

OLYMPIC PENINSULA REGION-PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA
September 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Bill Elwell called the meeting to order @ 1:40 pm. at the 7 Cedars Casino in Sequim.

Board Members Present: Bill Elwell, President; Don Knievel, Vice President; Brian Forde, Secretary, Brooks Hanford; Member at Large.

August 2019 minutes approved as written.

Members Present: Betty & Gene Stahl, Patty & Dave Meyers, Steve O'Rorke, Dave Ferguson, Maryann Elwell, Robin & Mike Kosin, Robert Bernardo, Jill Diefenderfer, Brett Burroughs, Christy & Fred Mitchell, Bill Corrigan, Cecil White, Barbara Hanford.

Guests Present: John Rapoli

President: Bill Elwell – A couple of items, I went to some events that were not ours. Went to a Griot's event and the PNWR Grand Display in Kirkland. Going into the sign up at the PNWR event, there were six 928s in a row. Big thanks to the Mitchells for hosting our New Member Picnic and Brett Burroughs for the Hood River Wine Tour. Now something I did that I am proud of, is an update to our e-mail system. It now has a new format that allows them to have a special link to our Board. We had a special phone board meeting that was held to work out some issues and it allowed us to discuss business in a more effective manner and we will talk about that later. Now I get to be the bad guy. We need to discuss filling board positions. We have not had anyone step up in regard to filling positions, but we have held more meetings North of the bridge with a hope that more membership from here would be willing to step up. The reality is that the running of the region happens an hour away, but the question is "What is going to happen if we do not find anyone to step up from North of the bridge?" The board meetings up here will end and we will have social events up North, and the meetings will be held south of the bridge again. Jill has volunteered to be the Member @ Large and Bill Corrigan has stepped up as VP.

Vice President: Don Knievel – Nothing to Report.

Secretary: Brian Forde – The board held a Tele-Meeting on 9/5/2019: We decided that when these meetings are held, the minutes will be read into the next monthly board meeting minutes as a specific item to be discussed with those attending that monthly meeting. This tele-conference is for board members only and will be held to discuss region business action items decided on by the President. Board Members present - Bill Elwell, President; Don Knievel, Vice President; Brian Forde, Secretary, Bob Becken, Treasurer.

First item was a discussion prior to a vote on Charity Donations from the General Fund and the specific motion brought to the floor during the May 2019 meeting by Corby Summerville – *What are the guidelines for handling the surplus in the treasury? I would like to make a motion that we donate of \$2,000.00 to the Peninsula College Foundation for a year for students in the Peninsula College Automotive Program during the 2019-2020 school year. The Foundation makes the decision based on academic achievement and financial need to those deserving.*

The board discussed the current treasury balance and the timing for donating for the Fall 2019 school year. We decided that it was too late for this year, so any donations would be for the 2020 school year. Our current balance is just about \$9,000 and we still have commitments for the Holiday Party, so it is not a good time to draw from the general funds and we would have to cap the amount at no more than \$999.00. This changes if we treat the scholarship as a normal charity. Currently we have \$1,645.00 from the Silent Auction held during

the 2018 Holiday event. The board voted down the motion made by Corby to donate \$2,000.00 to a scholarship fund at Peninsula College's Automotive program for the 2019-2020 school year.

The next question: *Should we replace the annual YWCA Christmas giving with Peninsula College Scholarship?* The board voted not to replace the YWCA charity as the tradition is to the region's community's *Dogs, Cats and/or Kids* and we should to specifically state to the membership donating if we do otherwise. The board decided to have a dedicated charity fund raising for this 2020 Peninsula College Scholarship.

Second item was the upcoming board nominations. We discussed the effort to get more members North of the Hood Canal Bridge involved as members of the region's leadership. Members in the Sequim area have stepped up for 2019 and hosted some of our best events this year, but have shown little interest in being board members. We decided to see how this year ends and if we do not have anyone from up North step-up we will suspend meetings up North and perhaps just plan a quarterly social event and hope members will continue to host events across the bridge as they are some of our best members and we want them to be involved and engaged in the region.

Third item was specific to the 'New Member Name Tag Program' and does it work? The board voted a couple years ago to help welcome new members and have them start participating as soon as possible by giving them name tags and encouraging them to wear them at an upcoming event. After some discussion the board voted to suspend this program as it did not seem to make a significant difference and the region would be better served spending the estimated \$400 per year in other ways.

Treasurer: Bob Becken – Not Present. Patty Myers asked, "Will we be paying dues in 2020?" Not at this time was the response from the board. Our member ship rebate allows for PCA National to repay a portion from the national dues collected. Gene Stahl asked, "Do the new members who get the nametags contribute to our region?" They have not attended events significantly and we are terminating the new member nametag program. Beginning Balance - \$11,159.49, Deposits - \$ 3,303.77, Debts - \$1,075.17, Net Balance - \$13,388.09, Charity Holdback - \$1,645.00, Available Cash - \$11,743.09.

Member at Large: Brooks Hanford – Nothing to report.

Past President: Alex Raphael – Not Present.

Membership: Dave Ferguson – New Members-3, Transfer In -0, Transfer Out-2, Non-Renewals-2, Renewals-10, Primary Members-185, Affiliate Members-113, Total Members-298.

Goody Store: Don & Sue Knievel – We have a big order in right now. I will be taking new orders, just go to our OPR website for a link to see what is available.

Newsletter Editor: Thom Micka – Not Present.

Website: Bill Corrigan – Nothing to report.

Social Media – Brian Forde – Please have anyone who wants information about Facebook to shoot me an e-mail. It was great to see the Hood Canal Wine Tour photos posted to the FB page during the event. I encourage any member to please share your Porsche activities and experiences on our page.

Social Chair: Maryann Elwell – Upcoming events, our next meeting at McCormick Woods in Port Orchard. We are taking board nominations. Please sign up for the Gal's Getaway in October. We can have sign up if you need a ride. Brooks & Barbara are holding a dinner at the Panda Inn in Bremerton on October 26th. The

Kneivels are hosting a movie night at their home in Gig Harbor. Our Annual Meeting is going to be held here in Sequim in November. Date to follow. The Holiday Party is going to be held at The Inn at Port Ludlow on December 7th. Our program will include dinner, gift exchange as well as the Charity Silent Auction.

Technical Chair: Alex Raphael – Not Present.

Safety Chair: Bill Corrigan – The weather is changing and studs are allowed November 1st to April 1st. Be aware of hydroplaning is an issue during this time of year. Give yourself extra space and do not brake if you feel yourself hydroplaning. Do not brake or turn the wheel as you are not contacting the road so if you reconnect while doing either, you will have issues. Stay in the tracks of the car ahead of you as the water is displaced already allowing for better road contact.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45p.m. with a motion made by Maryann Elwell and seconded by Brett Burroughs.

The next board meeting and member dinner will be held on October 9th at with dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse Restaurant in McCormick Woods.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Forde, Secretary
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