye 1 - Where's The Finish (WTF) Rallye, scheduled for Sunday, June 7.

Dinner Dance (Maggie Surowka and Ashley Chin)

Grace had provided Ashley and Maggie with the 2025 actual spend by category (end of March) but did not have the line item spend detail. Detailed expenses from last year should be available from Catherine. Currently working on securing the DJ and photo booth. Next is to schedule the tasting with the venue and will need to provide an estimate of attendance. Looking to see if it is possible to do a one-page adv in the scene to gauge interest in attendance.

Safety Report (Todd Conforti and Jody Freund)

Had one incident at BHF. Reminder to instructor in the car if driving to take it easy. The next session the student was driving with a minor incident, and then again next session with instructor driving.

Social Media (Tess Conforti, Griffin Fujii)

Will try and repurpose May scene content on social media. Open to anything else to post.

Technical Report (Jody Freund)

Had the novice event followed the next day by the regular tech session. Might be possible to combine these into a one-day event starting at Fischer and then moving to Northstar.

Should be in good shape for volunteers at RADE.

Social Report (Robert Safe/Committee)

Via email - No new social report. Everything is on track. Still need volunteers for Barnaba event. Zero responses so far.

Potters Picnic (Catherine Fischer)

No report

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report (Dana Comolli)

Vin Collector is sponsoring Concours for \$3,000 this year.

The Scene Report (Editorial Board)

Per Chris Winslow – Committee is working well to share the load and improving as we go. The latest issue was a little late to the publisher so looking for ways to get content sooner.

June 8 is deadline for next Scene. Will be sharing content with the social media team for posting there.

Touring Report (Sean and Julie Gillette)

Good – Spring tour had good feedback. Might need to look for more bathroom stops!

Bad – minor incident at staging on Saturday am. One car rolled into another car while in line with minor damage. Reports have been submitted.

Ugly – costs were higher than anticipated so will need to find ways to make this up in the fall. An analysis will be done and lessons learned.

Idea – looking for one day trip ideas. One possibility would be a visit to Road America mid-week with lunch in VIP tower and laps during lunch. Rallye is also looking at ideas for casual drives during an event alongside the competitive event.

Webmaster's Report (Dana Comolli)

Web report was supplied in meeting invitation. Over the last month or so our site has been overloaded because of being scanned by AI companies. We have blocked several IP addresses to curb the excessive traffic.

We provided the scheduling tool for Parade in the past. This year PCA National has copied the code and created their own version.

Zone 13 Rep Report (Todd Benz)

The comments about the AI website scanning are going to become more widespread so it is good to keep an eye out.

Will be at RADE and looking forward to the weekend.

New Business

Sad news – longtime member, Bob White, passed away this past Sunday. There will be something in the July Scene and upcoming eblast.

Next meeting is June 3, 2026.

Action Items:

None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19PM

Motion to Adjourn: Pete Bukantis

Second: Ross Conforti

Motion Passed Unanimously