

**Delaware Region, Porsche Club of America
July 17, 2019 Executive Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM

Attendees: Bob Farris (President), Fred Stapleford (VP), Mike Holmes (Track Team Chair), George Pearson (Club Photographer), AK Kissell (Historian), and Les Clarke (Secretary).

Minutes of last meeting: Approved.

Treasury: Cash balance for the Region's bank accounts total \$57,685 before the payment of expenses of \$2,482 for our Summer Picnic held on July 13. Registration receipts for the upcoming Driver Education event amounted to \$5,524 month-to-date June 15. A payment of approximately \$37,000 to NJMP for our Thunder Again DE will be due by September 27.

Summer Picnic: Our picnic, held at the Ashland Nature Center on July 13, was well attended by approximately 86 registrants and several youngsters. The Meat House Catering service provided a sumptuous menu, Hypoint Dairy provided delicious ice cream for desert, 5 cases of thirst quenching beer were donated by a member, Troy Pretko Guitar provided perfect musical accompaniment, and several lawn games were provided for the entertainment of the youngsters. We thank John Campanella for his outstanding planning and execution of this very enjoyable picnic! Many of our Porsches were presented for the Peoples' Choice Award won by AK Kissel with his 1954 one-cylinder red Porsche tractor, and Tom Webster won 2nd place with his immaculate 1989 911 Carrera. Thanks to the help of Fred Stapleford, AK, and John Walton in organizing the car show. Special thanks go to our Club Photographer, George Pearson, for capturing much of the obvious enjoyment of the attendees. The total cost to the Club, after receiving generous contributions from 4 sponsors totalling \$1,500, was \$2,482. Many Thanks to our sponsors for their support of this Club event: Brandywine Motorwerks, Got Shade Online, Passion Driven, and Moppert Auto Collision.

Bylaws Update: The Executive Board completed, submitted, and received PCA National's approval for our modifications to the Bylaws template during July. The Board is currently developing a process for an efficient and effective acceptance vote of our membership that will be completed prior to October 2019. Many thanks to Peter Hunt for his efforts in this project.

Shaefer's Canal House Restaurant: Our next Club Nite will be hosted at Shaefer's on Wednesday, August 14.

September Club Nite: AK Kissel has offered to contact Andrew Taylor of the ILC of Dover. ILC became highly respected for their development and manufacturing of the space suits used by our astronauts. Andrew was the presenter at last year's Club Nite held at the Glass Kitchen to which he brought several components of a space suit and reviewed the process of their development for use in space.

Thunder Again Driver Education: Mike Holmes reported that planning is on track for another successful event this year. Registrants total about 50% of capacity as of mid-July which is consistent with previous years sign-ups. The Board recommends that any Club member register soon, before it fills to capacity.

Holiday Party: Our Holiday party will be held on Saturday December 7 at Hartefeld Country Club. Thanks to George Pearson and John Campanella for having completed all the necessary planning to secure Hartefeld once again. Bob Faris will contact Troy Pretko Guitar for musical entertainment as a result of their participation at our picnic.

Sad News: Bob Bloser, a long time PCA Delaware member, died at the young age of 76 on July 4, 2019. He will be greatly missed. During his 25 plus years of service for our Club, Bob held several positions on the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. Beginning in 2002, he served as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and President in 2012. During those years when he did not hold an elective office, he served on the Board of Directors as the News Letter publisher, and assisted the Track Committee in developing financial arrangements with MotorsportsReg.com to facilitate the DE registration process. During the years 1996 to 2001, well prior to our sponsorship of a track event, Bob joined with Tom Holmes, Scott Claybaugh, and John Walton to participate in the Potomac Region's driver ed events; and with the onset of our Club's DE event at NJMP, Bob began volunteering his services to the Track Team. During 2005, he and Carl Thompson coordinated with PCA Central PA in planning the Regions' participation in the 50th Porsche Parade at Hershey PA. In 2010, a PCA Delaware 50th Anniversary trip to the Porsche Stuttgart factory was enjoyed by Bob, Vince Crognale, Nick Dunlop, and 11 other club members for a guided tour of the factory and lunch in the executive dining room. Then, onto the Nurburgring where all were treated to an approximate 8 minute high-speed drive around the track. During the recent years, we always enjoyed Bob and Rena's attendance at many of our meetings and events.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Submitted by Les Clarke