

**New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting
September 14, 2011**

Board members present: Larry Engel, Mark Mallory, Jeff White, Colin Vozeh, Ross Karlin, Doug Feigel, Jerry Faber. Board members absent: Dave Allaway, Deb Kolar, Paul Ngai, Jamie Kavalieros, Al Drugos. Others present: Barry Stevens, Vic Lucariello, Elihu Savad, Neil Gambony.

President

Larry Engel called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM at Alphonso's in Somerville. Jeff White moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the August meeting and Doug Feigel seconded (carried unanimously). Larry mentioned that it was the time of the year for members to step forward to be nominated for Board positions. He likes working with the current board but would welcome new members should anyone decide to step down. Colin will send a notice to Jerry to publish in the newsletter. Larry was open to recommendations from board members for potential candidates from the general membership. There was no news from Linda Axelson regarding O'Fest 2012. National is still mulling over where O'Fest will be held. Larry will let the board know when he gets a decision from National. Larry asked about posting an event for the Make-A-Wish Foundation on the website. Approval was given with the proviso that it be listed as a non-Club event. Larry handed out a data sheet regarding the last e-mail blast in which 2,182 messages were sent.

Vice-President

Larry reported that Paul had arranged the next membership meeting for September 21st at the DCC, with Stable Energies and several members of the Driving Events committee. The October 19th meeting will be at Flemington BMW, with a program under development. Vic asked if there is going to be a tech session, as he would need to know ASAP. Doug will check with Flemington about the meeting. The Nov/Dec meeting will be the Pinewood Derby and Board elections in early December at the DCC. There are several meetings in the works for 2012 including programs by Klaus Schnitzer and by the NJ State Police, and a meeting at Park Ave BMW. Paul will finalize dates and times.

Treasurer

Mark distributed an income & expense report and balance sheet. He reported there was not a big change since last month and was relying on Jeff to provide expense information regarding driver schools. Mark was not sure if we would be able to use the credits from Autocrosses that were canceled and rescheduled. Mark is working with Doug on getting the Autocross trailer registered in the club's name. They are waiting for forms and info from the MVC.

Social Events

Larry is going to contact Al regarding the banquet for 2012.

Newsletter

Jerry will include a nomination blurb in the upcoming newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is this weekend. Based on the increasing number of ads, we may go to 16 page issues. This is at Jerry's discretion on a month-by-month basis.

Website

Colin was waiting for the web banner from Park Ave BMW, which will be sent to Doug first. Colin reported that he deactivated a user account on the website, as being a suspected spammer.

Business Manager

Doug reported that Park Ave BMW is now a new sponsor and is paid in full. Doug stated that NJ State law requires new car dealers of the same brand to be 12 miles apart, hence the lack of MINI dealers in NJ.

Driving Events

Jeff reported there were several last minute cancellations, which left us with only 41 students for the Shenandoah school. He surmised that the school might cost the club \$2,000 to \$2,200. Jeff had also expressed concern as to whether the club may be responsible for repairs to the facility from an on-track incident there. He'll let the board know when he hears from BSR. Jeff stated that the October Intro School is half full and is receiving 2-3 registrations per day.

Autocross

Elihu reported that when an Autocross is cancelled our insurance coverage is also cancelled, and when Mr. John is delivered we are still responsible for it. He was trying to see if he could get coverage through the club's insurance carrier just for that, but so far to no avail. Neil had suggested contacting Johnny on the Spot to see what kind of coverage they offer. The next two Autocrosses are September 18 and October 23. Jon Trudel is organizing the Whack Your Turkey Rally, Mark will contact him regarding the status, and ask him to prepare an article for the newsletter and the website.

Membership

Neil reported that National has finally sent new member info, and he will work on getting new member letters out in the next few weeks.

Old Business

Vic reported that he found and ordered a brake fluid tester, as authorized by the club, for about \$100 less than allocated.

New Business

Doug reported having received a request for a fundraising donation from a high school football team. The Board felt that it was not within the club's policy to make a donation of this type.

The next meeting was set for October 12th at Alphonso's. Doug moved to adjourn the meeting and Ross seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Gambony, New Member Chairman