

# BMW Car Club of America Rocky Mountain Chapter



BOARD MEETING MINUTES: 07.09.14

## ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Steve Hamilton (SH)  
Cory Rowan (CR)  
Alan Warner (AW)  
Michael Feldpusch (MF)

Fox Chung (FC)  
Janet Kyota (JK)  
Mike Critchely (MC)  
Dave Jobusch (DJ)

Cathy Hamilton (CH)  
Andrew Jordan (AJ)  
Gary Bohn (GB)  
Mark Baer (MB)

**Called to order...by Steve Hamilton, President at...6:50PM** - Meeting at Alan's Club Room

## **PRESIDENT**

**SH:** MSR - Will start another one. Janet and Alan will have the next issue out to printer this week. A new advertiser wanted a larger ad since he's had good success. Drop dead for final articles can be sent to Alan over the weekend.

Club Trailer Update - Cory successfully brought back the new Club trailer. Trailer is in storage lot.

Drive 4 Corners Event - Sponsored the event, received two free registrations. Tom is asking if we will have any volunteers, if so let Steve know, you'll receive a free t-shirt. We plan to bring some older merchandise to sell and give away.

O'Fest - Thank you to everyone that helped with that event. More information below.

Tech Session at BumperDoc, July 26 - Demo's on paintless dent repair and headlight restoration.

Tech Session at Wine Country Motorsports, July 30 - They primarily specialize in race gear.

Time Trials Reviews/Options - Held a successful event a month ago. Issues arose regarding tech inspections MB- cars need to be inspected by shops familiar with using street cars at the track. The tech sheet is intended to give the inspector a very good idea of what professionals should be looking for. Discussion of possibly doing a video for the website, SCR would be willing to contribute content.

GB- An idea is to treat each vehicle each day as if they haven't been through the tech inspection. Reception was good and good feedback from participants. For us we have an opening at the end of August at HPR, they invited us to come out and run any kind of event we wanted at \$265 per car. We're covered under SCCA insurance, not sure if there is a minimum number of participants. We would have our own run group, whether or not SCCA has their own that same event. We need to decide whether we take the available slot or simply conduct our own event another time.

DJ- Do we want this SCCA event time slot? Or, next year if we go further with it, would Vintage be interested in renting a run group? AJ- spoken to Vintage but only about Club Racing, not time trials.

Club racing has limitations on model and year of car. Another option to think about are the Driving Schools. I don't think we should be compete with NASA but rather add an additional layer of having a timed lap. We should strive to provide our members with a different experience that they can't get some place else.

CR- Shared his experience with his participation- really enjoyed it as he was in a more experienced group of drivers. Similar experience with HPDE4 with NASA, lots of opportunities for learning. Feels it's beneficial to have an in-between step between HPDE and Club Racing.

AJ- The rules of insurance simply state that we cannot hold timed events under the current insurance. There's a liability for the Club if we are to move forward with a TT event during Driving School. We could do it but need a person from National for timing and scoring as well as another expert to safely conduct the event. We either need to get this changed from National or come up with another plan. The concern also is that insurance rates will increase.

MB- The approach with National needs to be asking for the ability to conduct a time trail precision driving event under the umbrella of driving school. This would be a good name for it- a precision driving school with timing.

MF- Perhaps an option is to break it down by duration of time that happens to be at the same day and at the same location, but separated by multiple run groups each day.

AW- NASA time trials do not require a cage. Question- what are we trying to achieve with RMC having its own time trail events that a participant can't get at NASA?

GB- People want to be connected with BMW while they can still participate in other organizations. The goal is to keep them tied to our Club so we need to provide other incentives. DJ- we can keep an instructional element as part of the time trials- something that's missing from other Clubs. We don't even have to call it time trails.

FC- Seems to me that we have enough experience and knowledge within this group that we can develop a proposal for National, taking inventory and being very specific about what our goals are, how we can differentiate ourselves from other Clubs and how we can work through the hurdle of insurance and timing during these events.

SH- For August, GB needs to check if there's a minimum number of participants. Also needs to ensure their waiver covers us as well, since it isn't our event. GB- trying to figure out if we want this slot or pass for next year. DJ- recommends we do this in the slot with the SCCA event, granted the numbers are good for the event. Discussion with group about how a potential even might run.

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

**MF:** Insurance Update - All insurance has been submitted for the whole year. We should get a Spring Rebate (received).

Club Sponsorship Program, Trailer Graphics - Meet with the trailer person tomorrow for the graphics, \$2,400 installed. Will be getting final measurements, giving them 2 weeks for installation. Also meeting with the cabinet maker this Friday, came as a referral from a reputable source. Looking to have everything done by the August event.

SH- Original quote we budgeted was \$16k, so we'll need final quotes so we can have a board vote on extending the budget from this amount. We'll need a W-9 from the cabinet maker.

**>>> MOTION TO APPROVE to increase the budget by \$2k by FC, Second by CR, and unanimously approved by all Board Members. <<<**

## SECRETARY

**>>> MOTION TO APPROVE May Meeting notes as sent out by CH, Second by SH, and unanimously approved by all Board Members. <<<**

## TREASURER

**CH:** Review of financial information (Claims, Balance Sheet, P&L) given as handout to those in attendance. Please refer to actual documents for specific information. Some modification requested by AJ as we reviewed various line items pertaining the O'Fest driving school. Need to follow up with Enterprise on the duration of rentals over the weekend- resolved.

**>>> MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS as presented by MF, Second by CR, one abstention by CH and unanimously approved by all Board Members. <<<**

**>>> MOTION TO ACCEPT FINANCIALS as presented by CR, Second by MF, one abstention by CH and unanimously approved by all Board Members. <<<**

## CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

**CR:** Next Email Blast - Will be going out tomorrow and follow through with 2 weeks in between future emailings. Also provided expense report for the trailer.

## DEC (MC, AJ, GO):

Autocross - JK- received very good feedback for our event which is great!

Street Survival - MC- Right now we do not have a venue for October. Sport's Authority is booked. Dick's Sporting Goods is also completely booked. Possible lot could be in Eagle, SH could look into this. Dates for event for any Saturday in October. JK will look into other locations as well. Goodyear meeting with MC who's looking to offer tires at a whole sale price. Wondered how we could roll this out to the Club, everyone to brainstorm. MC- to run next Board meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

AW - Provided actual numbers via email previously, please refer to Club notes for specific figures. 1,806 total members, flat from June. 1,566 regular members, 240 associates. Brief discussion of hard copy vs. digital MSR distributions. New member welcome- no new updates just yet.

Discussion about promoting the Secretary and Treasurer positions- both positions are up for re-election at the end of this year. We would need to look at editing the chapters' rules and regulations in order to appoint members to these position if we are to continue. Discussion of this will continue.

## **EVENT UPDATES**

Already discussed above.

## **2014 O'FEST**

Party for Volunteers- May want to recognize special volunteers. Looking into locations and possibly holding it in October.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Holiday Party- We need to elect a chairman for this event. Next emailer will include a call for this in case if anyone is interested in volunteering for this position.

## **ADJOURN**

***>>> MOTION TO ADJOURN by FC, Second by CH, and unanimously approved by all Board Members at 8:56pm***