

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting January 12, 2022

Board members present: Paul Ngai, Allison Mack, Bob Isbitski, Jeff White, Dave Allaway, Jamie Kavalieros, Ross Karlin, Mark Hulbrock, Colin Vozeh, Marc Biunno, Matthew Cahn. Board members absent: Rich Altman. Others present: Neil Gambony, Ron Gemeinhardt, Larry Engel, Elihu Savad, Bill Van Ocker, Hank Farber, Mirril McMullen, Brian Morgan.

President

Paul Ngai called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM via videoconference and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Jeff White motioned to accept the November minutes as distributed (and as amended to reflect Neil Gambony's tenure) and Allison Mack seconded (approved unanimously). Paul thanked Neil for serving as President for the past four years, and Ron Gemeinhardt for serving as Treasurer for the past 10 years. Dave Allaway reported the positions in need of board appointments. Jeff White motioned to appoint the following: Matthew Cahn as Treasurer, Rich Altman as Director of Social Events, Jamie Kavalieros as Driver School Chair and Member-at-Large, Ross Karlin as Race Chair and Member-at-Large, Colin Vozeh as Webmaster, Marc Biunno as Newsletter Editor, Allison Mack as Business Manager, and Kevin Sheehy as Membership Chair. Allison Mack seconded (approved unanimously). Brian Morgan is chairing a committee to draft a revision to the chapter bylaws (last revised 2009), and solicited anyone interested in contributing. Paul congratulated Larry Engel for taking on the role of Regional Vice President (effective April). Paul encouraged anyone with ideas and solutions to please let him know. It was noted that past-President Paul Paparella's wife has passed away. Ross motioned to donate \$100 to the BMW CCA Foundation, earmarked for the Street Survival program, in her memory and Jamie seconded (approved unanimously).

Vice President

Allison Mack reported that we have two events planned: a January 25th monthly meeting at Shade Tree Garage (15 attendee minimum) and an April 28th Show & Shine. February and March are still being worked on. Circle BMW has suggested a virtual meeting.

Driving Events

Jeff White is looking for qualified instructor candidates for our April Instructor Training School, including those who may have deferred in the past two years. Jeff and Ross have been in contact with Oleg Satanovsky (BMW NA) regarding our annual Instructor Seminar for March. It remains to be determined what BMW NA's health and safety protocols will allow in that timeframe.

Jamie Kavalieros reported that all 2022 events have been forwarded to Colin for the calendar, posted to the forum, and added to MSR. None of the events are open on Motorsport Reg (MSR), pending committee decisions on event pricing. 2022 events are: April 1-3 (Friday-Sunday) at NJMP Thunderbolt (Friday only) and Lightning for driver school, ITS, and Intro school (Sunday); June 6-7 (Monday-Tuesday) at NJMP Thunderbolt for the driver school and club race to benefit the Westlake School; July 16-17 (Saturday-Sunday) for the Geoff Atkinson Memorial driver school and club race at Summit Point (main track); and October 15-16 (Saturday-Sunday) driver school at Summit Point (Shenandoah).

Elihu Savad reported that he has seven confirmed autocross dates, starting April 24th. He will submit the insurance requests to National after the February policy renewal. Elihu has notified the ambulance service, whose rates have doubled for this year. We will raise our autocross price but will still be \$15 less than the SCCA was last year.

Ross Karlin reported that our NJMP Thunderbolt club race will be Monday-Tuesday (June 6-7). Our Summit Point club race (July 16-17) will overlap with the PittRace club race (July 14-17).

Larry Engel would like to do two TireRack Street Survival schools again this year. Larry's suggested dates of June 12th and September 18th met with no objections. Larry also tentatively plans a third school at NJMP sometime earlier this spring, with a different group of instructors but with the NJ Chapter officiating.

Bill Van Ocker is exploring a data coaching clinic for advanced students.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt (outgoing Treasurer) shared the 2021 year-end profit & loss statement, reflecting a \$12,590 net profit, including the Norwescap and BMW Foundation donations, but excluding the 2020 Westlake School donation of \$4,000 (see below). Ron also shared the 2022 year-to-date statement, reflecting a \$23,109 net deficit (mostly NJMP deposits). Our current cash balance is \$125,610.93. Paul suggested that we ask for our BMW M-Day deposit back instead of rolling it over again. Jeff requested that we hold off on doing so, pending a possible joint M-Day with National Capital Chapter. Ross requested that we not issue the 2020 Westlake donation check, pending presentation of a joint 2020/2021 donation.

Business Manager

Allison Mack reported that BMW of Bridgewater and Shade Tree Garage have renewed for 2022, with three other sponsor renewals expected. Paul noted that Cooper Jewelers is a potential sponsor.

Secretary

Dave Allaway reported the board election results as follows: President, Paul Ngai; Vice President, Allison Mack; Secretary, Dave Allaway; Director of Driving Events, Jeff White; and Members-at-Large, Bob Isbitski and Mark Hulbrook, with Treasurer and Director of Social Events to be appointed (as above).

Newsletter Editor

Marc Biunno thanked Neil and Allison for good content for the next issue of BimmerLife, which was submitted in mid-December. Marc will determine the best packaging for ongoing content.

Webmaster

Colin Vozeh reported that he just paid the website hosting fees and will need reimbursement. Colin will add Jamie's dates to the calendar. Mirrill McMullen needs to revise the FAQ's for tech and will get those to Colin. Dave will send Colin an updated officers list.

Members-at-Large

Mark Hulbrook will do a blast e-mail tomorrow for the January meeting at Shade Tree Garage. The social media follower counts are Facebook: 1,304 (up 14) and Instagram: 1,305 (up 9). Bob Isbitski is trying to keep things lively in social media during the winter months. Mark is constructing a summary landing page for MSR, with separate detail pages for HPDE, Autocross, and club messages.

New Business

Paul shared the latest statistics from National which were attached to the agenda. The NJ Chapter currently has 2,874 members with 1,677 memberships expiring this year. It was noted that recent changes in the rebate program may have impacted membership and renewal lengths.

Mark Hulbrock noted that GridLife is heavily promoting their PDE and lifestyle events at NJMP (Friday-Sunday July 22-24) and Lime Rock (Friday-Saturday August 19-20) and we should have a presence there. These are sell-out events that attract a nationwide audience. Mirril offered to assist.

It was noted that 24 Hours of Daytona tickets are still on sale, with infield parking sold-out and six outfield tickets remaining.

Allision noted that O'Fest will be September 27th to October 2nd in Palm Springs with track events at Thermal, and that an NJ Chapter contingent should be encouraged.

An MX1 Enthusiast Weekend will be April 8-10 in Spartanburg. Larry and Allison plan to attend.

An M-car event on March 5th at the Amelia Island Concours is looking for M-cars to display.

It was decided that 2020 board meetings be scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Accordingly, the next board meeting was set for February 9th.

Jeff motioned to adjourn at 8:58 PM and Jamie seconded (approved unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Allaway, Secretary