

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

December 4, 2023 Board meeting was called to order by Frank Conner at 6:30. Members in attendance were Arnie Axelrod, Wolfgang Bubeck, Colin & Arie Carpenter, Jim & Kim Chiavaras, Frank & Raeni Conner, Greg & Karlene Currie, Amber Door, Glenn & Lannie Eisenbrandt, Mike Karluk, Chuck & Lynne Olenyk, Rick Riley, Tyan Roelands, Chris Thorpe and Marshall Walters.

Agenda: Agenda approved.

Minutes: November meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Approved. Balance of \$26,292.

Membership Report: 729 in total. New Members – 0; Transfers In – 4; Transfers Out – 0; Non-renewals – 6; Renewals – 16; Test Drive – 1. Total PCA membership 159,509.

Über Alles Editor's Report: December issue is at the printer.

Social Media Chair Report: 738 likes.

Social Events Chair Report: Thank-you sent to Randy. Date for January dinner is in the Über. Sign-up sheets sent for January-February events. Appetizer party write-up in process.

Charity Chair Report: Discussion of event at Kids Food Basket – catered lunch and facility tour, combined with a drive. We can bring items to donate or “dip” a credit card. Also discussed that one of our charities, Feeding America West MI, covers the entire western half of the state up to the UP. Raeni will draft an article for the newsletter re: 2024 designated club charities.

Webmaster's Report: No updates.

Insurance Report: Nothing to report.

Discussion Items:

- Grattan - Greg received the contract from Sam - \$11,000 for 2 days (same as last year), with a \$1,000 deposit. Discussion of contract changes needed – club will not agree to contract language calling for \$10 per person entry fee in 2025.

- Winterfest – The deposit has been made to reserve the space at Watermark Country Club. Planning on same entrees as last year, assuming the same pricing. Joyce provided 2 possible “hold the date” promos – decision to use white background for the Über and black background for e-mail blast. Cost of mailing invitations to all members would be cost prohibitive, especially compared to number of attendees, so the invitation will be put on the cover of the Über with details on cost and RSVP inside. Cynthia Frazier has volunteered to run the auction.
- Autocross – Ty has been in contact with LMCU ballpark (April) – cost would be \$3,000/day. We are looking at a 2-day even (day 1 for “training”). Ty to revisit to see if fees reduced for making this a recurring annual event plus possibly adding Street Survival. The club is willing to provide a reasonable subsidy (amount TBD). Consider approaching Martin Dragway for event?
- Officers & volunteers – Ty Roelands volunteered to be the new autocross chair.

Upcoming Events:

- Turbo Tuesday – December 19th at Gravity.
- Dinner (Frazier & Newsome) – January 24th at Mangiamo

Past Events:

- Finn’s Chophouse (Portoluri) on November 11th. Great turnout and food. Event already scheduled for 2025.
- Turbo Tuesday (the 1st) on November 21st. About a dozen attendees.
- Appetizer Party (Doss & Karluk) on December 2nd. 43 attendees and lots of good food.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM

Respectfully submitted by Marshall Walters