New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting March 13, 2019

Board members present: Neil Gambony, Ron Gemeinhardt, Bob Isbitski, Dave Allaway, Colin Vozeh, Ross Karlin, Mark Hulbrock. Board members absent: Paul Ngai, Jamie Kavalieros, Jeff White, Jerry Faber. Others present: Jeff Caldwell, Warren Brown, Brian Morgan, Gary Burnett, Rich Altman.

President

Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Ross Karlin motioned to approve the February minutes as distributed and Mark Hulbrock seconded (approved unanimously). Neil reported on the national election results, with Jeff Caldwell as the new North Atlantic Region VP and the term limit extension approved. We need clarification on whether the insurance premium for track events needs to be upfront or will be deducted. The Westlake School check was presented last Wednesday in the amount of \$10,000, including a late anonymous donation of \$500. The Westlake School would still like to conduct a tour and we are seeking dates. Jeff will be using the NJ Chapter board as a sounding board. Jeff discussed the issue of regional newsletters.

Vice President

Paul Ngai reported, via e-mail, that the 3/21 meeting at Deutscher Club of Clark will be an Ask the Experts panel. The BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tour will be 4/6 with Scott Dishman, Executive Director of the BMW CCA Foundation, as a guest. The 6/19 meeting will be at Tyspeed Automotive's Pikes Peak Sendoff Party. Brian Morgan reported that Klaus Schnitzer is actively working on obtaining a date for a tour of the Oscar Davis Collection.

Driving Events

Neil reported, on Jamie Kavalieros' behalf, that the tiered pricing seems to be generating more early registrations. Ross reported that our Regional Instructor Seminar is set for Saturday. Speakers will be Ross Karlin on Motorsport Safety Foundation certification, Bill O'Neill (GVC) on changes to tech standards, Bill Van Ocker on car control, Oleg Satanovsky (BMW NA) on BMW data acquisition apps, and Tony Salloum (VAC Motorsports) on getting started with data acquisition. Warren Brown reported that the new tech form, updated FAQ's, and tint photo request are all online as of today. Ross noted that our June (NJMP) race will be part of the 2019 Yokohama Showdown.

Autocross

Neil reported, on Elihu Savad's behalf, that we have contracts in place for all six autocross dates, including EMT coverage. Proof of insurance has been provided to the NJ State Police to complete our annual license application.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the 2018 financial statement as provided to national. Ron also distributed the year-to-date income and expense report. We already have income for NJMP Thunderbolt. There are no driving event expenses yet. Jeff noted that the national board is warning of further financial pressures due to declining membership and Roundel advertising revenue. The national car raffle did well.

Newsletter

The next newsletter deadline is 5/17.

Website

Colin Vozeh reported that everything on the website is up to date. Colin is still in need of feedback on the new website design. Ross motioned for a \$500 expenditure to implement the new design as proposed and Dave Allaway seconded (carried unanimously).

Social Events

Jeff Caldwell will do a blast e-mail for the Spring Social, Ask the Experts panel, and VDC tour. Any board member needing a blast e-mail please forward full content and photos to Jeff. It was noted that we need to transfer responsibility for Square. It was also noted that we need a registration mechanism set up ASAP for the Spring Social [done].

Members-at-Large

Mark Hulbrock reported that he has been posting to the Facebook page twice per week. Please send photos from events. Mark suggested that we have a hospitality tent for driving events to serve as a headquarters and meet-up area for participants. The suggestion was well received.

New Business

The next board meeting was set for Wednesday 4/17 at 7:30 PM at Alfonso's. Ross motioned to adjourn at 8:50 PM and Bob Isbitski seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary