

IOWA CHAPTER BMW CCA



**Minutes of Meeting
Board of Directors**

**Sunday, March 14, 2004
Sprockets, 12:00pm**

Members Present: Dana Schrader, Doug Wittkowski, Scott Smed, Martha Wittkowski, Fred Bell, Dave Brennan.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Dana Schrader.

Approval of Minutes—Minutes had previously been distributed and corrections noted, via e-mail.

MOTION (Brennan/Smed) to approve minutes as e-mailed with corrections noted. **MOTION CARRIED**

I. Treasurer’s Report

The financial statements were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. It was noted that Martha just submitted to the Treasurer the two final bills for the Annual Meeting. Dana indicated that he would need a check for \$1080 for the chatterboxes. Brennan indicated that he is beginning to purchase the items for the club toolbox.

Fred indicated that for 2003 the club would be required to submit a tax return. Based on his early investigation, we will need to file a 990EZ. He will be completing this and will contact Martha for questions, since she has experience in completing non-profit tax returns.

MOTION (D. Wittkowski /Brennan) to approve financial statements as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

II. Annual Meeting Recap

Martha distributed a financial recap of the Annual Meeting. Total revenue was \$2226.70 and total expenses were \$3800.06 for a loss (club contribution) of \$1573.36. In total 89 people attended. Good comments were shared and the Board thanked Martha for chairing the event. Everyone seemed to like the atlas that was given. Next years Annual Meeting was discussed. Dave Brennan indicated he would “help” with door prizes again. Per previous Board policy, the Annual Meeting is to be held in Central Iowa for two years and then in Eastern Iowa, given that policy the 2005 Annual Meeting will be held in the Central Iowa area and the date will be February 19, 2005. Fred noted that we should begin asking for volunteers to Chair this event as hotels book earlier for banquets. It was the consensus of the Board that if we need t “pay” to have a speaker it should be considered. Fred had an interesting idea about asking Satch to come back next year for our 5th Anniversary since he was at our First Annual Meeting.

III. Calendar of Events

Tech Session—Doug indicated that everything is set. Scott Smed will be assisting. They will be changing front brakes on club member David Hanf’s car and rear brakes on Scott’s car. Doug will also to a driving school “tech inspection”. An e-mail update will go out this week.

Clean Car Concours—Our April event for 2004 will be the annual Clean Car Concours. This event will be held at True North in Cedar Rapids, on Sunday, April 25th. Rules have been posted on the website.

Teen Driving, May 9th, 2004—Doug distributed information from the BMW CCA Foundation regarding the Street Survival Program. There is a lot of work to be done in the next month on this event. The Foundation will “make-up” any loss up to \$1500 and if we make a profit, we split it with them. They have a “turn-key” program set up. The Board decided that Doug would be the main contact, Fred volunteered to serve as Registrar, and Scott Smed agreed to be the Chief Instructor. Many names were discussed for Classroom Instructor; the 3 top candidates were Brian Smith, Gary D’Argosa or John Meek. Doug will contact Brian to see if he is interested (Note: Brian arrived at Sprockets before the end of the Board meeting and he was asked if he would be interested. He has agreed to be the classroom instructor.) Doug will be working with SE Polk School and get a contract signed. The Foundation will

help with publicity. Doug also discussed the need to have some of our “younger” members involved with this event and invite those that have Driving School experience to be Instructors for this school.

Driving School—Our June Driving School will be the weekend of June 11-13, 2004 at MAM. The committee has not met but will be holding a meeting on Saturday, March 20 at 10:00 am. The location to be determined.

July Picnic—This year’s picnic will be held on Saturday, July 17th. The place is still being determined.

Fall Color Tour-Fred has recruited Gary D’Argosa and David Brighton to help with establishing the route. It will probably start in the Des Moines area and go to Storm Lake, where the overnight stay will be. The date will be October 9 and 10th.

It was noted that we do not have an event scheduled for August. Martha will compile the member surveys, returned at the annual meeting, and the Board can discuss possible future events after reviewing that information.

Next month will be our last Sprocket event. Scott Smed will contact Don VanLengen to see if he would volunteer to set up some monthly social get togethers for the summer months.

New Board John Meek is going to try to get the members in the Dubuque area together on a regular basis. Discussion was held regarding trying to get the folks in Eastern Iowa together on a more regular basis. Scott Smed will contact Rafael Toro and perhaps Brennan McGrath to see if they would be interested in pulling something together.

Scott discussed the web site with Russ and last week a re-designed website was up and running. It looks great. We need to encourage members to visit the website and submit their information and car photos.

IV. Missouri Valley Meeting

Dana reported that, per Board direction, he met with Jeff Goman, President and Sheridan White, Driving Events Chairman for the Missouri Valley Chapter. His overall impression is that there had been some miscommunication among everyone. Talking about the issues appears to have helped. Discussion around the AECC car show was discussed and Dana relayed how the Iowa Board saw this working. The Missouri Valley Chapter will come back with a proposal. Regarding the September School, Missouri Valley was to get back to Dana on whether they wanted our date or not, (Sheridan and Jeff were in favor of them taking the date but their Board had not officially decided yet.) Dana also requested that if they wanted volunteers/help with the September event that they should contact our club members directly. Brennan indicated that when he spoke to them earlier this week, their Board had decided to go ahead with the event and take our September date.

The meeting was concluded at 1:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING will be held at Sprockets on Saturday, April 17, 2004 at Noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Wittkowski
Acting Recording Secretary