New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting September 18, 2013

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

President

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White moved to accept the August minutes as distributed and Neil Gambony seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff reported that the Car & Driver event in Lambertville was very successful, and will be covered in a BMW NA video featuring the 4-Series. The Rob Siegel meeting was well attended. The Chapter sold 27 of the 30 signed books purchased at a discount, and the remainder will be used as giveaways. Jeff suggested that we continue to do Show & Shine events for the portion of the membership that specifically attends these events.

Vice-President

Jeff Caldwell reported on Paul Ngai's behalf that Princeton BMW has not yet committed to the October meeting. Any other meeting suggestions should be forwarded to Paul.

Secretary

Dave Allaway noted that nominations for 2014 Board positions are due by the November Board meeting.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed and reviewed the year-to-date financial reports (income & expense and balance sheet). The advertising/newsletter income and dues/membership income have been separated, as requested. Ron noted that we need to wrap-up the laptop purchase by the end of the year.

Social Events

Jeff Caldwell reported on Gyorfy's behalf that the banquet has been scheduled for Saturday, February 1st at the Madison Hotel in Morristown. The event will be \$65 per person, with no minimum attendance required. The Chapter contribution covers the room rental and bar staff. Jeff suggested that this could be combined with a Casino Night or some other program/speaker, at additional cost, but that would be up to the Social Events Committee.

Newsletter

No report.

Website

Colin Vozeh requested that any needed updates be e-mailed to him. As a follow-up to a prior discussion on space for member uploads, Colin noted that we are paying \$6/mo. for 6 GB, which can be expanded to 24 GB for \$12.95 per mo.

Members at Large

No report.

Business Manager

Doug Feigel reported that Flemington BMW is up for renewal.

Driving Events

Neil Gambony reported that Jon Trudel will be Rallymaster for the Whack-Your-Turkey Rally on 11/24.

Driver Schools

Jeff White reported that Shenandoah was a fantastic event, with great weather. We had 49 paying students, 6 more than forecast. Jeff is getting special T-shirts as a thank-you to the instructors, as they worked particularly hard at this event. The Intro School is filling up, with room for 15 or more experienced students. Jeff reported that we are currently \$12,000 in the black for driving events this year, and he anticipates a \$10,000 year-end profit. Ross Karlin moved to purchase two extra-small helmets prior to the Intro School. Jeff Caldwell seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff White noted that DrivingEvals.com has been tried at Shenandoah for the instructor/student evaluations, with excellent results. Ross Karlin, as DEC representative, reminded the Board of the need to enforce all driving event standards, with a special note on the importance of non-participant waivers. Non-compliance by any chapter could have serious consequences on our insurance rates.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that this Sunday's autocross (9/22) will be at the PNC Bank Arts Center - North Lot, and we should be extra-vigilant on adhering to local noise standards. The 10/20 autocross will be at the same venue.

Old Business

Ed Hansen is taking over the toolbox from Jeff Caldwell and the engine hoist from Jeff White. Jeff Caldwell moved to spend \$562.43 (including \$300 previously approved) for the purchase of an E46 control arm bushing master tool and differential mount tool. Colin Vozeh seconded (carried unanimously). Larry reported that the TireRack Street Survival school is next week. Jeff Caldwell noted that with several other track and resort venues under discussion, National does not seem to have any current interest in Oktoberfest at NJMP.

New Business

The next Board meeting was set for Wednesday 10/23 at Alfonso's. Ross Karlin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM and Ron Gemeinhardt seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary