

# IOWA CHAPTER BMW CCA



**Minutes of Meeting  
Board of Directors**

**Saturday March 11, 2006  
Merle Hay Lanes –Des Moines, IA 11:00am**

*Members Present:* Martha Wittkowski, Brian Smith, Dana Schrader, Doug Wittkowski, Dave Brighton, Don Van Lengen, Mike Bengé, Fred Bell

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by President Mike Bengé.

**Approval of Minutes**-Minutes had previously been distributed, via e-mail.

**MOTION** (Doug/Dave Brighton) to approve minutes as e-mailed. **MOTION CARRIED**

## **I. Treasurer Report**

Fred sent out financial statements prior to the meeting for our review. He noted that costs for the annual dinner were roughly \$1000 greater than the expected \$2300, primarily due to low turnout. The report to National is done. We will write off the window stickers; Dave Brighton will include them in new member letters. National has been very slow in reimbursing newsletter costs that were submitted early January – Martha will follow up.

**MOTION** (Doug/ ?) Approve financial statements as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **II. Board of Directors Meetings**

After some discussion, we decided that Board meeting times and locations could be listed on the website. The site will tell any members interested in attending that they must RSVP by the Wednesday before the event. They also should contact any board representative to ensure that the meeting time and location remains correct.

Board minutes will be linked to the web – webmaster Dana noted that the Newsworks links receive the most hits.

## **III. Street Survival**

We need to think more about lessons learned from last year's experience. There was much discussion about marketing the event. Pitching it as a car control clinic might draw attendees from other clubs (Porsche, Mustang). We might contact the boards of other car clubs, as well as the school administrators' convention, businesses with teens, and generally anyone who appears interested. David Brighton offered to speak to anyone who would listen, so long as someone else makes the appropriate contacts and appointments.

Fred will write a short summary story for the May Newsworks. The event's tentative date is Sunday September 24. The event is ripe for volunteers.

**IV. Annual Dinner post-mortem/Event Attendance**

Brian S. briefly presented numbers drawn from 2003 through 2005 member participation Excel files. There were no obvious attendance trends. Further analysis of the files awaits clarification from David Trachtenberg.

Board members are charged with notifying the next annual dinner chair (Martha W.) of the things they feel are essential to an annual meeting.

**V. Calendar (2006)**

There were no changes to the calendar, with the exception of shifting the Street Survival school back one week to avoid a conflict with SE Polk homecoming.

**VI. Driving School**

Doug W. noted that school preparations are on track. Bill Arnold and Tammi Hull, noted club racers and enthusiasts, will be attending and offering pointers. Instructor invitations have been sent; letters also soon will be sent to previous students. Don Van Lengen will provide barbecue for a Saturday dinner at the track. The committee will meet again soon.

**The meeting ended about 1 p.m. The next meeting will be at 10 am on Sunday April 23 in Marshalltown, location to be determined (Don VL will prospect for a location).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian C. Smith  
Board Member at Large