

**New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting
October 10, 2012**

Board members present: Al Drugos, Larry Engel, Jeff White, Ron Gemeinhardt, Doug Feigel, Neil Gambony, Paul Ngai, Colin Vozeh, Ron Acher, Dave Allaway. Board members absent: Jerry Faber, Ross Karlin. Others present: Vic Lucariello, Elihu Savad, Jamie Kavalieros, Jeff Caldwell.

President

Larry Engel called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White moved to accept the September minutes as distributed and Al Drugos seconded (carried unanimously). Larry asked Paul Ngai to officiate at the November meeting, and Neil Gambony volunteered to take the minutes. Larry reported on the success of the recent TireRack Street Survival (TSS) school event with 25 students. It was noted that 2013 Board nominations are due by the November meeting. Larry expressed the personal objective to work on community-outreach on behalf of the Chapter next year.

Vice-President

Paul Ngai reported that the presentation and book-signing by Ingrid Steffensen is scheduled for 10/18 (Thursday) at the Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC) at 7:30. There is no November meeting. The December meeting will be 12/7 at DCC, with Pinewood Derby (Champ Series finale) and elections. Klaus Schnitzer will be guest speaker at the January meeting (tentative). Flemington BMW has again offered to sponsor the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tour on Saturday March 23, 2013. It was proposed that we charge \$10 admission at the door, 100% to be donated to the BMW CCA Foundation

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed and reviewed the year-to-date financial reports (income & expense and balance sheet). Expenses included the previously-authorized \$1,797 expenditure for eight new loaner helmets. Ron noted that our State of New Jersey non-profit report has been filed. We have received reimbursement for the Spring TSS and the 2012 Instructor Seminar.

Secretary

Dave Allaway reported on nominations received: Jeff Caldwell for President, Niel Gambony for Driving Events Chair, and Doug Feigel for Member-at-Large.

Social Events

Al Drugos reported that he is working on the banquet. There was a general discussion on possible locations. There was a discussion on subsidizing the banquet, with no decision made.

Newsletter

Larry reported, on Jerry Faber's behalf, that 10/26 is the deadline for the November/December issue. Dave will provide Ron Acher with nominations to be included in the mid-November blast-email. The next e-mail this weekend will include Pinewood Derby, Whack-Your-Turkey Rally, and elections reminder.

Website

Colin Vozeh requested prompt notification on any needed website updates. Colin also asked for photos from events for the website.

Business Manager

Doug Feigel reported that the Park Avenue BMW advertising renewal is pending, and he has verbal commitment for renewal from Shade Tree Garage. Larry requested that we have name tags at every meeting, as we did at the September JMK meeting. Doug is working on rally prizes. It was noted that we need to coordinate sponsor solicitations with Sigfest, in order to avoid any confusion or conflict.

Driving Events

Neil Gambony noted that the Whack-Your-Turkey Rally is on schedule (Sunday before Thanksgiving), with details to be announced. A nomination of Ross Karlin for North Atlantic Driving Events Committee has been submitted by the Chapter.

Driver Schools

Jeff White reported that Shenandoah was a great, clean, event; but with light turnout and an estimated \$5,000 loss. The Intro school is sold-out in all run groups, with 60 experienced and 43 new students. A \$2,000 to \$2,300 loss is expected due to lack of sponsorship. Jeff is anticipating a \$16,000 profit from all driving events in 2012. Jeff Caldwell asked about emulating the Del Val Chapter student resource center, and Jeff will follow-up.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that the last autocross of 2012 was this past Sunday, with low turnout but five runs. The current Champ Series point-standings were distributed.

Old Business

Jeff Caldwell will have a small list of desired toolbox purchases, to include fender-roller (\$250) and E46 trailing-arm bushing puller (no cost). Sam Shiu has donated a Bentley manual for the first-generation BMW X5. At present, we have \$5,500 in estimated capital expenses: \$1,000 for toolbox, \$1,500 for autocross, and \$3,000 for driving events. All requests are to be approved next month, and are requested to be sent to Ron prior to next month's meeting.

New Business

Vic Lucariello suggested a Chapter Library book sale, possibly to be auctioned at a monthly meeting. Jeff Caldwell inquired about interest in vintage events, with possible collaboration with the Del Val Chapter. Larry requested that the blast-emails always remind members to mention BMW CCA when patronizing Chapter sponsors. The next Board meeting was set for Wednesday 11/7 at Alfonso's. Al moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM and Paul seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary