Riesentöter Region, Porsche Club of America, Inc. (a Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation)

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Board Held 8 March 2017

The Executive Board of Riesentöter Region, Porsche Club of America, Inc. held a meeting on Wednesday, 8 March 2017, at 7:00 PM EST at the Redstone American Grill in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania. The voting members present in person were Jeffrey Walton, David Newton, Chris Karras, Marty Kocse, Corey McFadden, Mike Todas and David Nettleton, constituting a quorum. The voting members absent were Chris Barone, Wendy Walton and Graham Knight. Present at the invitation of the Board was Maggie Nettleton.

Jeffrey Walton called the meeting to order and welcomed the members in attendance and guest. He then moved the adoption of the minutes of the Board Meetings held 21 February 2017 which had been distributed to the Board in advance of the meeting. Corey McFadden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Jeffrey noted that at the end of the month he would attend the Zone 2 Presidents meeting in Maryland along with Corey. Aaron Ambrosino, the Treasurer of PCA, will also attend the meeting to report on the activities of the national organization.

Jeffrey then described the several forthcoming social activities, some of which sold out quickly. He noted in particular that registrations for the Blow Out the Cobwebs drive are robust even though it conflicts with an AX race and the swap meet and that there are already 40 registrations for the annual road trip.

Corey reported that the Club has 1,530 primary members, an increase of nine from the previous month, and 2,405 total members. He noted that planning for the annual charity raffle conducted by the Riesentöter Foundation continues and that there was a new member brunch scheduled for this Sunday.

Jeffrey then described the three subsidies he had applied for from PCA which totals \$950 and will support the Club's charitable activities and member hospitality.

Marty Kocse described several changes he sought to make to the Club's Expense Reimbursement Policy. A copy of the policy showing his suggested changes had been distributed in advance of the meeting. The first change (i) provides expressly conditions to the discretion of the Track Chair the allowance of partial hotel cost reimbursement to Speed Council members and (ii) allows instructors who earn a free DE registration by instructing at two DE events at which they do not drive to use the free registration in the year after it was earned. This change preserves the benefit for those instructors who earn the benefit at the last event of a year. Following discussion, Jeffrey moved the adoption of the first change. Chris Karras seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Marty's second proposed change would allow members of Speed Council who do not drive at a DE event to assign their 100% discount for that event to their spouses. Following discussion, Marty moved the adoption of the second change. Dave Nettleton seconded the motion and it passed with Jeffrey Walton, David Newton, Marty Kocse, Mike Todas and Dave Nettleton voting in favor. Chris Karras and Corey McFadden voted against the motion.

Marty then introduced his third proposed change which conditions any reimbursement of hotel costs to members of Speed Council on their not having assigned their DE discount to their spouse. Following discussion, Marty moved the adoption of the third change. David Newton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Jeffrey then suggested that the discount for DE events allowed to member of the Board be replaced by a right to attend the annual Club picnic and holiday party without cost. Jeffrey and others noted that the Club should encourage members of the Board to attend these two all-Club events. The Board also noted that not all of its members attended DE events, and that those who do, with the current exception of Mike Todas, are also instructors and therefore not eligible to use the discount. Marty noted that Mike has been invited to attend DE instructor training this year so he is likely to lose the benefit of the Board DE discount also. Following extensive discussion, Jeffrey moved the adoption of this additional change. Chris Karras seconded the motion and it passed with Jeffrey Walton, David Newton, Chris Karras, Corey McFadden, Mike Todas and Dave Nettleton voting in favor. Marty Kocse voted against the motion.

Whereupon the Board instructed Chris Karras to further revise the Club's Expense Reimbursement Policy and circulate it to the Board for its consideration.

Dave Nettleton volunteered to collect the Club's filing cabinet from Larry Herman and relocate it to the Club's storage locker. Corey volunteered to assist.

The Board then turned its attention to the plan for the 60th Anniversary Celebration at Pocono scheduled for 8-10 September. The Club will host a DE, AX, rally, tour, banquet and other social activities over three days. Marty has planned to use two courses for DE and Dave Nettleton plans to use the East Course for AX. During the past week, Marty and Dave began to coordinate their schedules.

The Board then had a lengthy discussion of how to coordinate the DE and AX schedules with the rally, tour and introduction to DE activities. The current Board members have overseen many events but on a one-off basis without the need to allow participants to participate in other events. Marty and Dave each opined that those Club members who would participate in DE or AX would want to do so for each of the three days of the celebration and therefore not participate in any other activities. Chris suggested that a coordinated schedule, such as used at PCA Escapes or Treffen, would be desirable to allow members to sample different activities in the same weekend. He stated that the goal should be to allow as many members as possible to participate in as many activities as possible. Jeffrey noted that a goodly number of members had told him that they want to participate in multiple activities. The Board will continue to consider how best to schedule activities.

At 8:30 PM EST Corey McFadden left the meeting to catch a train.

Mike Todas demonstrated a web-based mockup of Der Gasser that he believed would meet the goal of making Der Gasser easier to read on computers and, especially, mobile devices. It would also allow easier integration of video into articles and allow links to the Club's web site and other outside web-based content. The program Mike proposed met the key goal of allowing the Club to maintain and archive its content without relying on or paying an outside host. The Board applauded Mike's efforts and encouraged him to proceed with his plans.

David Newton reported the schedule for Board and member meetings.

Dave Nettleton reviewed briefly the plans for the first two AX races.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM EST.

Submitted:

Christopher G. Karras Secretary