

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting - February 6, 2013

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Paul Ngai, Neil Gambony, Colin Vozeh, John Gyorfy, Ron Gemeinhardt, Marc Goeller, Jeff White, Dave Allaway. Board members absent: Bob Isbitski, Jerry Faber, Ross Karlin. Others present: Al Drugos, Larry Engel, Brian Morgan, Doug Feigel, Mark Mallory, Vic Lucariello, Warren Brown, Elihu Savad, Ron Acher, Blake Smith, John Schmidt.

President

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Marc Goeller moved to accept the January minutes as distributed and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff Caldwell reported that Princeton BMW is interested in greater involvement in the club, including hosting a monthly meeting possibly coinciding with a new model release. Doug Feigel and Paul Ngai will follow-up. Jeff reported that the Fairfield Marriot in Millville has set an \$89/night discount rate with the club. They are also interested in becoming the official hotel for our NJMP events, and in exchange could provide a limited number of free rooms which we could use for race stewards, etc. After discussion, the Board had no opposition to this. Jeff Caldwell, Ross Karlin and Paul Ngai are signed up for the BMW CCA Chapter Congress, and Doug Feigel may also attend. Jeff spoke with Mike Renner of the BMW Performance Center about a group trip to Spartanburg as a Chapter event, possibly next year. Jeff will pursue this idea. Jeff reported that he attended the DelVal Chapter banquet and spoke with Bill Foster about collaborating on vintage events. John Gyorfy will follow-up. Jeff initiated a discussion on the need for maintaining an abbreviated summary of our upcoming events which could be used to respond quickly to requests from National, such as the quarterly regional newsletter. Jeff will follow-up on assigning this.

Vice-President

Paul Ngai reported on the upcoming February 21st meeting at Unique Photo with Klaus Schnitzer as presenter, starting at 7 PM. Saturday March 23rd will be the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tour at 9 AM, sponsored by Flemington BMW. Paul noted that the BMW NA presentation at the NY Auto Show will again be held as a NY Chapter event. Monthly meetings for April and May are still TBD. We have been offered June 7th or August 2nd for the Biergarten event at the Deutscher Club of Clark. It was decided that Paul will book the June 7th date. There was discussion of a proposed promotional video for the Chapter by Veloz Media. It was decided that we would pass on this, due to cost.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed and reviewed the year-to-date financial reports (income & expense and balance sheet). Ron will follow-up with Ross Karlin on issuing the Westlake School donation check.

Social Events

Al Drugos gave an update on the banquet, and reported that he is still looking for a band. John Gyorfy distributed a draft of planned and ad hoc social events, which was well received. John will move forward on these.

Newsletter

Jerry Faber reported (via e-mail) that the February issue should start hitting mailboxes soon, and that February 15th is the deadline for the March issue.

Website

Colin Vozeh asked about 2013 medical and tech forms. Jeff White and Vic Lucariello reported that they are up to date, respectively. An editable version of the tech form is being worked on. Jeff Caldwell noted that the new web hosting service has been rock-solid.

Business Manager

Doug Feigel reported that he has been working on acquiring banquet door prizes. There was a discussion on the Chapter funding additional door prizes, such as a camera from Unique Photo and an iPad Mini. Jeff Caldwell moved to authorize \$750 for this purpose and John Gyorfy seconded (carried unanimously).

Driving Events

Jeff White reported that our Regional Instructor Seminar has been tentatively set for Saturday March 9th at BMW NA. Jeff reported that Ross Karlin attended the BMW CCA Driving Events Congress. Jeff noted the rise in event insurance premiums, and stressed the importance of ensuring that all event attendees, including spectators, sign the waiver form. Blake Smith reported that the Instructor Training School is full. Neil Gambony reported that he is finalizing the Champ Series trophies, and is still intending to have a Spring Rally.

Driver Schools

Jeff White noted that registration is open for all 2013 driver schools, and early applications have been received for all schools. Larry Engel asked for possible TireRack Street Survival (TSS) dates, and will schedule June and September, avoiding our events and the September GVC race/school weekend.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that use of TD Bank Ballpark is unlikely in 2013. For the April 21st autocross at PNC Bank Arts Center, Elihu reported that he may need to use MONOC for EMS. This, plus the increased insurance, would add approximately \$200 to the cost. The Board was not opposed. The May 19th autocross will be at NJ Expo Center. Other sites are being worked on, including Wall Township. Elihu is anticipating a break-even or slight loss on the 2013 autocross program, due to increased costs. Jeff White suggested using the same new member promotion as driver schools.

Old Business

Jeff Caldwell is continuing to maintain the toolbox.

New Business

The next Board meeting was set for Wednesday March 13th at Alfonso's. Colin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 PM and Ron Gemeinhardt seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary