New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting January 9, 2013

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Paul Ngai, Bob Isbitski, Neil Gambony, John Gyorfy, Ron Gemeinhardt, Marc Goeller, Jeff White, Ross Karlin, Dave Allaway. Board members absent: Jerry Faber, Colin Vozeh. Others present: Al Drugos, Larry Engel, Doug Feigel, Vic Lucariello, Elihu Savad, Jamie Kavalieros, Ron Acher, Blake Smith, Brent Jerolimic.

President

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Paul Ngai moved to accept the November minutes as distributed and Neil Gambony seconded (carried unanimously). Paul Ngai moved to appoint Jerry Faber as Newsletter Editor, Colin Vozeh as Webmaster, Jeff White as Member-at-Large/Driver School Chair, and Ross Karlin as Member-at-Large/Race Chair. Ron Gemeinhardt seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff Caldwell expressed a desire to better handle the data and evaluations from track events and to incorporate suggestions. He also wants additional focus on social events other than track events, for example vintage events, possibly partnering with DelVal (Bill Foster). Ron Acher volunteered to continue to handle blast e-mails. Items for this weekend's e-mail were discussed.

Vice-President

Paul Ngai reported on the upcoming January 17th meeting at Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC) at 7:30 PM with Mike Renner of the BMW Performance Center as guest speaker. One BMW M School gift certificate will be awarded by drawing. It was agreed that only current club members would be eligible. February 21st will be at Unique Photo with Klaus Schnitzer as presenter. Saturday March 23rd will be the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tour at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be sponsored by Flemington BMW. Paul will extend invitations to BMW NA. Paul is also working on a possible meeting at BMW NA in May or June. Jeff White suggested a possible motorsport video presentation by Veloz Media, and Paul will work with Will Turner on that topic.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed and reviewed the year-end financial reports (income & expense and balance sheet). These included chapter donations to the Westlake School and to the BMW Foundation. Deposits have been made on all 2013 NJMP events. Ron reported that we were on target with our 2012 year-end cash balance.

Secretary

Dave Allaway reported on the December elections and thanked Neil Gambony for taking the November minutes.

Social Events

Al Drugos and John Gyorfy reported that the banquet is scheduled for March 2nd at the Hilton Newark Airport. Al is working on booking a band. There will be a private cash bar, and special-rate \$99 rooms will be available. Doug Feigel will work on door prizes, which will include one VDC admission and one free driver school.

Newsletter

Jerry Faber reported (via e-mail) that the January issue should be hitting mailboxes this week, and that January 15th is the deadline for the February issue. Jerry is still awaiting a postage report from PrintTech and will follow up. Jerry expects a great year. Doug requested swapping the inside-front and inside-back covers, to avoid conflicting ad placements.

Website

No report. Brent will continue as web forum moderator, and will also monitor Facebook to ensure appropriate content, with notifications to Colin. Jeff Caldwell would also like Colin to freshen the website and improve the forum architecture.

Business Manager

Doug Feigel had nothing additional to report.

Driving Events

Neil is working on awards for the banquet. Neil would like to have a Spring Rally. Larry expressed a desire to have two TireRack Teen Survival (TSS) schools and offered to chair.

Driver Schools

Jeff White reported that the Driving Events Committee will set 2013 event pricing at this Sunday's meeting. Jeff reported that he has dates from Summit Point and signed contracts from NJMP. Registration should be open by the end of the month for all events. Ross Karlin reported that he is working on a Regional Instructors' Seminar.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that he has no finalized autocross venues yet, although PNC Bank Arts Center is available. A proposed layout which would work around the TD Bank new construction was circulated. It was noted that MetLife and Englishtown are both \$4K per day. Other possibilities mentioned were Raritan Valley Community College, Ortho Pharmaceutical, Adesa Auto Auction, and NJ Expo Center. Elihu is actively seeking viable suggestions. The annual NJSP permit has been requested.

New Business

The Board wished Bob Isbitski a happy birthday. The next Board meeting was set for Wednesday February 6th at Alfonso's. Jeff White moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM and Ross seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary