

**New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting  
January 11, 2012**

Board members present: Larry Engel, Jeff White, Ron Gemeinhardt, Ross Karlin, Doug Feigel, Jerry Faber, Paul Ngai, Al Drugos, Neil Gambony, Dave Allaway. Board members absent: Colin Vozeh, Mark Mallory. Others present: Brian Morgan, Barry Stevens, Vic Lucariello, Elihu Savad, Chris Leckenby, Bob Isbitsky, Jon Trudel.

**President**

Larry Engel called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Al Drugos moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the November meeting and Neil Gambony seconded (carried unanimously). Larry proposed appointing newsletter editor Jerry Faber, webmaster Colin Vozeh, and two board members-at-large: Jeff White (driver school chair) and Ross Karlin (race chair). Dave Allaway so moved and Paul Ngai seconded (approved unanimously). Larry noted that Mark Mallory has agreed to continue as Treasurer on a temporary basis. Ross so moved to appoint Mark and Jeff seconded (approved unanimously). Larry reported that Jeff Caldwell has agreed to take over the chapter toolbox. Larry expressed a desire to increase membership. Larry is interested in doing one or two TireRack Street Survival events at Campgaw Reservation. Ross will meet with the county parks director. Larry noted that we recouped about half of the previous two years' deficits, and he would like to recoup the other half this year. It was noted that the Chapter Congress at the end of February will include an autocross design workshop. Larry moved to fund attendance of Elihu Savad, in addition to those four members paid by national, and Al seconded (approved unanimously). There was a discussion of a recent National Board decision to restrict event participation to club members.

**Vice-President**

Paul Ngai reported on planned meetings, as follows: Wednesday 1/25 at Unique Photo with Klaus Schnitzer as guest presenter, Thursday 2/23 at DCC with a Union Police representative as guest speaker, Saturday 3/24 at the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC). For the VDC event we will use MotorsportReg for registration, opening date approximately one month in advance. Wednesday 4/18 at Park Avenue BMW, May at DCC, June at BMW NA (Paul will request a Friday date). Larry asked for opinions on hosting a coral at the May GrandAm event at NJMP. It was noted that the NY Chapter will again be hosting a meeting at the NY Auto Show on Saturday 4/7. Brian Morgan suggested the David Hauter video as a meeting topic.

**Secretary**

Dave Allaway reported that the 2012 slate of officers, as nominated, was approved unanimously by the membership at the December meeting (noting the withdrawn nomination for Treasurer).

**Treasurer**

Larry reviewed the financials from Mark Mallory (not distributed). Ross reported that we will be receiving a \$2,500 reimbursement for the 2011 ITS and \$1,500 for the 2011 instructor seminar.

**Social Events**

Al Drugos reported that the banquet will be 3/3, same place, same time. Al requested sponsorship. There was discussion on hiring a DJ. There was informal consensus that a driver school could be used as payment for the DJ. Doug and Neil will be working on sponsor prizes. Larry will be sending out a blast e-mail on upcoming events. Chris Leckenby asked about events that might appeal to families and kids.

**Newsletter**

Jerry Faber reported that the January issue should be in mailboxes next week. Deadlines for 2012 have been issued. Doug asked about mailing address validation.

**Website**

No report.

**Business Manager**

Doug Feigel reported on two new sales leads and existing sponsors up for renewal. There was a discussion of potential sponsors.

**Driving Events**

Neil Gambony thanked Jon Trudel and Ron Gemeinhardt for their work on the Whack-Your-Turkey rally. Jeff White reported that the 2012 driver school schedule has been set, posted, and blasted to all on MotorsportReg. The schedule is basically the same as 2011. The prices at NJMP will be the same except for a \$1000 discount for the Intro event. We have no contract yet with Summit Point. Ross and Jeff would like to update the radios with new batteries and antennas, expense not to exceed \$500. Ross so moved and Dave seconded (carried unanimously).

**Autocross**

Elihu reported that he has submitted our state permit applications. The NJ State Police will be holding their annual meeting on 1/24. There was discussion on handling the insurance reimbursement for a TD Ballpark damage claim. Elihu will put the ballpark in touch with Wells Fargo. Elihu has several dates for April, May and June at Expo.

**Membership**

Neil reported that new member letters went out last week.

**Old Business**

Larry has renewed the P.O. box. Jeff has provided the requested driving event statistics to BMW NA. It was agreed that we should continue to maintain the phone line.

**New Business**

It was noted that we need to check on whether the Plymouth Rock (formerly High Point) policy on track events has changed. Vic Lucariello reported that he is establishing a regional chief-of-tech e-mail discussion. Vic also noted that some years ago the chief-of-tech was made responsible for the scales. Vic asked that this responsibility be formally transferred to the Chapter Toolbox. Dave so moved and Jerry seconded (carried, one opposed).

The next meeting was set for Wednesday 2/8 at Alfonso's. Al moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 PM and Paul seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Allaway, Secretary