

**New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting
February 12, 2014**

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Ron Gemeinhardt, Doug Feigel, Paul Ngai, Jeff White, Neil Gambony, Colin Vozeh, Marc Goeller, Dave Allaway, Board members absent: Ross Karlin, John Gyorfy, Jerry Faber. Others present: Bob Isbitski, Vic Lucariello, Elihu Savad, Blake Smith, Chuck Schmidt.

President

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White moved to accept the minutes of the January meeting and Neil Gambony seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff Caldwell distributed proposed changes to the bylaws, to be voted upon at a future membership meeting. Jeff thanked John Gyorfy and Chuck Schmidt for their work on the banquet, which was very successful and well-attended. Also, the door prizes were excellent and well-managed. Jeff was contacted by Watkins Glen International regarding interest in a BMW corral at the GrandAm event (Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen: 6/26-29). Jeff declined direct participation by the NJ Chapter, but thanked the Genesee Valley Chapter (GVC) for thinking of us.

Vice-President

Marc Goeller noted that we are ready to migrate to the new website this month, the weekend after the monthly meeting. Marc reviewed upcoming meetings as follows: Next Thursday (2/20) will be a Tech Panel at the Deutcher Club of Clark (DCC). The tour of the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) will be 3/29. Registration will open on 3/1. Jeff White will set this up on MotorsportReg. This will be our monthly meeting for March. April will tentatively be a photo contest meeting at Unique Photo. The May meeting will be Tuesday 5/20 at Circle BMW, with a speaker from BMW NA. There was a discussion on having a content manager to coordinate NJ Chapter event schedules and descriptions for the quarterly regional newsletter, website, blast e-mails, NJ Chapter Bulletin, etc.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financial report. This included partial expenses for the banquet. Autocross expenses included our license renewal, and EMT payment for October 2013. All 2014 deposits have been paid for NJMP.

Business Manager

Doug Feigel reported that Circle BMW has renewed. Shade Tree Garage has also renewed. Eurosport is in the process of renewing. Doug noted that renewals and payments are being transitioned to Matt Baratz. Jeff Caldwell has been in contact with the Fairfield Inn in Millville regarding a group rate and other incentives.

Social Events

Chuck Schmidt thanked everyone for their feedback on the banquet, which was very positive. We will attempt a February date for 2015. The Board consensus was to repeat at the Madison Hotel in 2015. Ron noted that, due to fees, we may not want to use PayPal next year.

Newsletter

Jerry Faber relayed a reminder that content is due in the next three days.

Website

Colin asked to be notified promptly of any needed updates or issues with the website.

Members-at-Large

Paul Ngai reported that Lime Rock Park wishes to have a BMW CCA Day at the 2014 Historic Festival, which National has agreed to help promote. This would include a tent, special parking, etc. for Saturday-Sunday (8/30-31). Paul has been asked by Bruce Hazard to participate in a National Awards Committee. Jeff Caldwell noted that he is working with BMW NA on having a club presence at the Rolex 24 At Daytona in 2015.

Driving Events

Jeff White reported that the Driving Events Committee meeting is this weekend, at which event prices will be set for 2014. Registration will be open on MotorsportReg on Monday. Jeff White reported, on Ross Karlin's behalf, that we are keeping tabs on GVC's plan to move their September club race to June, which conflicts with the scheduling policy. Blake Smith has sent out applications for the Instructor Training School (ITS). A special club jacket was presented to Elihu Savad in recognition of his past and ongoing work as chair of the NJ Chapter autocross program.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that our NJ State Police competition license application has been submitted. We still require an insurance certificate from Lockton Affinity (recently changed from Wells Fargo). Tentative autocross dates are: 4/27 at PNC Bank Arts Center and 5/18 at NJ Expo Center. Elihu is continuing to look at potential sites in Wall Township and South Plainfield. After discussion, it was agreed that we would front the entire cost of first-year club membership for new non-member registrants in the autocross program.

Old Business

We will continue to look for a projector for meetings. Jeff Caldwell, Jeff White and Ross Karlin will be attending the combined Chapter Congress, Driving Events Committee, and Club Racing Stewards Conference in Dallas (3/14-16).

New Business

The next Board meeting was set for Wednesday, 3/12 at Alfonso's. Marc moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 PM and Paul seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary