

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting January 7, 2015

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Ron Gemeinhardt, Jeff White, Neil Gambony, Marc Goeller, Ross Karlin, Jerry Faber, Bob Isbitski, Vic Lucariello, Jr., Dave Allaway. Board members absent: John Gyorfy. Colin Vozeh. Others present: Paul Ngai, Doug Feigel, Larry Engel, Brian Morgan, Stan Mayer, Jamie Kavalieros, Al Drugos, Mark Mallory, Vic Lucariello, Sr.

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Ron Gemeinhardt motioned to accept the November minutes as distributed and Neil Gambony seconded (carried unanimously). Vic Lucariello, Jr. motioned to appoint Colin Vozeh as Web Master, Jerry Faber as Newsletter Editor, Jeff White as Driver School Chair, and Ross Karlin as Race Chair. Marc Goeller seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff Caldwell motioned to appoint Jeff White and Ross Karlin as 2015 Board Members-at-Large. Marc Goeller seconded (carried unanimously).

Oktoberfest

Larry Engel reported that everything driving event-related at O'Fest will be run through Jeff White. Mark Mallory will be the autocross chair for O'Fest. The formal application has been submitted for Bader Field. Larry has been in contact with the facility manager and the mayor's office to follow-up. Sharon Caldwell will be the volunteer coordinator. During O'Fest, Larry will be primarily at Seaview and Jeff will be primarily at NJMP. A large presence is anticipated by BMW NA, Turner Motorsports and BimmerWorld. We will be meeting with DelVal representatives on January 17th. O'Fest registration will open the end of April. Jeff reported that 800 to 1,000 registrants are anticipated. Dave suggested that we update the website masthead, calendar and forums to highlight O'Fest 2015, and Larry will work with Colin on this. Jeff thanked Larry for all the work he has done so far.

President

Jeff reported on the passing of club member Phil Eiseman. Jeff noted that 20-30 club racers attended the funeral on Monday. Phil was very involved in the Central Bucks Family YMCA and the Michener Art Museum. Jeff Caldwell motioned for the NJ Chapter to make a \$250 charity donation in Phil's memory, and Ross Karlin seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff and Ron Gemeinhardt will work out the details. Bob Isbitski requested that we take a look at our donation policy, or establish one. Jeff noted that we will now have a quarterly newsletter starting in March. Jeff recapped the financial rationale, which is about a \$25,000 annual improvement in our finances. The quarterly mailed newsletter will be supplemented with enhanced electronic communication. The standard e-mail blast will be used in January, with richer content planned for future months. Jeff Caldwell asked board members to think about succession plans for their positions.

Vice-President

Marc Goeller reported on tentative upcoming meetings, including Turner Motorsport as a possibility for February, probably at a dealership, Unique Photo proposed for March, April at the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tentatively sponsored by Flemington BMW, May at a dealership to be determined (possibly Circle BMW). Marc will contact BMW NA regarding a possible June meeting. Doug Feigel will contact Paul Miller BMW, Open Road BMW, Princeton BMW and Park Avenue BMW.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. December included \$1,700 in advertising income from Turner Motorsport, bringing our net loss to \$639, not including our planned Westlake donation. Due to the uncertainty of the exact amount of the matching contribution from National, determination of the Westlake donation was deferred to the February meeting.

Secretary

Dave Allaway reported that the full slate of 2015 board nominations, all of which were uncontested, was approved by acclamation at the December membership meeting.

Social Events

It was reported that John Gyorfy has been working with Colin on getting the banquet registration online.

Newsletter

Jerry Faber noted a March 1st deadline for newsletter content. Jerry requested a write-up on the banquet, which was delegated to John.

Driving Events

Neil Gambony noted that the Whack Your Turkey Rally was successfully run by Jon Trudel and Ron Gemeinhardt. Neil thanked Elihu Savad for providing the track for the Pinewood Derby. Neil will have the trophies available for the banquet.

Driver Schools

Jeff White reported that our 2015 events calendar is up on our website and on MotorsportReg. The club race school has been moved from the June event to O'Fest. The Shenandoah driver school has been moved to October. There will be no separate Intro school in 2015, but there will be a one-day Intro event as part of the O'Fest driver school. The Driver School Committee will meet on February 8th. Ross reported that nine chapter representatives will attend the North Atlantic Region driving events meeting in Albany this Saturday. Ross is working on an Instructor Workshop at the Newark Airport Marriott, and would like to invite attendees to the chapter banquet which is the same weekend. Jeff White announced that Vic Lucariello, Sr. will be stepping down as Chief of Tech after 28 years. Jeff and the board thanked Vic for his service to the chapter and for setting the standard for the entire BMW CCA.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported via e-mail that he is still waiting for requested information about Ericsson Corp. in Piscataway and Monmouth Park as autocross sites. He has confirmed May 17th at the NJ Convention and Expo Center, which also has Father's Day (June 21st) available. Mark Mallory noted that we need to gain approval for the South Plainfield site. Elihu has submitted our NJ State Police Racing License application, which will be processed after February 1st when our new insurance contract is active. Mark noted that we will need the new autocross equipment in time to thoroughly test it prior to O'Fest. It was reported that a TireRack Street Survival (TSS) school is tentatively planned for O'Fest. Larry will work on a TSS date for Campgaw and communicate to Ross.

New Business

The next board meeting was set for Wednesday, February 11th at Alfonso's in Somerville. Ross Karlin motioned to adjourn at 9:07 PM and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary