

**OLYMPIC PENINSULA REGION-PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA**  
**February 8, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

President, Bill Elwell, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. at McCormick Woods Clubhouse in Port Orchard, WA.

**Board Members Present:** Bill Elwell, President; Don Knievel, Vice President; Maryann Elwell, Secretary; Robert Becken, Treasurer; Alex Raphael, Member at Large and Past President

**Members Present:** Brooks and Barb Hanford, Sue Knievel, Jan Putman, Debbie Raphael, Brett Burroughs, Adrienne and Dave Loser, and Dave Ferguson

**President:** Bill Elwell welcomed everyone. He confirmed that the members received a copy of the January 11, 2017 meeting minutes and inquired if there were any additions or corrections. Adrienne Loser noted her name was spelled incorrectly. Bill Elwell made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction, then Alex Raphael seconded the motion, and they were approved with all in favor. Maryann Elwell motioned for the club to pay to send Bill Elwell to the Zone 6 President's meeting in Calgary in March, then Don Knievel seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

**Past President:** Alex Raphael had nothing to report.

**Secretary:** Maryann Elwell had nothing to report.

**Vice President:** Don Knievel: Don reported that he got the handoff of the Vice President and Insurance records from Bill Elwell, so he's all ready to go. If you have an event that needs insurance you need to let Don know well in advance, at least three to four weeks prior to the event.

**Treasurer:** Bob Becken reported when we made the Treasurer change with Chase Bank, they made us change to a new account type, since the old one came over from Washington Mutual and is no longer supported. As of now we moved most of the account balance over to the new account, but still left some money in the old account, until Bob receives the checks for the new account. Maryann Elwell was added as the Administrator for the account, since she's the club Secretary, in accordance with the bank's standards. Bob Becken made the motion to keep Maryann Elwell as the Chase Bank account administrator. Alex Raphael seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor. For the old account, as of February 8, 2017 there was a Beginning Balance of \$10,865.31; Ending Balance of \$1,590.25; Total Deposits of \$943.21; and Total Withdrawals of \$10,218.27. There was \$1602.13 in Escrow from the Charity Auction collections and checks written, but not yet cashed, leaving available money of -\$11.88. For the new account, as of January 8, 2017 there was Beginning Balance of \$0.00; Ending Balance of \$9,691.11; Total Deposits of \$10,140.00; and Total Withdrawals of \$448.89. There was \$0.00 in Escrow, leaving available money of \$9,691.11.

**Member at Large:** Alex Raphael mentioned that Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2P is the Celebration of Life for Gary Elwood at the Methodist Church at 7400 Pioneer Way in Gig Harbor. He was a really great guy and those who are available should try to attend. Maryann Elwell also sent around a card for everyone to sign from our club for his wife Nancy and their family.

**Advertising Chair:** Pete Bonfrisco: Not Present. Maryann Elwell reported that we received payment for all of our newsletter advertisers for 2017.

**Membership Chair:** Maryann Elwell gave the membership report in Kip Sparber's absence. As of the start of February 2017, the total count of members is 258, including 159 Primary Members and 99 Affiliate Members.

**WebMaster:** Konrad Klett is focusing on creating our new site using WordPress. Maryann Elwell and Bill Elwell continue to make updates to our current website and reported that the calendar is up to date through February 2017 events.

**Goody Store:** Neil Green: Not present.

**Newsletter Editor:** Don Conner: Not present. Bill Elwell got an email from Don Conner saying he's retiring at the end of the March 2017 edition. Therefore we are in urgent need of someone to step up as our new newsletter editor. If no one steps up, we may have to pay someone to do the lay out. Debbie Raphael can ask Copiers NW if they do that type of service. Another member, Mike Kenna had previously mentioned his company does that. Bill Elwell will try to get quotes. Don Knievel will also ask Yacht Club newsletter editor how they do theirs. At any rate, we'd still need someone to gather the material to go into the newsletter. We also need a volunteer to write an article for January Dinner. Jan Putman mentioned that she asked Bryan at Larson's Porsche to write an article about one of the new Porsches for our newsletter. Bob Becken suggested that we ask all of our advertisers to write articles on their businesses. Barb Hanford noted we talked in the past about providing a profile on a new member. Maryann Elwell mentioned that she asks our welcome committee members to ask for information, but that hasn't panned out. She suggested we ask Neil Green to be our go to person to gather that information on new members.

**Social Chair:** Maryann Elwell provided an updated calendar of events for February and March 2017. She thanked Debbie Raphael for putting together a successful January Dinner at the Panda Inn in East Bremerton. Maryann also talked about the upcoming Vancouver Island weekend tour that Robert Bernardo and Pete Bonfrisco are planning for the second weekend in September 2017. This will be our Multi-Region Event for the year. Flyers with details to make your Painter's Lodge hotel reservations went out in the January newsletters.

**Technical/Speed:** Alex Raphael: Nothing to report.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1) **New member Nametags:** Barb Hanford found the past meeting notes for nametags. In February 2016, we agreed to provide nametags to all new members. In March 2016 we discussed free for new members a dinner and nametags and special meeting invites and members agreed. Bill Elwell motioned to send nametags to new members, and we'll re-assess the expenses and decide whether to continue in July. Don Knievel seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- 2) **Porsche Parade:** The Parade will be in Spokane from July 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. No one volunteered to look into booking a hotel for Parade ahead of time. So those who plan to attend will wait for the official registration information to come out from PCA National.
- 3) **Walla Walla Winery Tour:** June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. The tour will start on Friday in Gig Harbor, to Sumner (pick up anyone from that side of the sound), then over the pass to Naches for

lunch. The tour will end at first winery stop at the entrance to Walla Walla. We have block of rooms for June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western in Walla Walla, so you can reserve a room by calling them at (509) 525-4700 and asking for Porsche Club Rate. Brett Burroughs has the Dream Rides bus tour firmed up for Saturday. Bob Becken wrote them a check to mail in for our deposit. For lunch on Saturday, we'll have a box lunch on the bus with choice of sandwich, bottled water, salad or chips and cookie or brownie. Brett is working on the wineries to visit. Plan is 5 hours on the bus to visit wineries such as Pepper Bridge, Northstar, Rotie, etc. There will be a Poker Rally on the bus with prizes. Our Saturday dinner will be at the Marcus Whitman Hotel, as a Prime Rib and Chicken buffet dinner. They agreed to let us to drink our own wine with a \$12/bottle corkage fee or people can get drinks at the bar.

- 4) **2017 Rosters:** Maryann Elwell is working to have them ready in March.

**New Business:**

- 1) **Charities:** Bill Elwell is looking for someone to step up as a Charity lead for the club. Bill wants to set a goal to raise a set amount for charity this year. Bill would also like to see the club establish a charity for the year. Adrienne Loser suggested Bill ask for people to respond before the next meeting. Alex Raphael suggested an OPR scholarship and that we have an application process for the recipient to prove what they did to earn it. Adrienne Loser mentioned she did that before and said you need a committee to determine the criteria, develop the application and process, get the board to approve it, then have the committee review the applications and recommend a recipient. It took quite a while to set it up and get it in place to include setting up a charitable organization. She also mentioned that you have to get the word out there to get applicants. Alex Raphael noted that if we did a signature event, like golf tournament, that we could go out and get sponsors. Bill wants to suggest that the charity we select be in our region and needs to be a 401 (c) charity so that donations can be made directly to the charity and get donors can receive the tax deduction. Sue Knievel suggested Courage 360 in Tacoma as a charity. That organization supports woman that need help getting back on their feet. The thought of having both a feminine and masculine charity was also raised.

Alex Raphael made a motion to adjourn, then Adrienne Loser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. with all in favor

The next board meeting and member dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at the Clubhouse restaurant at McCormick Woods.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Elwell, Secretary