

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

**January 6, 2003** - Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. at Go Porsche. Members Present: Sally Nuereberg, Rick Riley, Frank Schaeffer, Frank Koger, Kurt Wirth, John Boockmeier, Brenda Hildon, Craig and Chris Ackerman, Candis Collick, Renee and Paul Krapp, Renwick Brutus, Doug Tepper, Val and Arnie Axelrod, Larry Baum, Bob Malone, and Colin Carpenter

**Secretary's Report:** Sally read two thank you cards: one from Habitat for Humanity thanking the club for the charity noon-time touring money from Grand Prix of Grattan; and a letter from Earlene Baum thanking the club members for supporting Larry with cards, flowers, etc. after his back surgery. The club minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Arnie distributed Carol's report and reported for her in her absence. There is a new policy for reimbursement where checks will be issued only twice a month (if checks are in by the 10th, they'll be sent out the 15th; and if they're received by Carol by the 25th, they'll be mailed at the ending date of the month). The chairperson for an event should review all bills received for that event before submitting them to Carol (like a pre-audit). The report was approved.

**WebMaster:** Arnie reported for John who was not present. He encouraged members to send John their e-mail addresses if they have not done so because John will be doing a major update to the website this month. Membership Report/Advertising: John B. stated there were 4 new members which puts us on the same track as last year. He noted they came off the internet. Arnie discussed mentoring new members.

**UBER ALLES Report:** Candis shared that she caught a date error on the full-page WinterFest ad and would be correcting it. New printers will be used as an experiment for the January issue (and we'll see if they are an improvement). The February/March issue will be combined as was done by Michele and it will be distributed in March.

**Insurance Report:** Kurt stated we are current since the Drive to Dinner in January doesn't need insurance papers.

**Activities Report:** Arnie shared that we are on target for WinterFest and commented on the fabulous buffet at the appetizer party. Candis noted that the May and June calendar of events were not correct. They will be adjusted in the next UBER and Sally will give John the information to fix the website listing.

**IROC Report:** Doug said only MIR has set a date of June 8th. Our club's event is dependent on location and is pending for July. Doug shared excerpts from a letter he received from Charlie Davis of the Maverick Club who was trying to standardize procedures for autocrosses.

**President's Report:**

Introduction/New Member Welcome Package: Arnie said we should be thinking of ways to motivate more members to participate. Doug said that in the past people phoned members to encourage attendance at events.

Monthly Meetings Time and Location: the first Monday of the month at Go Porsche was chosen to establish consistency and a central meeting place. He would like members to consider having our monthly June meeting in Traverse City while we are attending "Spring Up.." and possibly have a meeting in Holland or Muskegon in the months of April and October.

Computer Purchase: Candis received a new computer from her kids for Christmas so the club doesn't need to buy one for her use right now. She will meet with John N. later and decide what software or other equipment may be necessary.

Review Job Positions/Descriptions: Charters will be obtained and studied in the first quarter of this year so that those officers and committee chairs can decide what best fits their role. Candis volunteered sharing what she had received from nationals.

**Old Business:**

12/14 Annual Appetizer Party at Zoom: Arnie stated it was a great success. Sally shared that besides a thank you letter she requested that Carol send out a plant to the dealership to show our appreciation.

**New Business:**

WinterFest: The committee met before the meeting tonight and the arrangements are set. Chris A. reported that all the invitations were mailed out and only one has been returned by the post office. The menu was read at the meeting. Craig showed off the WMR stickers that will be given out at the event. Michael Betz, the announcer for WinterFest, will be asked to attend the next planning meeting which will be at 6PM (before) the February meeting on the 3rd. Frank K. was in the process of securing rooms at the downtown Marriott for \$94. Candis had heard from the hotel that it was almost booked for the night.

Grattan Grand Prix: Kurt is in the process of moving the date from Sept.19-21 to Sept. 12-13 (more info later). He said for a small increase to the club next year our members and friends can enter the gated area without charge. Everyone heartily approved.

Skip Myers' Open House on May 17: format is being decided since ownership of the dealership has changed.

January Dinner Drive on the 15th: Rick reported that the Drive to Dinner will be at Gibson's 2nd floor private dining room at 7PM. No separate checks (golf pencils and tally sheets will be provided).

**Open Forum:**

Kurt shared that the Chicago Scene (Porsche group newsletter) said that they would not be allowing Cayennes in either their Driver's Ed or timed events.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Sally Nuerenberg.