

## **New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting April 22, 2015**

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Ron Gemeinhardt, Jeff White, Neil Gambony, Marc Goeller, Jerry Faber, Bob Isbitski, Vic Lucariello, Jr., Dave Allaway, Ross Karlin, Colin Vozeh. Board member absent: John Gyorfy. Others present: Mark Mallory, Larry Engel, Doug Feigel, Stan Mayer, Elihu Savad, Matt Baratz.

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Ross Karlin motioned to accept the March minutes as distributed and Marc Goeller seconded. Carried unanimously.

### **Oktoberfest**

Larry Engel reported that O'Fest registration is open as of 4/20. Accommodations were discussed. Responsibility for the TSD Rally has been transferred back to the NJ Chapter from National. Autocross staffing is needed, and 45 minutes need to be reserved at the end of the day for the autocross awards. The NY Chapter has volunteered to assist. A Car Control Clinic is scheduled for Thursday at Bader Field and Bill Wade will be in charge. Larry reviewed the O'Fest schedule and pricing. The Friday banquet speakers will be Brian Redman and Bill Auberlen. Saturday night will be the Club Racing Banquet at the NJMP Officers Club. GFest 2015 will be at the track on Saturday with a corral and vendor area. This is being coordinated by National. The E30 M3 SIGFest may also be added. There will be no gate fee and NJMP will be open to the public. Volunteers will be needed for handling credentials and directions at the gate. The NJ Chapter will provide volunteer T-shirts for our events. There will be mobile apps for the O'Fest activities. It was noted that we requested and obtained approval for two ambulances all day at each track (funded by National). National will be handling garage rentals. Instructor registration will be via MotorsportReg.

### **President**

Jeff Caldwell reported that the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tour was a great event. \$1,600 was raised at the gate and \$1,600 at the auction. In all, Flemington BMW raised over \$5,000. All proceeds will go to the BMW Foundation. There was an early-production 340i on display. Jeff sent out a sample of the chapter's new content-rich blast e-mail today, and board reaction was very favorable. Jerry Faber suggested archiving on the website. Jeff suggested a prominent note in the printed newsletter to make sure that members have their e-mail addresses up to date with National. Of our 2,600 members, approximately 400 have blank e-mail addresses, including associate members. Jeff motioned to continue with MailChimp at \$35 per month (at our address level) for unlimited e-mails. We will no longer be using the National blast e-mail system. Dave Allaway suggested calling this the NJ Chapter e-Update to differentiate from the printed Bulletin.

### **Vice President**

Marc Goeller reported that the 5/19 meeting will be at Circle BMW, with the Eastern Regional Representative from Dinan as guest speaker. Friday 6/5 will be the Biergarten at Deutscher Club of Clark, with BMW as the featured marque. A Shine & Show will be our next event. Marc thanked Charles Craig for keeping the event schedule up to date on the website. Jeff Caldwell will follow-up on posting some non-track events on the National calendar.

### **Treasurer**

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. The permit fee and deposit for Campgaw were included. Colin Vozeh motioned to approve a \$242 reimbursement for dinner expense related to the Westlake School presentation. Marc Goeller seconded. Carried, with participants abstaining and no objections. Reimbursements from National for the 2014 Regional Instructor Seminar and 2014 Instructor Training School (ITS) are still outstanding. It was noted that similar reimbursements to some other chapters are also being withheld. This issue is being pursued by the National Driving Events Committee (DEC) and Ross Karlin is following-up.

### **Business Manager**

Matt Baratz reported that Shade Tree Garage has renewed. Matt noted that we are now using Square for credit card charging. It was very successful at VDC. JMK requested that their sponsor profile be deferred to this fall. Our first sponsor profile will be Bergen Smile Confidence (Andy Korinis).

### **Social Events**

Jeff Caldwell reported, on John Gyorfy's behalf, that the deposit has been made for the 2016 banquet.

**Newsletter**

Jerry Faber noted that the deadline for material for the next newsletter is 5/16.

**Driving Events**

Mark Mallory distributed quotes from Race America for upgraded autocross equipment needed for O'Fest. Jeff Caldwell motioned to authorize up to \$5,700 to purchase needed equipment, not including a laptop (already approved in 2012), and including a new timing system and display and associated equipment. This will be funded out of our O'Fest reimbursement from National. Colin Vozeh seconded. Carried unanimously. Larry reported that the 6/7 TireRack Street Survival (TSS) school is sold-out. We are still awaiting our permit from Bergen County.

**Driver Schools**

Jeff White reported that Thunderbolt was a successful event, with no incidents, and 8 out of 12 ITS candidates have passed. We discussed driving coach Claude Bourbonnais being available at Summit Point. Stan Mayer will coordinate. Jeff Caldwell will also follow up with Frank Patek at National regarding Claude coaching at O'Fest and will put Stan in touch with National if needed. Feedback was favorable from the board.

**Autocross**

Elihu Savad reported that we had 28 participants at our first autocross of the season at PNC Bank Arts Center. Our next autocross is 5/17 at NJ Expo Center. On 6/14 we will be guests at the Motorsport Northeast autocross at the Meadowlands. We will obtain our own insurance. More dates are now available to PNC, including 6/28, 7/26, 8/17 and 9/6.

**Members-at-Large**

Bob Isbitski noted that the officers need to be updated on the website and newsletter. Vic Lucariello, Jr. will follow-up.

**Old Business**

Jeff Caldwell will draft a policy on memorial donations and will circulate to board members. We are still looking for a New Membership Chair, and Jeff and Doug Feigel will coordinate.

**New Business**

The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on 5/20 at Alfonso's. Jeff White motioned to adjourn at 9:43 PM and Jerry Faber seconded. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary