

IOWA CHAPTER BMW CCA



**Minutes of Meeting
Board of Directors**

**Saturday January 13, 2006
Okoboji Grill, Des Moines 10am**

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

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 (Dana/Brian) to approve minutes as e-mailed. **MOTION CARRIED**

I. Treasurer Report

Fred mentioned that the year end is just about complete. We'll lose about \$2,500 for the year.

In regard to last year's Street Survival, we didn't receive the promised sponsorship from EMC, but we did receive \$1,000 from the Foundation. There was discussion around continuing to involve the Foundation for Street Survival.

One advantage is the publicity we get. Certain publicity wouldn't happen without the backing of the Foundation.

MOTION: (Fred/Martha) Send a \$400 donation from Street Survival to the Foundation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

II. Sponsorships

We were asked by two chapter members to donate a driving school to the Heart Association for an upcoming event.

MOTION (Martha/Don): Donate a one-day school to the Heart Association. Winner would have to pay for the second day.

MOTION CARRIED. Martha will do the certificate for the event.

III. Budget Issues

It was decided that in 2007, we will have charity donations for three of our events...The Holiday Party, The Concours and Charity Laps at our Driving School.

MOTION: (Martha/Dana) We will specify an amount in our budget (based on a percentage raised at our three events) to match funds at the end of the year. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There was also discussion concerning our continued losses over the last few years, and how long this could go on.

One way to address this would be to do less subsidizing of our events and have members pick up more of the cost.

It is projected that in 2007, we will lose over \$5,000.

MOTION (Martha/David T.) Remove from our budget, the \$600 that we use to buy the first round of drinks at our monthly social events. \$500 of this to go to O'fest. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dave Brighton brought up one money raising idea...a golf outing where golfers shoot for a hole in one. Prize could be a new BMW. Dave will research the details on doing an event like this.

MOTION (Martha/Dana): Approve budget as revised with an approximate \$5100 loss for 2007. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. Calendar

Chili Cookoff---January 24th at Coe College in Cedar Rapids. Rules are on our site.

Annual Meeting---February 24th at the Iowa Speedway. There will be a cash bar. The meal will include Iowa Chops and Chicken---buffet style. Martha will be sending letters to vendors requesting prize donations. In addition, she will be sending invitations to the membership.

Bowling---There will be a bowling event in March. Time and place TBD.

Fun Rally---April 1st. Details to come out later.

Grand Am Koni Series---Iowa Speedway April 20-22nd. More to follow.

Concours---May 19th at Principal Park.

Driver's School---June 8-10 at MAM.

Picnic/Bike Ride---July. Date/Time/Place TBD.

Cubs Game---August. Date/Time/Place TBD.

V. National Chapter Congress (April 20-22) Mike, Fred and Dave B. will attend for our chapter.

VI. New Business

EMC/Lithia Motors Relationship---Lithia has agreed to continue buying memberships for those who buy BMW's from them. Dana will continue to meet with Lithia on a regular basis, and meet the new Management Team.

Member Recruiting---Dave Brighton surfaced some recruiting ideas, mentioning that membership numbers in many clubs are declining. More discussion to follow.

The meeting ended at noon. The next meeting will be at 10am on Sunday, February 11th. Place TBD.

Respectfully Submitted,

David L. Trachtenberg
Recording Secretary