# New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting October 23, 2013

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Ross Karlin, Ron Gemeinhardt, Jeff White, Neil Gambony, Colin Vozeh, Dave Allaway. Paul Ngai, John Gyorfy, Marc Goeller, Bob Isbitski. Board members absent: Jerry Faber. Others present: Doug Feigel, Larry Engel, Ron Acher, Jamie Kavalieros, Brian Morgan, Blake Smith, Chuck Schmidt, Charles Craig.

### President

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Colin Vozeh moved to accept the September minutes as distributed. Marc Goeller seconded (carried unanimously). After discussion, Jeff Caldwell moved to designate the Summit Point driver school and club race event as an annual memorial to Geoff Atkinson. Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously). In regards to 2014, it was noted that Doug Feigel and Paul Ngai are interested in serving in other capacities.

### Vice-President

Paul Ngai reported that the October meeting will be tomorrow (10/24) at Shade Tree Garage in Morristown. The November/December meeting will be the Pinewood Derby and elections, held Tuesday 12/3 at Deutscher Club of Clark starting at 7:00 PM. The BMW Vehicle Distribution Center tour will be Saturday 3/29/14, limited to 200 members, details to follow. Jeff Caldwell will reach out to DelVal for a joint event at the Simeone Automotive Museum. Jeff is also interested in arranging a tour of the Oscar Davis collection.

## 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). Ron noted that the event sponsorship check from JMK has been received, and also a refund check from NJ Expo Center. We are still awaiting reimbursement from National for the ITS and Regional Instructor Seminar. There were discussions on remaining expenses for 2013, and on improving the attendance and profitability of the autocross program.

## **Social Events**

John Gyorfy distributed the details on the banquet, scheduled for Saturday 2/1/14 at the Madison Hotel in Morristown, including a proposed Casino Night to boost attendance. After discussion, Jeff Caldwell moved to authorize a maximum \$4,000 expenditure for the banquet and Casino Night. Colin Vozeh seconded (carried unanimously).

#### Newsletter

No report.

## Website

Colin Vozeh reminded the Board to notify him promptly of any needed updates. A prototype of the new website was distributed by Marc Goeller earlier today, with to-do's for going live by the end of 2013. Marc reviewed the recent changes, which were well-received, and asked for any additional feedback.

# Members-at-Large

Bob Isbitski reported that the newly ordered instructor jackets appear to be of adequate quantity and sizes. A review of the new driver/instructor evaluation system shows that we are receiving more detailed comments and a higher percentage of respondents.

# **Business Manager**

Doug Feigel reported that Flemington BMW has renewed their sponsorship.

### **Driving Events**

Neil Gambony noted that the Whack-Your-Turkey Rally will be 11/24, with a starting point in Flemington.

#### **Driver Schools**

Jeff White reported that the Intro school was a sell-out, with 34 first-timers, 67 experienced students, and 55 instructors. The event went very well, with positive feedback received. Jeff is working on 2014 track dates, and should have NJMP dates by the next board meeting. We will have a possible \$5-10 increase next year, having held the price constant for the past 3-4 years. The board congratulated the Driver School Committee for an outstanding year. Ross Karlin noted that the regional DEC meeting will be 12/14 and solicited any comments or ideas, and appropriate additional attendees.

# **Autocross**

The Champ Series points have been posted.

### **Old Business**

Jeff Caldwell reported that the tools authorized at the last meeting have been purchased and received.

### **New Business**

The next Board meeting was set for Wednesday 11/20 at Alfonso's. Ross Karlin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM and Paul Ngai seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary