

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting August 5, 2015

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Ron Gemeinhardt, Jeff White, Neil Gambony, Bob Isbitski, Dave Allaway, Ross Karlin. Board members absent: Colin Vozeh, Marc Goeller, John Gyorfy, Vic Lucariello, Jr., Jerry Faber. Others present: Matt Baratz, Brian Morgan, Sharon Caldwell, Ron Acher, Larry Engel, Doug Feigel, Elihu Savad, Mark Mallory, Blake Smith, Warren Brown, Jamie Kavalieros.

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff motioned to accept the July minutes as distributed and Jeff White seconded. Carried unanimously. Jeff expressed the intention for a briefer than usual board meeting, so that a meeting of the O'Fest committee could immediately follow.

Oktoberfest

Larry Engel provided an update on O'Fest. We had a conference call with National last week. There are close to 600 registrants so far. It was noted that not all board members have registered, and we could use additional turnout from NJ Chapter members. Larry provided details on the charity rides. We still need to finalize the contract with Bader Field, but are being assured by Atlantic City that there is no problem. Larry distributed promotional cards and small posters. The charity golf outing will be \$200, with proceeds going to the BMW Foundation. The hole-in-one prize will be a drive-it-home i8. Registrations are currently light for the Friday night awards banquet. Driver school registrations are good, except for Sunday. The Club Race School is 83% sold. Larry has recently visited JMK BMW, Flemington BMW, BMW of Morristown and MINI of Morristown. Larry also promoted O'Fest at the BMW corral for the IMSA Tudor event at Lime Rock Park and will be at Virginia International Raceway.

President

Jeff Caldwell reported the eUpdate will go out in the next couple of days, highlighting 1) O'Fest, 2) the Show, Shine & Swap event, and 3) the upcoming DelVal Chapter cub race and driver school.

Vice President

Marc Goeller reported, via e-mail, that the Show, Shine & Swap event is scheduled for August 21st at the Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC); the October meeting with Philippe Defechereux, author of the book Watkins Glen, the Street Years 1948-1952, is scheduled for the 29th at the DCC; and the December meeting is scheduled for the 8th at the DCC (Pinewood Derby and election night).

Driving Events

Neil Gambony reported that Ron Gemeinhardt will be Rallymaster for the Whack-Your-Turkey Rally.

Driver Schools

Jeff White reported that the Summit Point driver school and club race event was great, and profitable. Ross Karlin noted that we need to revisit how we handle spectator waivers (such as a pop-up at the entrance as done by PCA), as this is a serious issue with regard to chapter and national liability.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that our recent autocross in conjunction with Motorsports North East was cancelled due to Jets football practice, a consequence of the MSNE contract provisions. We are rescheduling for August 23rd. Ross Karlin confirmed that we will be using our own radios for the O'Fest autocross. Larry noted that he needs to have a copy of the NJSP competition license in hand for his meeting with Atlantic City officials.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. Ron reported that, with additional income and expenses not yet recorded, we are currently at break-even. Jeff White noted that we should be \$4-5K in the black (for track events).

Business Manager

Matt Baratz reported that he has sold eUpdate ads to Bergen Smile Confidence. Matt will have a sponsor profile of Circle BMW for the next quarterly Bulletin.

Newsletter

Jeff Caldwell reported, on Jerry Faber's behalf, that the next quarterly NJ Bulletin deadline is August 15th.

Members-at-Large

Bob Isbitski reported that he is set for Bimmerfest East, with equipment arriving from National this week. We will have assistance from National Capital Chapter, but he needs two more volunteers from the New Jersey Chapter. Bob will contact Tricia Williams at National for the needed insurance certificate. Ron Gemeinhardt suggested that, in the interest of speed, the insurance cost could be deducted from the chapter rebate. Bob requested a raffle item, and it was agreed that it would be a two-day driver school at Shenandoah. Bob will obtain NJ Bulletins from Jerry.

New Business

The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, September 9th at Alfonso's. Jeff White motioned to adjourn at 8:21 PM and Neil Gambony seconded. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary