New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting June 12, 2024

Board members present: Paul Ngai, Allison Mack, Jeff White, Dave Allaway*, Matthew Cahn*, Ross Karlin*, Jamie Kavalieros, Mark Hulbrock*, Bob Isbitski*, Josephine Skwish*. Board members absent: Wade Howard, Bill Van Ocker. Others present: Ron Acher, Ron Gemeinhardt, Bob Isbitski*, Stan Mayer, Brian Morgan, Elihu Savad*, Vinny Vigorito. (* via audio/video teleconference)

President

President Paul Ngai called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at Alfonso's. Jeff White moved to accept the May minutes as distributed and Allison Mack seconded (approved unanimously). Paul congratulated the team for its efforts at the Thunderbolt School, noting the Westlake School presence, the $15,000 check presented to the school, and the 50th anniversary of driving events celebration. He noted that the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) meeting is confirmed for September 7, with BMW of Bridgewater sponsoring lunch. He is working with BMW NA on having special cars on display, and may ask for members to bring classic cars. The attendance limit will be 100; Paul will coordinate with Jeff White to get the event listed on Motorsport Reg. Paul also noted the need for event sponsorships, and encouraged board members to focus on getting sponsors.

Vice President

Vice President Allison Mack reported that scheduled meetings include June 15 at eMpower Automotive, July 18 at BMW of Bridgewater, August at BimmerService by TySpeed on a date to be determined, and September 19 at Circle BMW.

She also noted that the Biergarten at the Deutscher Club of Clark, at which the New Jersey Chapter is a partner, not a sponsor, is set for July 26.

She also indicated that she would like to hand off the NJ Chapter's Google drive folder to someone else on the board. Matthew Cahn explained that the chapter has a Google Drive and that he would provide access to Allison, Wade Howard, and Mark Hulbrock.

Driving Events

Driving events director Jeff White reported thanked BMW of Manhattan for its sponsorship, its in-person presence, and the pace car it supplied for the June 3-4 Thunderbolt driving school and Club Race, and also thanked BMW NA for bringing several cars for display at the event, for its in-person presence, and for the volumes it donated for the Westlake School silent auction. He also displayed a New Jersey Chapter banner from the early days of the Chapter, donated by New Jersey Chapter and BMW CCA driving school founders Scott and Fran Hughes, who were on hand at the Monday night banquet to participate in the 50th anniversary of driving schools. Over $1,000 was raised at the banquet for the Westlake School. The amount will be applied to the 2025 Westlake donation.

Jamie Kavalieros reported that the July Summit Point event co-sponsored by the National Capitol Chapter will include an open track day and three days of racing and driving school sessions.

Club Race chair Ross Karlin noted that the Westlake School representatives at the June Thunderbolt event included the principal and the superintendent of schools along with the Westlake students and other staff. He reported that the trophies distributed to racers were made by Westlake students for the second consecutive year.

Karlin also noted that he expected a good turnout of racers for the three-day July Summit Point event.

Autocross
Autocross chairman Elihu Savad reported that the third event of the 2024 season will be held at TD Back Ballpark on June 30.
He also congratulated the team on the success of the June 9 Street survival school.

Treasurer

Treasurer Matthew Cahn deferred release of a treasurer's report pending receipt of proceeds from the June Club Race at Thunderbolt,

Secretary
Secretary Dave Allaway noted that the chapter had not yet appointed a newsletter editor, and also noted that with the resignation of Lou D'Angeli from the Business Manager position there is now a vacant position on the board. Vice President Allison Mack, who already has a board position, will fill in as Business Manager for the balance of the year.

Business Manager
Allison Mack noted that BMW of Bridgewater is sponsoring NJ Chapter Autocrosses. An in-person representative of the dealership has not yet attended, but they are hoping to have someone there on June 30. She indicated that BimmerService by TySpeed sponsored the April DE, and that Shade Tree Garage has signed on as an annual sponsor of the Chapter for 2024.

Social Events
Social events director Josephine Skwish noted that she is exploring additional collaboration between the Chapter, A Buff and Beyond, and other organizations.
She also noted that BMW of Morristown would like to hold an event, but that nothing definite has been scheduled.
Vinnie Vigorito reported for Communications director Wade Howard. He noted that the June 8 Cars and Coffee in Paramus was attended by over 200 people, and that t-shirts made for the event sold out quickly. He indicated that on June 23 a "Cars & Cappuccino" would be held at Café Graziella in Hillsborough. He also noted that an additional Beef and Beer night is planned for July 21.
Vigorito also indicated that a chapter picnic is planned for September 1 pending approval of the location by Monmouth County.

Members-at-Large
It was noted that over 1,000 people follow the NJ Chapter online, largely because of our social events.

Old Business
Jeff White indicated that several individuals who should have received NJ Chapter jackets did not receive them. In order to do a small production run a few additional orders are needed. He encouraged board members to identify potential purchasers.

New Business
The next board meeting is scheduled for July 17 at 7:30 PM at Alfonso's.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Morgan