

Minutes: Sonnenschein Region - Porsche Club of America Board Meeting

Location: The Wheelhouse, Opp, AL - October 14, 2023

Meeting Attendees:

Paul Shave	Jennifer Hall	Kevin Marshall	Dennis Thomas
Wally Lindenmuth	Stephen Dazet	MaryLis Marshall	David Desilva
Stephen Esposito	Stephen Pearce	Alan Hall	Kathleen DeSilva
Mary Esposito	Gabriel Atienza	Cristal Santos	Jeff Grizzard
William Harris	Stephen Hughes	Jadyn Hughes	Joseph Madsen
Blake Kitchens	Donna Kitchens	George Korycan	Theresa Korycan
Robert Levens	Carolyn Levens	Greg Maier	Tate McMillian
Hugh Pardue	Karin Pardue	Frank Parker	Cliff Schornak
Ryan Shave	Carl Shogren	Chris Stafford	Laura Stafford
David Kramer	Lori McMillan	Tery Machie	Brandon Cachot
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Meeting called to order @ 3:25 p.m.

President Kevin Marshall called the meeting to order and established a quorum for this meeting. Kevin began the meeting by recognizing the newly joined club members and thanking Stephen Esposito for setting up the event today. The previous minutes for the September 2023 meeting were approved and posted. A call for approval of the minutes was made with a motion by Wally Lindenmuth and a second by Stephen Esposito. The September 2023 minutes were unanimously approved by the membership at large. Kevin Marshall proceeded with the officer reports.

Vice President Report: Stephen Esposito reported that the Pensacola Blue Wahoos inquired about planning for next year. The event for next year will be an upgraded package to include seating under a covered area. Kevin Marshall recapped the previous years event and the popularity with members who participated. A request for a motion to add a planning date to the calendar for July 2024 was made by David DeSilva and seconded by Dennis Thomas. The motion was unanimously approved by the membership at large.

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Treasurer's Report: Joe Jurich was not present for today's meeting. The last reported balance for the club account was \$5386.48.

Secretary Report Dennis Thomas reported nothing new from Secretary.

Newsletter Report: David Desilva reported that the newsletter for October 2023 was posted last week with minor changes in design layout that he received from the last competition. The target for the next club newsletter will be late January or early February 2024. He reports that members are doing well sending in articles for the upcoming months. David stated he keeps a folder with everything organized and ready for processing when it is time to publish the newsletter. Kevin Marshall lauded David DeSilva and Keith Boring for taking 2nd place in our respective division for both the newsletter and website production noting they do a great job as volunteers heading up these important tasks.

Website Report: Keith Boring was not present to report. Kevin Marshall reported that Keith is also implementing changes to the website format based upon input received from the recent PCA competition.

Membership Report: Stephen Pearce reported there are 5 new members: 1 new transfer in with 2 members transfer out, 2 lapsed and 2 test drive participants. This brings the club up to a total of 233 primary members, 126 affiliate members for a total of 359 members. Stephen reported that the growth of the club continues with the reports showing that the majority of new members signing up because they were invited to participate at an event or in the club.

President's Report: Kevin Marshall reported information on the status of money that will be refunded to the Regions from Zone 12 after the recent incorporation for the annual Daytona race event management. The influx of added revenue for the club will have to be discussed at future board meetings when this officially occurs. Kevin noted for example that last year the club donated \$750.00 to three separate charity organizations. Wally Lindenmuth provided additional information on how the money was voted upon for distribution and thanked Kevin Marshall for voting for having each club receive an equal lump sum rather than payments per member which greatly benefits our club.

Old Business:

Stephen Pearce reported that we had very good participation in the local autocross. He noted that the club provided a \$150 donation to the school that will help the Pace High School Band purchase new uniforms. Kevin Marshall reminded the membership present that the autocross events serve to raise money for the club and that they are very fun to participate in with low wear and tear on your vehicle. The events help improve your driving skills and are non-competitive.

The Autocross in Tallahassee has been postponed until January or February 2024. No specific revised date has been set yet. Our club helps to set up the event and all the money raised goes to charity to support children's cancer treatment.

Stephen Esposito reported that we have received a long awaited response from OWA that stated they were not interested in hosting an event for our club this year and would think about

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this in the coming year. A renewed request will go out to the Baldwin County Commissioners to reinstate the Robertsdale, AL location which was utilized in previous years. Wally Lindenmuth asked about the requirement that OWA had regarding having a car show and specifically wanted to know if we reached out to the other clubs to participate. Stephen Esposito affirmed that he had made contact with Volkswagen Club, Audi Club and BMW club to participate at a show. The OWA management still declined for the present time to host an event.

Wally Lindenmuth reported that the Mississippi Run went well with only minor difficulties due to cars splitting up that were rejoined shortly.

Stephen Esposito reported that the Opp Run went well and personally thanked Stephen Pearce and Alan Hall for their help with planning an exciting ride. Wally Lindenmuth inquired about who will conduct the Observers Report. Stephen Esposito reported that David DeSilva has volunteered to complete the Observers Report and that he will complete the post-event report. Kevin Marshall reminded everyone present regarding the Region Procedure Manual and how it provides all information needed for every type of event including insurance requests and event reporting procedures. He reported that the information is readily available on the club website.

New Business:

The new member meet and greet idea has remained on the agenda for a few months without ability to successfully plan an event. This agenda item will be tabled until early 2024 for further discussion.

Christmas Toy Run for Fairhope Rotary Youth Club is set for 02 December 2023. Dennis Thomas reported that he and his wife will be conducting a mass purchase of toys for the children on Thanksgiving morning during holiday sales. The club has already donated \$500 towards this event. A request was made for anyone with large SUV's to contact Dennis Thomas to coordinate the carrying of purchased items to the event. Members who want the shopping done for them can provide funds to Dennis Thomas who will conduct the toy purchase for them. Members were informed that they can still conduct their own shopping and provide unwrapped toys during the event.

Holiday Party discussion was held. The club has outgrown the capacity for Jesse's at Magnolia Springs. The Jesse's location at Fort Morgan does not wish to host our club for a special event. Discussion was held to seek out another venue that is large enough to accommodate the club membership and ideally be centrally located in the Alabama region. The membership provided several location ideas for Stephen Esposito and Kevin Marshall to look into. Ideas include Steelwood, the Waterfront, the Local and Company and the Gulf State Park, all of which are in Alabama.

Kevin Marshall brought up the suggestion for BLS/CPR and AED training for the club. He stated there is a nurse who is trained within Zone 12 who can provide the training if the club provided the room and board during travel. Dennis Thomas brought up that if the club is really interested in having CPR capable members for emergent situations, having an AED present is of the greatest value in life saving efforts. The club may want to consider purchasing an AED with the refunded monies if this was a priority for the membership. Kevin Marshall stated he would place the club on the Zone 12 list for future training.

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Driving Tour Guidelines are available on the PCA National website. The club will have these guidelines linked on our website for anyone interested in planning an event in the future.

Porsche Parade 2024 will be hosted in Birmingham, AL. Kevin Marshall and Wally Lindenmuth provided a brief description of the various events within the event. The club will provide additional information and training during an upcoming meeting regarding registering for hotels and events.

Next Board Meeting will be scheduled for 18 November 2023 in the Camden, Alabama area at the Gains Ridge Dinner Club following the cruising event. A motion to hold a Camden run was made by Stephen Pearce with a second by Dennis Thomas. The membership at large unanimously approved the motion.

Kevin Marshall brought up discussion regarding planning for an "off road" ride to begin at the Bucc-ees location in Robertsedale, AL. The ride would end at the Stagecoach Inn of Bay Minette, AL with lunch to follow. Stephen Pearce indicated this would be a Level One off road event. December 9th, 2023 was suggested as the run date. A motion to approve the event was made by Stephen Pearce with a second by Wally Lindenmuth. The membership at large unanimously approved the motion.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:15 p.m. with a motion by Stephen Esposito and a second by David DeSilva. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried by the membership present.

Kevin Marshall
President
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