

Minutes of the Western Michigan Region – Porsche Club of America Monthly Meeting

December 2, 2024 Board meeting was called to order by Frank Conner at 6:30. Members in attendance were Wolfgang Bubeck, Colin & Arie Carpenter, Jim Chiavaras, Frank Conner, Greg Currie, Amber Door, Glenn Eisenbrandt, Cynthia Frazier, Joyce Lo, Dave Newsome, Lynne Olenyk, Rex Tsui and Marshall Walters.

Welcome

Agenda: Agenda approved.

- Grattan Contract – Sam insisting all attendees be charged a \$10 gate fee, which we've managed to avoid in the past. Greg will try to negotiate no charge for minors. Members will need to be informed.

Minutes: November 4 meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Total Income - \$216. Total expenses - \$2,033. Total Assets - \$19,025. \$2,249 membership rebate included in total.

Membership Report: 767 in total. New Members – 3; Transfers In – 0; Transfers Out – 0; Lapsed – 4; Renewals – 15; Test Drive – 4. Total PCA membership 162,695.

Über Alles Editor's Report: Lina is working on the December issue. She will also handle the January issue in Wolfgang's absence. Michael Sherman submitted a write-up for recent TC event.

Social Media Chair Report: 767 likes on Facebook as of today, 1 new like for Feeding America article.

Joyce will be resigning at the end of the year, so we will be looking for a new chair.

Social Events Chair Report: Thank-you note sent to Randy for the dinner at Finn's Chophouse.

Charity Chair Report: Raeni scans websites for information on the charities we support. She found an NBC news report about Feeding America West MI which Frank has posted to Facebook.

Webmaster's Report: No update.

Insurance Report: No activity.

Discussion Items:

- Winterfest – We have a contract at Thousand Oaks for February 22nd. Joyce will create a “save the date” card which will also be used for the Uber cover. Same time as last year. Menu and pricing TBD.
- Name tags – Discussion of moving to Kim (vendor) make and send the nametags - \$17 per would include shipping. Will not be done as we don’t want to provide member info to an outside party.
- Facebook – Feeding America West MI posting
- Business cards for officers – Officers can purchase for themselves or Amber has plenty of card stock and can make some.
- Terry Hickman – Fortress Floors. Terry is the former manager of Great Lakes Chemical and now has a ceramic coating business focusing on garage floors. He also does ceramic coatings on cars and is looking for a new car to coat and show in the GR Auto Show. He is also looking to advertise in the Uber.
- Toy Drive – Lakeshore Corvette Club hosting a Toys for Tots event at Terry Town RV on December 7th. Would be a good way to build relationship between the 2 clubs. But some conflict with appetizer party since it starts mid-afternoon.
- Joint PCA/BMW event? Soctt Hice is president of the BMW club and also a member of our club. A co-branded driving event would require following PCA rules. Consider a co-club social event?

Upcoming Events:

- Appetizer Party – December 7th at the Karluks.
- Turbo Tuesday – December 17th
 - Grand Rapids – Alebird for November – February, then possibly Nick Fink’s?
 - Kalamazoo – TBD
- January Dinner – Hosted by Cynthia Frazier & Dave Newsome will be held January 15 or 16. Mangiamo’s is off the table due to room fees. Considering a catered event at Woodrow’s Duckpin Bowling at the Amway. Event could be topped by drinks at MDRD.
- Spring Up – May 16-17 (Steve Scales & Jeff Wing). The Tall Ships will be in town.
- The Thorpes interest in hosting an event in Southwest MI this year.

Past Events:

- Dinner at Finn's – November 9th (Portoluri)
- Turbo Tuesday – November 19th – Event at Archival Brewing was well attended.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted by Marshall Walters