New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting May 9, 2012

Board members present: Larry Engel, Jeff White, Ron Gemeinhardt, Jerry Faber, Doug Feigel, Paul Ngai, Al Drugos, Neil Gambony, Dave Allaway. Board members absent: Ross Karlin, Colin Vozeh. Others present: Mark Mallory, Vic Lucariello, Elihu Savad, Ron Acher.

President

Larry Engel called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White moved to accept the April minutes as distributed and Paul Ngai seconded (carried unanimously). Larry moved to appoint Ron Acher to the vacant Member-at-Large position and Dave Allaway seconded (carried unanimously). Larry noted that the TireRack Street Survival (TSS) school at Campgaw Reservation is coming up on Sunday 6/10. Larry and Ross Karlin have been working with Bergen County. Neil Gambony offered to tow the trailer if Mark is unavailable. Larry noted that there have been multiple complaints regarding website posts by Flemington BMW, despite requests to desist. The Board consensus is to continue to prohibit any overt advertising in the form of unsolicited forum postings. Larry will follow-up on this. There was a discussion on increasing the blast e-mails to one per month.

Vice-President

Paul Ngai reported that the May meeting will be Movie Night at Unique Photo on Wednesday 5/23. Paul asked for Board approval to purchase food for the Unique Photo meeting and there were no objections. The Biergarten and Car Show at Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC) will be Friday 6/8. There will be no June BMW NA meeting due to other commitments by BMW NA. The July meeting will be Thursday 7/19 at DCC with All-In-The-Details as guest presenter. The September meeting will be Thursday 9/27 at JMK BMW (tentative). Paul is working on a possible presentation by Ingrid Steffensen.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the year-to-date financial reports (income & expense and balance sheet). Ron also distributed and reviewed a monthly analysis of advertising and newsletter costs. Ron discussed the possibility of making quarterly estimated tax payments. Ron noted that the Westlake School has not received their donation check.

Social Events

Al Drugos is working on seats for the TD Ballpark event in August and should have a date by the next meeting.

Newsletter

Jerry reported that the May newsletter is at the printers. The deadline for the June newsletter is 5/20.

Website

Larry reported that Colin is still seeking a new host for the website. Larry reminded us that Colin wishes to be notified directly of any website issues.

Business Manager

Doug Feigel reported on a very successful meeting at Park Avenue BMW, and that their advertising contract has been renewed. Doug reported that Prestige BMW has been added as a new sponsor. Their banner ad has been added and their print ad is ready for publication. Doug noted that Stable Energies is discontinuing as a sponsor. Doug is continuing to work on two major renewals. Ron Gemeinhardt will generate an invoice for Open Road BMW.

Driving Events

Jeff White brought the new waivers to be used at all driving events. Jeff reported that we now have the 2012 member-only promotions on the website. Jeff noted that MotorsportReg has not yet made live their membership verification feature. Jeff reported that Registration for NJMP Thunderbolt is almost full. Banquet door prizes are still needed. Jeff noted that the damage invoices from NJMP will be forwarded to the participants for direct payment.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that the first autocross of the season was rained out. The next autocross is scheduled for 5/20. Elihu is looking at the NJ Expo Center as a venue, but the only currently available date coincides with TSS. 10/7 and 10/28 are available at the PNC Bank Arts Center but have not yet been booked. CIT Financial Group in Livingston was mentioned as a possible venue, and Mark will follow-up. Following a meeting, Woodbridge Mall is no longer being pursued as a venue due to unacceptable constraints. Elihu reported that he now has the 2012 NJSP license. Ron Gemeinhardt will issue the donation payment for the EMT's.

New Business

Vic Lucariello asked about the status of the Chapter Toolbox. It was noted that Jeff Caldwell has agreed to accept the toolbox, but the physical transfer may not have taken place. We also need to determine Jeff's preferred e-mail address for the website. Doug offered to follow up. We The next Board meeting was set for Wednesday 6/13 at Alfonso's. Al moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM and Ron Gemeinhardt seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary