

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting September 17, 2014

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Ron Gemeinhardt, Jeff White, Doug Feigel, Neil Gambony, Marc Goeller, Colin Vozeh, Dave Allaway, Paul Ngai. Board members absent: John Gyorfy, Ross Karlin, Jerry Faber. Others present: Blake Smith, Larry Engel, Matt Barratz, Mark Mallory, Bob Isbitski.

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White motioned to waive the reading of the August minutes and accept as distributed, and Neil Gambony seconded (carried unanimously).

Oktoberfest

Larry Engel toured NJMP and Seaview with BMW CCA National staff, and Larry met with the hotel staff on Thursday. National is considering adjusting the dates, but this has not been finalized. Larry reviewed the day-by-day schedule as it now stands. Larry has been in contact with Bader Field as a proposed autocross site, and also visited Bader Field with National staff. National is considering not doing a Gymkhana, due to low participation at recent Oktoberfests. The New Jersey Chapter will be solely responsible for the Driver School, Club Race, Autocross and Car Control Clinic, and we will serve as general hosts for the Oktoberfest. Assistance from National has been requested for the TSD Rally. Chapter volunteers are needed for the Fun Rally. There was a discussion on quantity of accommodations for key personnel and determining the level of chapter reimbursement by National. It was agreed that we would request eight rooms at NJMP, not including Club Race stewards, and three rooms at Seaview. We would also request [a specific dollar amount] to offset lost event income and to cover upgraded autocross equipment, plus incidental expenses. Doug Feigel motioned to approve the above request to National and Paul Ngai seconded (carried, eight in favor and one opposed). Based on discussion with the chief instructor for Oktoberfest 2011, Jeff Caldwell would like to have an information sheet for participants regarding NJMP and local facilities.

President

Jeff Caldwell expressed disappointment regarding our blast e-mails. He would like to have a more comprehensive e-mail at the beginning of every month, as an update and calendar for the month. Jeff is working on a template.

Vice-President

Marc Goeller's reported that the September meeting will be on the 24th at Guten Parts & Service in South Orange. The October meeting will be on the 22nd at JMK BMW in Springfield. There will be an i8 on display, door prizes, and the parts department will be open late with discounted prices. Marc is reaching out to BMW NA for a guest speaker. The November/December meeting will be Tuesday, December 9th at Deutscher Club of Clark, with Pinewood Derby and elections. Marc noted that archived NJ Bulletins have been placed on the website, the photo gallery still needs work, the driving events results need to be added, and the new forum application is in operation.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. Ron stated that we are generally looking good for 2014. Ron noted a \$1,084 expense for driving event supplies, \$3,308 for other non-recurring expenses, and additional cost for commercial EMT coverage for a recent autocross. He also noted that we have not yet received reimbursement from National for the Instructor Seminar.

Business Manager

Doug Feigel reported that we are substantially down on advertising revenue compared to prior years. Matt Barratz is working on a new ad revenue sheet. Discussion on reducing NJ Bulletin expenses was tabled for a future board meeting.

Social Events

It was noted that there will be a German Fest Vintage Auto Show at The Hermitage in HoHoKus. This is the same date as our Tire Rack Street Survival school, but we will publicize it on the website.

Website

Colin Vozeh reported that there has been a recent increase in spam postings, and requested that they be reported promptly and he will take care of them immediately.

Driving Events

Neil Gambony reported that Jon Trudel will be Rallymaster for the Whack Your Turkey Rally. Larry Engel reported that the Tire Rack Street Survival school on September 28th is full, with 32 students and a waiting list. Jeff White reported that we had a record number of students and instructors at Shenandoah. Jeff would like to specially thank those who volunteered to flag on Sunday. The Intro school is half-full for regular drivers, and almost full for the two-day novices.

Autocross

Mark Mallory reported that we are losing access to the TD Bank Ballpark Blue Lot after this year.

New Business

The next board meeting was set for Wednesday, October 15th at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White motioned to adjourn at 9:49 PM and Neil Gambony seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary