

## IOWA CHAPTER BMW CCA

### Minutes of Meeting Board of Directors

Saturday, June 14, 2003  
Scott Smed's Home-10:00 AM.

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

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by President Dana. Martha Wittkowski agreed to act as Recording Secretary.

**Approval of Minutes**-Minutes had previously been distributed and corrections noted, via e-mail. For clarification the liaison with European MotorCars will be the Club President.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

NOTE: Excellent Job by Mike Bengé on the minutes of the last meeting.

#### I. **Appointment of New Secretary**

The appointment of a new Secretary was completed via e-mail and Dave Trachtenberg has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by Marlene's resignation. We will officially welcome him to the Board at the next meeting!

#### II. **Financial Report-Fred Bell, Treasurer**

The financial statements were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Fred gave a brief overview and indicated that we are waiting for reimbursement from European MotorCars for the Rally lunch and from National on the rally and concourse insurance rebate. We recently received the printing and postage reimbursement from National for 2002. At this point, it appears we will make a little on the upcoming June driving school and that the profit will be split with Missouri Valley Chapter based on student attendance from both chapters.

The possibility of starting a Club "Tool Box" was presented and discussed. The Club currently has a BMW Manual on CD that is available to the membership. Some ideas for the "Tool Box" included a spring compressor (approx \$140), set of scales and ramps (approx \$1,000-\$2,000), an impact gun and perhaps a high quality floor jack. Mike indicated he had a 3-½ ton jack that he would consider donating. Discussion on how the "Tool Box" would work was discussed, including how would members access it, what happens in the event that a member "breaks" an item in the "Tool Box", How to decide what to purchase for the "Tool Box". Dave Brennan volunteered to put together Protocol and Procedures for the Club Tool Box for the Board to review and/or approve at the next meeting.

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

#### III. **Calendar/Upcoming Events**

**Longest Day Driving School**-As of today we have 57 students and 29 Instructors participating. Dave Johnson cannot attend and provide classroom instruction for the Novices. Dana will be contacting him to see if we could borrow his classroom instruction material and he and Tony are looking for someone who could fill in for Dave Johnson. Bartley will be conducting the classroom instruction for Intermediate and Advanced students. May need a few more instructors but Dana and Tony have already been in contact with some possible instructors. BMW of Lincoln is a Sponsor for the event and their name will appear on the Hat.

**Picnic**-July 13<sup>th</sup> will be at Easter Lake. Dave T. has secured the site and Scott indicated that Don V. has planned the menu. European MotorCars will be donating a BMW bike to give away. Doug indicated that we have other door prizes available as well.

**August Event**-It was decided that the DMVR SCCA Autocross on August 10<sup>th</sup> at Waterloo Greyhound Park would be an official club event and the Social will be at Jimmy's.

**Komen Drive**-Dave Brennan indicated he has 21 people signed up for each "Drive". We need to advertise all 3 of the "Drive for the Cure" in the Newsworks and encourage members to go out and drive!

**Spartanburg Trip to Performance Center**-Dave Brennan indicated he has had a few inquiries but no reservations yet. Trying to come up with something for the Iowa Chapter members that participate. A notice will be in *Roundel*

**O'Fest**-Scott Smed will be attending and will serve as Event Chair.

**Holiday Party**-Will be held December 6 and Martha reported she is currently looking for a place to hold this Annual Open House type event

**Annual Meeting 2004**-Doug is working on securing Tom Salkowsky and one of the BMW drivers to speak at the event. We are hoping for Boris Said (Martha is hoping for Bill Auberland!) The date for the event will be February 28, 2004. Martha has contacted the Des Moines Visitor and Convention Bureau and put out RFP through that group. She has started to get some proposals from area Hotels.

**Fall Leaf Color Tour**-We called Tom Clark who has agreed to Chair this event again. The dates will be October 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> and discussion was held on whether this should be a joint event with the Northstar Chapter.

**MOTION** (Brennan/Maitre) to make the Fall Leaf Color Tour a joint event with the Northstar Chapter. **MOTION CARRIED**

Tom indicated that he would be using the same hotels as last year and that he has "reserved" all but one room at the Jailhouse Inn and overflow rooms at the Country Hearth Inn.

**November Event**-Discussion was held on putting on a Tech Session in November on "Tricks of the Trade", and could include information on how tire pressure affects your cars handling and performance, is your speedometer correct. Would need someone to Chair this event.

#### **IV. Web Site Host**

Dana reported that the web site has been moved and is no longer being hosted by ITA. Russ has added 15 e-mail addresses for specific individuals in the club, i.e., [editor@bmwia.org](mailto:editor@bmwia.org), [president@bmwia.org](mailto:president@bmwia.org), etc. Russ is working on making the web site have database capabilities and that members could post want ads directly on-line by logging in with their member number. Martha will send Russ a current listing of Members and Associate Members. Russ would also like to build an interactive registration form to be used by members to register for Club events.

#### **V. EMC – Memberships, Relations, Discounts**

Dana reported that he has the information on new car sales for January through April and that Martha will input them into an excel file and return to Dana. There are 120 new members that will be added from this list. He will then get the check from EMC and forward to national. Members have all been informed, through the e-mail Updates and the NewsWerks about the discounts and that they must have their membership card with them at the time of service write-up or parts purchase to receive discount.

#### **VI. Chapter Wear**

Discussion was held regarding getting an agreement with Club Member David Brighton on selling Chapter merchandise through a specific website he has (would) develop. Greg indicated he has had trouble getting a reply from David. After much discussion, it was decided that Greg should continue to follow-up on this and present a proposed contract/agreement to David.

#### **VII. Calendar flyer, membership leaflets**

Discussion was held on the Point of Purchase (POP) flyers located at European MotorCars, Beckley and Kruse. It was decided that Martha would prepare these each time a NewsWerks is done and format them as a PDF file. She will then e-mail to Board members for distribution. Dave Brennan will be responsible for Beckley, Dana for European MotorCars, Mike Bengel would get one to European Motors in Cedar Rapids, one would be mailed to Kruse and if Jason still has a contact at Zimmerman we would try to get one placed there. In addition, one would be sent to Russ for posting on the web site.

Dave Brennan indicated he just received another "box" of membership pamphlets from National so if anyone needs some, please let him know. It was noted that when putting up the new POP flyers the membership pamphlets should be restock.

**NEXT MEETING will be held prior to the Picnic on July13th from 9 am to 11 am at the shelter at Easter Lake**

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha H. Wittkowski  
Acting Recording Secretary