

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

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Ron Gemeinhardt, Doug Feigel, Jeff White, Neil Gambony, Colin Vozeh, Marc Goeller, Ross Karlin, John Gyorfy. Board members absent: Dave Allaway, Paul Ngai, Jerry Faber. Others present: Vic Lucariello, Larry Engel, Jamie Kavalieros, Deb Kolar.

President

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Ross Karlin moved to accept the minutes of the February meeting and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff reported that he, Jeff White, Ross and Paul Ngai will attend the combined Chapter Congress, Driving Events Committee, and Club Racing Stewards Conference in Dallas (3/14-16). Email Jeff any questions you want raised at the conference. Response to Jeff's query on interest in an adult car control clinic was overwhelmingly positive, with over 40 emails received. A price of \$100 to \$125 seemed to be acceptable to potential attendees. We would need a venue and instructors. Ross will check the availability of Campgaw Reservation. Jeff is handling the request for matching funds from National for the Westlake donation and other events. He thanked Ross, Larry and Doug for the presentation to the Westlake School. A representative of our sponsor, JMK, also attended. There may be a write-up in local papers. The proposed change to the bylaws, with one modification requested by Matt Baratz (Section 4J to read: "manages business relationships"), will be distributed by Jeff via email and voted on at a future membership meeting.

Vice-President

Marc Goeller passed along Paul Ngai's update that the tour of the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) is full. Marc thanked Vic and all the participants for the Tech Panel at the February Membership Meeting. Matt Sweetwood can host the April meeting at Unique Photo, with a photo contest as part of the program. Marc will publicize the request for photo submissions via the website, Bulletin and email blast. The May Membership Meeting, Tuesday, May 20th at Circle BMW in Eatontown, is arranged with BMW NA managers in charge of M Performance and Car Care Products presenting. The Parts Department will be open, with a discount for club members. June is anticipated to be at BMW NA, and August will be a repeat of last year's successful swap meet. The new website will be operational shortly.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financial report. He will provide information on taxes at the next meeting. He will be starting a new job Monday, and during this transition, he asked to be prompted if anything needs immediate attention. We have received reimbursement for the September TireRack Street Survival School. In the interest of good financial practices, Ron requested that any optional expenses be deferred until we have a better idea of 2014 revenues.

Business Manager

Doug Feigel reported that Matt Baratz has been very active in pursuing new advertisers and renewals, as he transitions to the position of Business Manager. Once the transition is complete, signatory rights will be moved from Doug to Matt. It was noted that our current procedures provide sufficient checks and balances on club monetary transactions.

Social Events

After a successful 2014 banquet, John Gyorfy has locked in February 28 at the Madison Hotel for next year. We will repeat the Casino night, and John floated the idea of a DJ. As part of our June Drivers School 40th anniversary, John reached out to Bill Foster who is interested in attending. Jeff Caldwell plans to contact others. John also mentioned the idea of a car show in Mid-September at Flemington BMW in partnership with the DeVal Chapter.

Newsletter

Jerry Faber relayed a reminder that the deadline for the April issue is this weekend. As always, content and photos are needed.

Website

Colin asked to be notified of any needed updates or issues with the website. He has updated the sponsor list. His prompt handling of a spammer was noted and applauded.

Driving Events

Jeff White reported that we already have some registrants for every driving school. ITS is full, and there are just 12 drivers school spots remaining. DeVal's Spring driving school was cancelled due to weather delaying work on the Summit Point track. We worked with DeVal to offer their students the opportunity to transfer to our Spring school. The 40th Anniversary logo designs are being spearheaded by Jeff C. They are needed within a month for use on club race trophies and event shirts.

Autocross

Jeff C. conveyed Elihu Savad's autocross update. We were unable to secure the Wall Township site, but are still looking at South Plainfield. Confirmed autocrosses are 4/27 at PNC Bank Arts Center and 5/18 at NJ Expo Center.

New Business

Ross brought up the advisability of purchasing A-frame tent signs to assist attendees at track events. For example, a sign pointing the way to registration. John said some of the signs might also be appropriate for use at social events. Ross will send a proposal to board members via email. Larry, Mark Mallory and Jeff W. attended the Tire Rack Street Survival national meeting. Larry provided info on our chapter's 2014 plans, with registration opening mid-April for the June 22 event at Campgaw Reservation and September 30 reserved for a second event. He will continue to look for a Central Jersey location.

While the scales are part of the Chapter Toolbox, Jeff C. will assume responsibility based on his plans to attend all club races. Doug requested that they be labeled property of the NJ Chapter. The next Board meeting was set for Wednesday, 4/23 at Alfonso's. Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM and Ron seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary, with thanks to Deb Kolar