



Maverick Region Board Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2019

By Carey Spreen, Region Secretary

Region President David Robertson convened the meeting at 7:00 pm by noting that Concours Chair Mike Mahoney had recently gotten married. Congratulations Mike and Teri! David reminded us that if we ever receive a text or email ostensibly from David requesting that we purchase iTunes gift cards for him, they are scams! This is an issue that has come to light in the last year or so across PCA; hackers are spoofing PCA officer email addresses in hopes that someone will fall for the scam, and unfortunately are getting better at it. PCA officers will never send emails to members requesting that they send money or purchase gift cards. David also reminded us that we typically do not have a board meeting in July due to the Porsche Parade and summer vacation time.

Deborah Fike gave the **Treasurer's Report**. Our cash on hand as of May 31 totaled almost \$173,000, with over \$47,000 in our Chase operating account, more than \$120,000 in our Money Market account, and almost \$3,000 in our PayPal account. We have received all DE registration funds from clubregistration.net. Our Year to Date net use of funds is (negative) -\$7,537, with \$1,570 in reserve for the Hope Shelter from the 2018 COTA event. Our only account receivable is for *Slipstream*, with \$375 left to collect on the 2018-19 advertising year. Our Maverick of the Month award fund is current, with our sponsor Autobahn Porsche being paid up through the first six months of 2019.

Deborah announced that she and her husband will be moving to Colorado in August, and is looking to recruit a new Treasurer as soon as possible to begin transitioning the job to the new volunteer. If you are interested and qualified for this position, please email Deborah at treasurer@mavpca.org, or David Robertson at president@mavpca.org.

Membership Chair Jim Hirsch was unable to attend, but his membership report is added to the minutes here. We had 29 new members join in May, plus four transfers in from other PCA regions, and four new Test Drive program participants. A total of 16 members had anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 this month, including a 40th and a 45th anniversary. We had 94 members renew in May, but an additional 33 members did not renew. We also had two members transfer out, and two more Test Drive participants expired out of the program. Year to date, we have added 182 new primary members and 25 transfers in, with a net gain of 92. This brings our numbers to 2,039 primary and 991 affiliate members, totaling 3,030, the first time Maverick Region has exceeded 3,000 members. At this point in the year we are still in the race to repeat our win last year for largest numerical gain in membership!

Volunteer Chair Landon Stogner reported that Lisa and Greg Ward donated a set of fluorescent vests for use by volunteers when helping to park cars or in other situations that require high visibility. He also noted that there has been a steady flow of volunteers for driving tours and Mavs & Mochas.

Drivers' Education Chair Renee Hayden told us that she and Chief Driving Coach Craig Janssen were heading to Circuit of the Americas for the coming weekend to assist with the Austin Schnell Fest DE. Looking ahead to this fall, she noted that MotorSport Ranch offered us the weekend of October 19-20 when we cancelled our June event. The Club Race weekend at MotorSport Ranch will move from November 9-10 to October 19-20 to take advantage of the earlier date. That same October 19-20 weekend will see a DE at the newly-renovated Eagles Canyon Raceway. The November 9-10 weekend at MotorSport Ranch will become a regular DE event.

Craig and Renee then gave us a demonstration of two different types of Head and Neck Support (HANS) devices, which are required this year for drivers whose cars are equipped with aftermarket racing harnesses. Cars with normal three-point seat belts do not require HANS devices, but for those drivers and coaches who would still prefer to wear one, a new hybrid HANS device is available, which Craig also demonstrated. PCA Club Racing rules require that driver and passenger seats in any DE car be equipped identically, so if the driver's seat has a racing harness, the passenger seat (coach) must also have one, which in turn requires that both wear a HANS device. Interestingly, racing harnesses have potentially more risk of injury than three-point belts, since harnesses allow virtually no forward movement of the torso, but do allow the driver's head to pitch forward in the event of a collision or other violent deceleration, thus the HANS requirement.

Driving Tours Co-Chair Brant Worrell reported that we already had about 100 RSVPs for the June tour to Revolver Brewing in Granbury. He also advised that a tour to the DE at Eagles Canyon Raceway is in the works for the September DE.

Marketing Chair Bill Orr reminded us to send event updates to calendar@mavpca.org so they can be added to the online calendar and Slipstream. Bill is also looking into putting together an event for Hot Wheels cars.

Coffee Meets Chair Bill Kruder advised us that the Cars and Cannoli events ceased a couple of months ago, and that Maverick Jack Griffin may be able to offer his Garages of Texas location as another coffee meet location, perhaps on the last Saturday of each month. Bill noted that, as the number of events grows, scheduling conflicts will increase; this is unavoidable, but it's a good problem to have.

David asked the question "do we have too many events?" After some discussion, the consensus was that as long as we can keep overlaps and conflicts to a minimum, the number of events is viable. Regarding popular events that fill up quickly, such as tours and tech sessions, the possibility of charging an RSVP fee came up, making it more costly for potential attendees to reserve a place in the event and then not show up.

On the topic of **Rallies**, Jay Lynch reported that he asked a few rally attendees if they would be willing to contribute \$1-2 to a poker pot for a Poker Rally event, but the response was almost completely negative – no one wanted to do that. Jay is still working on the details of the Poker Rally to be held July 27. This event will be a combination gimmick rally and poker rally, sponsored by Porsche Grapevine. Jay is finalizing the route, and will need checkpoint workers along the route to deal playing cards to each

team. The event will start at Porsche Grapevine and end at the newly-renovated Eagles Canyon Raceway, north of Decatur. **Rally Co-Chair** Don Sebert announced that George Luxbacher will be moving out of the area, so Don is looking for a co-chair to assist with the Rally program.

Slipstream Editor Kurt Scaggs reminded us that the advertising year runs September through August, and that the deadline for getting ads or articles in is the 10th of the month prior to publication.

Autocross Chair Mark Schnoerr reported that at the two-day Memorial Day weekend event, 12 Porsche drivers attended the Car Control Clinic on Saturday. Two of those cars ended up with corded tires; one driver went home, but the other one just went into Mineral Wells, bought a new set of tires, and returned for the autocross on Sunday. That's dedication! Mark reminded us that the next five events in the series return to Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, always an excellent autocross venue.

Tech Session Chair Michael Baynton reported that he had received 70 RSVPs just the first day for the June 29 session, named "the Porsche Physical," to be held at Fifth Gear Automotive in Lewisville. Plans for future tech sessions include one about hybrid electric cars, to be held at Park Place in July, an event at APEX Automotive in October, and a joint event with Hill Country Region in November, to be held at Werks 11 in Temple, TX.

Jeff Sebert reported that he has been in contact with a member who is interested in taking his Cayenne off-road. The question came up as to whether we want to host another **Off-Road Adventure** at Northwest OHV Park in Bridgeport, or should we look into a less extreme event, such as a tour that takes place on unpaved roads. Carey Spreen is also looking into putting on a gravel-road tour from Mason, TX to Fredericksburg for Oktoberfest.

Region Secretary Carey Spreen reported that the *Slipstream* archives have been moved out of storage at MotorSport Ranch, and are temporarily residing at his house until we can find better arrangements for them.

Miscellaneous items: Maverick Region is hosting "Porsche Pitch at the RoughRiders" at the Dr. Pepper Ballpark in Frisco on Saturday, July 13. Cost will be \$29 per person, which includes a meal basket, unlimited snacks, \$10 in concessions credit, grandstand seating between first and third base, and free showcase parking.

Don Sebert announced that Maverick Alan Nusbaum, who works at Raytheon, was so impressed with the Patriot PAWS presentation that he got Raytheon to contribute \$20,000 to the charity.

Michael Baynton wondered out loud if he should write an article about parking etiquette, and got a strong positive response. Watch future issues of *Slipstream* for that!

David had to leave the meeting early, but before he left, he announced that the Maverick of the Month is *Slipstream* Editor Kurt Scaggs. Congratulations Kurt!

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.