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

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Board Held 9 November 2012

A meeting of the Executive Board of Riesentöter Region, Porsche Club of America, Inc. commenced on Friday, November 9, 2012 at 7:40 PM EST at the home of Ann Marie von Esse, Paoli, PA. The voting members present were Joe Asher, Paula Gavin, Ann Marie von Esse, Paul Walsack, Kristyne Haver, Chris Barone, Jon Arena and Rita Hancock, constituting a quorum. Absent voting members were Larry Herman, Graham Knight, Dave Hathaway, and Todd Little Also present for all or part of the meeting at the invitation of the Board was Jeff Walton.

Joe Asher called the meeting to order and welcomed the Board members and guests.

The minutes of the Board meeting held September 9, 2012 were distributed to the Board prior to the start of the meeting. Ann Marie von Esse stated that Chris Barone had made one correction regarding credit policy and presented the correction to the Board. Paul Walsack made a motion to approve the minutes with said correction. The motion was seconded by Jon Arena. All voting members present were in favor, no one opposed.

Ann Marie von Esse distributed the RTR Conflict of Interest Policy to 2013 Board members and requested they read, sign and return by the close of the meeting. Policies were collected from Joe Asher, Jeff Walton, Chris Barone, Rita Hancock, Paula Gavin, Dave Hathaway, Paul Walsack, and Kris Haver.

Chris Barone presented the Treasurer's Report. The monthly financial report for the period ending 9.30.2012 which was presented to the Board for review prior to the meeting. Paul Walsack made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Kris Haver. All members present approved. Chris Barone stated that those with budgets might consider an increase for the upcoming year. In addition, proposed budgets should be emailed to to him by 12.15.12. Budgets will be reviewed and subject to approval at the January 2013 Executive meeting. Chris Barone stated that it would be beneficial to the Club if we moved our accounts from Citizens Bank to PNC Bank. The Board discussed the potential bank change and all members present were in agreement.

Paul Walsack reported the Pocono event went well and we had a good turn out for the dinner and member meeting. In addition, he stated the Summit Point event yielded a profit. Paul Walsack stated that plans are underway for the 2013 DE schedule. Paul reported plan to replace the Jefferson/Shenandoah event, in April, for a mid-week advanced-only event at NJMP. The Board discussed proposing a flat fee rate for RTR instructors. Further discussion will be had at a future Board meeting.

Jon Arena stated Autocross had a successful season.

Jeff Walton updated the Board regarding the upcoming Holiday Party. He stated that the head count for the party was lower than expected at this time and asked for another email blast to be sent to members. In addition, he proposed including door prizes. All Board members present were in agreement.

Rita Hancock provided the Board with a review of the Zone 2 President's Meeting Minutes.

- Pete Stout was the new PCA Director of Communications.
- The Web/Tech Chairman, Dan Roof, continues to provide help and support to the Region and Zone website.
- Fall raffle for a 2013 Boxster.
- PCA continues to grow and currently has 62,000 primary members and a goal of 75,000 for 2014.
- PCA's involvement in the Tire Rack Street Survival School which is designed around keeping teens safe while driving.
- The annual Porsche Parade will take place June 23-29 2013 in Traverse City, MI.

Jeff Walton reported he will meet with Todd Little regarding the RTR Website and the transition of taking over as webmaster. Jeff Walton stated the November issue of the Der Gasser will be published soon. It was also suggested we consider publishing a "Best of Der Gasser".

Chris Barone suggested re-shaping the way DE tech sessions are held. The member turn out is often very low and participants often end up using other resources for their tech. The Board discussed the possibility of providing new members with a free tech session or to provide DE tech sessions at no cost for all members. The board will discuss in further detail at a future meeting.

Dave Hathaway arrived at 8:15 pm.

Paula Gavin stated RTR currently has just under 1400 members. September yielded 13 new members and October yielded 9. Paula will continue to send email blasts as needed.

Dave Hathaway discussed possible charity events in which RTR could get involved. The Board agreed RTR should definitely make plans for 2013.

Larry Herman was not in attendance. Paula Walsack stated that Larry is planning a break clinic in the spring.

Kris Haver reported the Awards are all set for distribution at the Holiday party. In addition, the RTR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo was now available on the Goodie Store website.

Bill Cooper requested paper copies of all Der Gasser issues that were sent digitally.

Ann Marie von Esse stated the Board should consider amending bylaw 3.2 regarding suspension/expulsion of members.

<u>3.2. Suspension.</u> Any member may be suspended or expelled by a two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Board for conduct that is inconsistent with the objectives or policies of the Club or prejudicial to the good order and reputation of the Club. Upon written notice of such suspension or expulsion, the member shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to be heard, in person or through a representative, by the Executive Board concerning the alleged misconduct. The Executive Board may thereafter continue the suspension for a definite time, or expel the member, and its decision shall be final.

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding this matter and concluded that the bylaw should specifically state that any expelled member should not be able to participate in a any RTR sanctioned event and that expulsion is for life. Furthermore, the bylaw should state that only suspended members will have the opportunity to gain

Board approval, in advance, to attend an event. Ann Marie von Esse made a motion to amend the bylaw to reflect these changes. Rita Hancock seconded the motion. All board members present (Asher, von Esse, Hancock, Barone, Gavin, Walsack, Arena, Haver, Hathaway) were in agreement.

Ann Marie von Esse also brought up bylaw 5.3.2 regarding the Speed Counsel.

<u>5.3.2. Speed Council.</u> The Track Chair may propose to the Executive Board one or more members to assist in running the DE program. The Track Chair and any such members so proposed and approved by the Executive Board shall constitute the Speed Council. Becoming a Speed Council member shall not make one a member of the Executive Board but members of the Executive Board are also eligible to become Speed Council members. Speed Council members may be removed from the Speed Council by the Track Chair.

Ann Marie von Esse suggested that since Speed Counsel members must be approved by the Board, that removal of any Speed Counsel member should be approved by the Board as well. In addition, no single individual should have the authority to remove counsel members. After much discussion, it was suggested that the Track Chair should report any potential removal of a counsel member to the President. Joe Asher made a motion to approve the bylaw change. The motion was seconded by Chris Barone. Rita Hancock, Jon Arena, Paul Walsack were in favor. Kris Haver stated she did not approve the change and that the Board should be presented with an explanation, at the least, prior to removing any counsel member. Paul Walsack stated that if the Track chair has any issues regarding a speed counsel member, the Chair should be able to remove the member without consulting the Board. Paul Walsack retracted his initial "in favor" vote regarding this matter. Bylaw 5.3.2 remains unchanged.

Meeting	adic	ourned	10:40	pm	<b>EST</b>

Submitted:

Ann Marie von Esse Secretary