

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

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Ron Gemeinhardt, Jeff White, Doug Feigel, Neil Gambony, Colin Vozeh, Dave Allaway, John Gyorfy. Board members absent: Marc Goeller, Paul Ngai. Ross Karlin, Jerry Faber. Others present: Larry Engel, Elihu Savad, Brian Morgan.

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Neil Gambony motioned to accept the October minutes as distributed and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously).

**Oktoberfest**

Larry Engel provided an update on the latest O'Fest scheduling from National, with registration on Monday, Concours on Tuesday morning, suspending all O'Fest activities mid-afternoon with arrangements for Yom Kippur observations late Tuesday through Wednesday, and resuming activities on Thursday. Both circuits at NJMP have been reserved Thursday through Sunday. Bader Field will be used for Autocross on Thursday and Friday, with Saturday for a possible Car Control Clinic or Tire Rack Street Survival. The banquet will be Saturday evening. Larry requires Elihu's assistance for the Bader Field application, including required 2015 insurance and 2015 NJSP license. Jeff Caldwell noted that we will have a brochure of self-guided tours of local points of interest. Larry attended a recent SCCA autocross at Bader Field and there was a discussion of using their layout. It was agreed that the Driving Events technical criteria need to be communicated to participants well in advance. The contact e-mail for all O'Fest volunteers is: OfestChair@NJBMWCCA.org.

**President**

Jeff Caldwell reported a good reaction to planned changes to the NJ Chapter Bulletin. Jerry Faber has determined that an additional four color pages would be \$1,500 to \$2,000 per issue. We should have a plan by January with options, including a technology plan for the enhanced e-mails. Jeff discussed the importance of Bulletin advertising as a tool for members. On Jerry's behalf, Jeff noted that there will be a one-month deadline for printed Bulletin content. We will need a new process for adding content to the website.

**Vice-President**

On Marc Goeller's behalf, Jeff Caldwell reported that we still need to follow-up with Deutscher Club of Clark for the December meeting and Turner Motorsports for the January meeting (potential race conflict). The banquet will be February 28<sup>th</sup>. March will be the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tour. April is TBD.

**Treasurer**

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. All 2014 driving events and racing income and expenses have been accounted. National reimbursements for the Regional Instructor Seminar and Instructor Training School (ITS) have not been received. The deposit for the 2015 banquet has been made. Ron is projecting a \$6,291 loss for 2014, including deferral of planned autocross purchases. Jeff White noted that driver schools would have been break-even if NJMP Lightning had been as fully-attended as 2013. Larry reminded board members to publicize chapter events on other forums. The amount of the Westlake School donation was deferred to the January meeting. All direct checks will be forwarded to Westlake before the end of the year.

**Secretary**

Dave Allaway reported the 2015 board nominations as follows: President: Jeff Caldwell, VP: Marc Goeller, Treasurer: Ron Gemeinhardt, Secretary: Dave Allaway, Social Events Chair: John Gyorfy, Driving Events Chair: Neil Gambony, Members-at-Large: Bob Isbitski and Vic Lucariello, Jr.

**Business Manager**

Doug Feigel reported that Flemington BMW has renewed for 2015, and they will sponsor the VDC tour. Paul Ngai will coordinate the VDC tour. There was a discussion of BMW dealerships that may wish to be involved in O'Fest.

**Driving Events**

Neil Gambony noted that the Whack Your Turkey Rally and Pinewood Derby are our remaining Champ Series events. Jeff White reviewed the 2015 schedule: April 13-14 Driver School and ITS at Thunderbolt, June 1-2 Driver School and Club Race at Thunderbolt, July 25-26 Jeff Atkinson Memorial School/Race at Summit Point, September

24-27 at O'Fest. October 2015 is TBD, with Shenandoah and Intro School undecided. We do not have contracts yet. There was discussion on maximizing Intro School attendance. It was noted that Watkins Glen will be closed from July-August 2015 until 2016 for repaving.

**Autocross**

Elihu Savad is continuing to pursue the South Plainfield site, but with the requested use-variance application, this has been placed on the back burner. The only site currently available is NJ Expo Center, with the possibility of at least two events. Elihu will provide a plaque for the X-Class winner, even though ineligible for the Champ Series. Jeff Caldwell thanked Elihu for a good season.

**New Business**

Jeff Caldwell noted that we are looking for a new Membership Chair.

The next board meeting was set for Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White motioned to adjourn at 9:11 PM and Doug Feigel seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary