

ARPCA BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

October 12, 2023

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Call to Order: Gus Vasilakis, 6:59 PM.

In attendance: Gus Vasilakis, Tom Uehling, Larry Sachs, Jay Malobicky, Kevin Rhule, John Rattenni, Erin Rattenni, Linda Scanlon, Ed Rice, Jay Malobicky, Mark Frumkin, Mary Jo Dockman, Tim Glace, Kerry Bock, Marty Smith, Matt Wimer, Arnie van Waldow, Blaine Walker, Kevin Rhule, Dan Crytzer, Thomas Gilchrist (Gil), Michael Skowvron.

Kevin Rhule moved to approve the minutes from September, seconded by Linda Scanlon. Motion was Approved.

Financial Update: Tom Uehling reported. Tom reviewed the financial reports for September; year-to-date, and by committee breakout by activity.

Budgeting process for next year to begin now. Committee chairpeople to get their budgets together as soon as possible to Tom Uehling for discussion at December meeting.

It was mentioned that the club should have a nominal monetary carryover for the next year.

Larry Sachs moved to approve financials, seconded by Mark Frumkin. Motion was Approved.

Membership: Gus Vasilakis pulled data from the PCA website for the meeting. 914 Primary members and 526 Affiliate members for a total of 1,431 members. We currently have 62 PCA junior members. PCA now offers digital membership cards to reduce cost of mailing for any member. See PCA webpage for instructions to download your digital card.

Communications: Larry Sachs reported. Deadline for November/December articles is Nov. 16th. He received an ad sent to him for The Mart from a man from Ohio, Bud Hoffman, who remanufactures torque tubes. Since it's a commercial business (Hoffman Torque Tubes) and not a member submitting a personal ad, he will be charged to place the ad, so Larry will let him know. Larry announced that he will be stepping down from the Editor role at the end of 2024 so the club will need to search for a replacement. Gus thanked him for his services. Frustrations with Justin's timeliness to meet layout deadlines was brought up and the Executive Committee will discuss it with him. Erin Rattenni suggested possibility to send out the magazine every other month. Further mention was made to make the publication online only but that will not be pursued, nor will publishing every other month. Membership values the printed/mailed magazine. The club renewed Dropbox.

HPDE update: John Rattenni reported. We held two track events this year. John applies track costs differently than Tom. Mid-Ohio event had low turnout, lost \$8,000; however last year it lost \$17,000, so we did better than last year. Pitt Race made \$24,000. That event was heavily attended. Still made money despite everyone getting discounted fees for early sign up; no one paid retail for participating. Track made about \$15,000-16,000. Track spent \$12,000 on the parties and swag at Pitt Race and Mid-Ohio. Beautiful events at both. Mid-Ohio went to a winery and Pitt Race held a big tent party with PCA car giveaway. He said they spent about \$15,000 on parties and swag, so that all in all, track made about \$3,000.

Next year, PVGP moved their events to later in July so Pitt Race event will be mid-July (3 weeks before Schenley event) which should help participation and enthusiasm. John and Jay discussed making that event more of a "Porsche Fest," similar to Potomac region, which would involve all members and not just racing members.

Mid-Ohio is paving the track this year so next year there will be increased desire for participation from club racers. Mid-Ohio Region lost money this year, so they may want to join us in a joint event at Mid-Ohio.

Kudos to John and his committee for doing a great job. Mike Laffy, Matt Wimer as observer, Tom and Timmy. Safety Chair Greg Schwartz, who recruited Pete and AJ to help with inspections.

Track message this year was inclusion, to get more people to participate, to expand the program and offerings and they hit their marks.

Jay Malobicky asked about adding a 3rd event next year. John said they'd love it but it's tough. Late Oct date was offered by Pitt Race but not ideal time of year, plus there weren't any track cost discounts offered. The three day HPDE weekend rental fee increased at Pitt Race to \$70,000 (from \$58,000). Watkins Glenn is tough to get. Maybe rent weeknights at Pitt Race next year once a month.

A member mentioned doing an event at Put-in-Bay's Vintage Race. Porsche might be the marque car next year. It's held in September during mid-week days though. Gus asked the member to send him an email with the info and he'll mention it to the other 914 racecar drivers.

Gus mentioned Nelson Ledges – small track, nearby, good for beginners. Could do a 1-day event. Last year was \$11,000 rental for Friday.

Social: Jay Malobicky reported. The last "Porsche at The Lot" was well attended October 7. About 50 cars. Things are going well with that venue. Holiday party now posted on MSR for registration. Nov. 18th at The Grand Concourse from 6:30-10:30. \$48/person. 5-6 meal choices. Sean to do an e-blast about it.

Kevin Rhule reported on the October 21st fall foliage driving tour. Reference to it to be changed from "rally" to "driving tour" in e-blast since it really isn't a rally. Some people may be intimidated by the term "rally" when it's really a drive. About 12 cars signed up so far. Must register on MSR and is \$35/person. Starts in Pleasant Hills and goes through Somerset/Ohiopyle, down to Fairmont for lunch and ends in Beaver at the Wooden Angel for dinner. Use the SCENIC navigation app on iPhone (not available for Android yet). Idea was presented to make the driving event that occurs at Willow during PVGP match up with the new Pitt Race date so that drivers end up at Pitt Race for all member celebration.

ARPCA Women's Group update: Linda Scanlon and Erin Rattenni reported. Linda said that the Oct. 11th event at Treasure House Fashions was suddenly cancelled on Monday the 9th due to roofing issues. It'll be rescheduled sometime in 2024. Erin reported on the upcoming Nov. 8th Women's group sponsored All Member "Frost Yourself" event at Diamonds Direct from 6:00-8:00pm. Must register via MSR to attend. \$20/person and you get 1 raffle ticket for the Diamonds Direct pendant raffle. Maximum 60 guests permitted. It'll be a cocktail event with appetizers, wine, beer, champagne. A local (unnamed) distillery will be there too (Erin to hear from them next week). Women's group paying for the food, while Diamonds Direct paying for the alcohol and other expenses. Diamonds Direct is raffling off a customizable map pendant with a diamond in it by designer A. Jaffe. You must be present to win the raffle. They will have their watch specialist on hand and company president and executives will be in town from North Carolina. Cigarro (Premium Cigar Lounge) will provide cigars in an outside smoking lounge. Cigarro will raffle a \$500 value gift box for \$20/ticket. All proceeds from the Diamonds Direct event will go to Rosedale Technical School's scholarship program for women in tech. They will let Sean know what to put in the upcoming e-blast.

PTC: Mark Frumkin reported. Dutch's at Silver Tree Restaurant in Deep Creek, MD event on Sept. 26th went well and about 30 people attended. Collected money for charity. Next one is Oct. 24th at Franco's Trattoria in McMurray. Buffet menu. \$30/person. Alcohol not included. Holiday party for PTC will be in December.

Old Business: Jay asked for status on the issue he brought up at last month's meeting regarding policy for how to handle members who show up to social events without being registered or paid in full and also charging late entry fee to cover costs. Jay would like a club policy developed to allow the club to back charge these members through MSR or through message. Ed Rice will look into this.

New Business: Oct/Nov start election proceedings. Scott Ishler is the volunteer to chair the nomination committee to solicit candidates for election of officers in December. Michael Skowvron asked about any issues with the ARPCA website. Many said no issues. However, there are ARPCA mobile website issues with merchandise link, getting to *Rundschau*, and other issues. He will need to investigate mobile device experience. Linda asked about Sharon Lunney (online newsletter editor) and if she should be including her on emails to Shawn Cressler with e-newsletter content. The group was instructed to still go to Shawn.

Closing: Kevin Rhule moved to close the meeting and seconded by Jay Malobicky. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Gus closed the meeting with a warm thank-you to Dan Crytzer for hosting the meeting.

Next meeting: November 9, 2023 to be held at Pete's European Techniques.

Submitted by Mary Jo Dockman