

**Porsche Club of America Chicago Region
Board of Directors Meeting
June 3, 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, Sponsorship, 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:

Secretary's Report (Mark Prescott)

The meeting started with all board members present: a quorum at 7:03pm

May 2026 minutes were sent out prior to the meeting with 1 comment received. No further comments. A motion was made to accept the minutes:

Motion to accept minutes: Pete Bukantis
Second: Ross Conforti
Accepted: Passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report (Catherine Fischer)

The financial report for this month is not complete due to a few invoices yet to come in. This month's financials will not be approved until those items are received but a summary was presented.

Highlights:

Total income for the month was \$156,350. Total Expenses were \$128,980. Showing net profit of about \$27,000. There are a couple of things missing, expecting to be about \$12,000 in expenses.

A couple of the below-the-line items:

Credit card rewards are being used to pay some expenses. It is a benefit to the club, but a non-cash transaction. Plus, charity, which is below the line.

Looking at some events:

Autocross - did well this month with total income just under \$4,300. Bottom line was a net profit of \$1,700 for the month.

Charity - collected \$3,260. After credit card expenses, we netted \$3,174, which is accrued on the balance sheet to be paid out at the end of the quarter.

Concourse - did very well with total revenues of \$1,685, which includes sponsorship. After expenses, had a net profit of just under \$750.

Autobahn Street Survival - There were questions about sponsorship so that will be reviewed for next month.

Operations – The Scene come out in May and had \$6,853 in revenue across the scene and our interest on our CDs.

Expenses - QuickBooks subscription, instructor promo expire, so that's a negative number. The scene expense was \$14,230, and credit card rewards, which is a benefit. Operations had a net loss of just over \$7,000.

Rallye had a small profit of \$57.

Tech Session – additional expenses in May were \$443.

RADE - Total income this year was \$134,176. All of that is in, so we're not expecting anything else. Compared to last year, it was just under \$126,000, so income was up \$8,300.

As for expenses, total expenses this year were \$96,000, but we are waiting for the final Road America bill. Last year's bill was just under \$12,000, so it is expected to be similar.

So, bottom line, with taking \$12,000 out, RADE will be about \$20,000-\$21,000 in profit.

Great job there to the RADE team.

Miscellaneous - charity income for the year is currently at \$9,075 versus this time last year at \$11,722, so we are still down from this time last year.

Bottom line - Without counting all the charity expenses we have a net of about \$19,767, which is up \$1,600 from this time last year.

So, all in all, we're in good shape

Final motion to accept the financial report is postponed until next month.

President's Report (Dana Comolli)

No report.

Vice President's Report (Pete Bukantis)

No report other than RADE, Steet Survival, and Auto X 1 all went well.

Past President's Report (Stanley Sangdahl)

Other than Street Survival event being fantastic, No report.

Autocross Report (David Bowers)

AX Report: via email

We held a safe and successful AX1 on 5/16/26. 65 total participants with each participant receiving 10 runs.

Our next event is AX2 at Wintrust Field on 6/27. We have 33 participants registered and will cap registration at 66 total. Note that registration will close Thursday 6/25 at noon. Dana, I'll need your help updating the Mon/Thur emails for that note and to update the following times:

Registration opens: 7:50 am (No walk ups allowed, must be registered on clubreg and paid)
Course Open to Walk 8:20 am
Registration closes: 8:50 am
Driver's meeting: 9:00 am
First group starts: 9:15 am

AX3 is 7/19 at Tire Rack, I've submitted the track package & COI to their team for review and approval. I'm reviewing the time schedule for the day and will let you know if there are any changes for the e-newsletter. Main point to stress is it is in Eastern Time zone.

Timing & Scoring Report (Pete Bukantis)

The company that supplied our timing equipment has found a buyer and parts may be available. Larry Daujotas has agreed to take over the equipment.

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

2 Day Blackhawk next week. Catherine is running Ladies' Day on Thursday. Friday has many novices. Short on Black and white but expect more as we get closer. Should be a full event with last-minute signups and payments.

Katherine is good for the Ladies' Day event and wrist bands. Blackhawk team will handle driver's meeting. Need to doublecheck and follow up with online waivers, signing, and confirmations.

Track touring, if we do it, club will need to provide 6 corner workers. Should not be an issue.

Currently 45 registered for ladies' day, 22 drivers and the rest instructors, etc. Should be good. Will combine the online class for both events. Track should be open on Wednesday evening for entry.

Charity (Karen Stephensen)

Dana spoke on behalf of the committee and presented some ideas to drive donations:

- 1) High value item such as a Porsche E-Bike or a trip to Porsche driving experience.
- 2) Hold a car show (Porsche and Pastry) and solicit a donation to participate
- 3) Paddle auction at potters.
- 4) Dinner dance, extra raffle tickets and proceeds to the charity of the following year.
- 5) More track touring

Comments – high dollar raffle brings a lot of red tape and risk the costs are not covered. There is no one to insure such an item, option is to put in a disclaimer. High dollar raffle not the most desirable.

A Porsche and Pastries dedicated to charity seems like a no brainer. Low risk.

Is an auction at Potters worthwhile, not sure how it would work. Usually, would need an auctioneer. A raffle item would be easier. Have tried it in the past and it was difficult to drive interest.

Dedicated charity raffle at dinner dance should be an easy item to pull off, even a 50/50 raffle.

Touring is easy to do.

Summary – yes on dedicated P&P, dedicated raffle at dinner dance and possible 50/50, and more touring events.

Gingerman Report (Glenn DeWeirdt)

Via Email - Gingerman registration is up. We have 5 registered so far.

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

RADE went very well and thanks to the whole team. 4 incidents and no injuries and will clear costs, better than anticipated.

TRAC – need approval for budget. There might be a few changes to the event based on conversations with Stewards and will look at last year's budget to see if we can match or improve on the \$217,000 from last year. Likely will have changes on Saturday with the tour and dinner options to save some money. Investigating options.

Half of the Streaming is paid for by the region, reimbursed by National.

We will have to see if there are more drivers with the new series being added to the schedule.

No motion is needed since the event has been approved.

Autobahn Report (Dana Comolli)

Street survival went well. Eurosport provided semi as demo. In the past, for the exercise area, used water on the skid pad which was a struggle to keep up with. Feedback was to lay down cracked corn (1,000 pounds) which worked well to keep the skid pad slippery.

Chief Driving Instructor's Report (Dana Comolli)

Only comment about RADE; do not allow random combinations of days and novices to ease planning.

Concours Report (John Moore, Barb Mashburn)

This past Saturday met with sponsor, VIN collector, about ideas and opportunities to grow concourse and membership. Will meet at Promenade as well

Around the 11th folks are heading to Parade with interesting logistics there with other events going on.

Historian Report (Open)

No Report

Insurance Report (Bob Rath)

So far so good. Applications for next month's activities are in. Will follow up for post event reports as needed.

Membership Report (Griffin Fujii)

Via Email - Membership Report for May 2026 was distributed prior to the meeting. Primary membership is up to 2736 – Total 4147, Primary 2736, Affiliate 1411. Emails will be sent to all members reminding them of the renewal option.

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

Via Email - Rallye Report for the 6/3/26 PCA BOD Meeting

Rallye 1, "Where's The Finish (WTF)?", is scheduled for this Sunday, June 7, with more than 20 teams expected to compete. Ron Micek and Martha Kuffel pre-ran the route on Friday, May 29. Euroquipe will provide the first-place prize for the event.

Rallye 2, "What'd I Miss," is now posted on the club website. The event will take place on July 12, and Brian and Daniel Scifers will serve as Rallye Masters. Chris and Shannon Costis will be the pre-runners. Registration is now open in ClubReg.

Dinner Dance (Maggie Surowka and Ashley Chin)

The contract for the DJ is in place, and the menu has been selected.

Safety Report (Todd Conforti and Jody Freund)

There were four incidents at RADE. 3 incidents on first day and one on the last day at the kink with a prototype car. No injuries. Safety team at RA is great.

Social Media (Tess Conforti, Griffin Fujii)

No report

Technical Report (Jody Freund)

No report

Social Report (Robert Safe/Committee)

Via email –

Schedule status:

Upcoming social events for the next two months are open for registration except for Potter's Picnic/Show'n Shine and Concours.

Barnaba Block Party – June 20

We have a pressing need for more volunteers for the June 20 Barnaba Block Party. Monday's email blast generated two volunteers, in addition to me. We need 9 more to assist with setting up tables and chairs (and tearing down afterwards), registration and parking cars. The club needs to uphold its part of the bargain, with Barnaba footing all the costs for this event. The Barnaba event also represents an opportunity to solicit new members from Barnaba's customer base. As a reminder, attendees at this event consist of, at about 50/50 as I recall, Barnaba clients, and PCA club members. I will leave it to Griffin to decide what the appropriate action might be. In past years we've put up a QR code directing interested parties to the PCA sign-up page and laid out some of our event schedules on a table in the office area open to all visitors.

Sept 19 Oktoberfest Social, Concours

The status of this event is unknown, though it remains on the club event schedule. Last discussions suggested it would be cancelled because of a possible conflicting large draw event on the same day at Autobahn Country Club. I do not know the status of the Autobahn event. If our event is truly cancelled, then we need to take it off the schedule.

Status of Social Coordinator

This will be my last year of Social Coordinator. Again. And again.

Event planning and execution has evolved to include several people taking charge of events they are interested in and good at. Interested members have suggested good venues, but we still need more 'doers'. Some Porsches & Pastries events have been incorporated into Concours events because of their desirable venues, and in those cases the Concours team is taking the lead. All of this seems to work well and reduces the Coordinator workload significantly. Sometime in the fall I will try to put together a planning committee to generate ideas for 2027

and assign responsibilities. I will continue to be a volunteer at certain events and may take lead on a small number of events, just as others have been doing. I will help with setting up Club Registration and Social website announcements as may be needed. While I won't be the Coordinator after 2026, I will be a happy resource for that kind person.

Potters Picnic (Catherine Fischer)

No report

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report (Dana Comolli)

No report.

The Scene Report (Editorial Board)

Scene Report

Deadline	<u>Planned</u>	<u>@ Home Date</u>
	June 8	early-July
	August 17	early-September
	October 12	early November

Touring Report (Sean and Julie Gillette)

Working on the fall driving tour during the 3rd week of October.

Webmaster's Report (Dana Comolli)

Web report was supplied in meeting invitation. The issues of AI scanning traffic has been resolved and traffic is back to a reasonable level.

Zone 13 Rep Report (Todd Benz)

Enjoyed RADE. Parade is next with a zone 13 meeting planned on Monday of the event.

New Business

Next meeting is July 8, 2026.

Action Items:

None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11PM

Motion to Adjourn: Pete Bukantis
Second: Brian Scifers
Motion Passed Unanimously