# New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting January 8, 2014

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Ross Karlin, Ron Gemeinhardt, Doug Feigel, Paul Ngai, Jeff White, Neil Gambony, Colin Vozeh, Marc Goeller, Board members absent: Dave Allaway, John Gyorfy, Jerrry Faber. Others present: Not recorded.

#### **President**

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Ron Gemeinhardt moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and Neil Gambony seconded (carried). Paul Ngai agreed to take the minutes. For the record, results of the December election are noted as follows. President: Jeff Caldwell, Vice President: Marc Goeller, Treasurer: Ron Gemeinhardt, Secretary: Dave Allaway, Social Chair: John Gyorfy, Driving Events Chair: Neil Gambony, Members-at-Large: Doug Feigel and Paul Ngai. Marc Goeller moved to appoint Colin Vozeh as Webmaster, Ross Karlin as Race Chair, and Jeff White as Driver School Chair [recorded as Driving Events Chair] and Jerry Faber as Newsletter Editor (motion carried). The board also appointed Jeff White and Ross Karlin to the board as Members-at-Large, and appointed Doug Feigel as Business Manager. A suggestion was made to allow the Business Manager to act as a voting board member. Brian Morgan will look into what it would take to amend the by-laws. It was reported that the BMW CCA Foundation accepted the NJ Chapter donation of \$1000 in March 2013 as part of the current Foundation drive, which totals our donation as \$2000. The July driving event will be the Geofff Atkinson Memorial, and the club race has been confirmed as a Premier Event.

## **Vice-President**

The January meeting will be at BMW of Morristown on Thursday 1/23 at 7 PM. Two of our chapter members will discuss their recent experiences with EU delivery. Food and beverages will be provided. There was a discussion of a brighter projector for future meetings. Paul will price out a new projector and will e-mail the board on the price, purchase to be decided at a later meeting. Jeff Caldwell has an old projector which he is willing to donate if it is working, and Paul will continue to provide a projector screen for club use. The February meeting is targeted for Thursday 2/20. Suggested topic is to have a panel of technicians for Q&A. Vic Lucariello will invite the other tech panel members. The BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) event will be held on Saturday 3/29. This event is open to all BMW CCA members, with preregistration required. Registration information will be posted on the NJ Chapter website.

#### Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt presented the chapter's year-end financial report. The Westlake School final check was issued. We need to determine a date for formal presentation. Deposits for NJMP events have cleared. Trophies have been purchased for the banquet. We are on target for tax contributions.

## **Business Manager**

Matt Baratz has volunteered to help out as our advertising coordinator. Doug Feigel is working on contract renewals. Letters requesting door prizes for our banquet have been issued. A good number of our sponsors have already made some contributions. Any sponsors making a contribution will receive a pair of complimentary tickets for the banquet.

## **Social Events**

It was noted that sign-up is open for the banquet to be held on Saturday 2/1 at the Madison Hotel. We encourage everyone to sign up early.

#### Newsletter

Jerry Faber relayed thanks to everyone who provided articles, photos, etc. on time. Keep up the good work.

## Website

The new website is coming along well. We need to decide on a date to freeze our existing forum for the migration to the new website. The target to perform the migration is early February. Any updates to the website should be communicated to Colin. Colin offered to collect photos for a photo slideshow to be shown at the banquet if a projector is available.

# Members-at-Large

No report.

# **Driving Events**

Jeff White reported that NJMP pricing has not changed for 2014. This year will be our 40th anniversary of chapter driver schools. Special anniversary logo shirts and hats will be made available to all members and club racers. The date for this year's instructor seminar to be determined. Ross Karlin reported on the regional Driving Events Committee (DEC) meeting in Albany, N.Y., held on 12/14/13. Topics such as scheduling and tech issues were discussed. Overall, there was a good exchange of information amongst various chapters. Larry Engel reported on Tire Rack Street Survival. We are looking at doing two events this year. Tentative dates are Sunday 6/29 and Sunday 9/28. The June event will be held at Campgaw Reservation. A possible second location will be further south.

#### **New Business**

The next board meeting was set for Wednesday, 2/12 at Alfonso's. Colin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM and Ross seconded (carried).

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary with thanks to Paul Ngai.