

## **New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting October 14, 2015**

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Ron Gemeinhardt, Jeff White, Neil Gambony, Bob Isbitski, Dave Allaway, Ross Karlin, Marc Goeller, John Gyorfy, Vic Lucariello, Jr., Colin Vozeh. Board member absent: Jerry Faber. Others present: Larry Engel, Doug Feigel, Elihu Savad, Blake Smith, Warren Brown, Jamie Kavalieros, Stan Mayer, Paul Ngai, Barry Stevens, Brian Morgan.

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff motioned to accept the September minutes as distributed and Marc Goeller seconded. Carried unanimously.

### **President**

Jeff thanked everyone for their efforts at O'Fest. National stated that no track events at an O'Fest have ever been run better. Larry Engel (O'Fest Chair) and the board thanked Jeff Caldwell for his determination in getting it all started, and thanks to Jeff White, Barry Stevens, Warren Brown, Ross Karlin and Mike Dion. Four days at two tracks ran flawlessly. The events at Seaview went really well. Ross thanked Jeff Caldwell for organizing an awesome racer banquet. We received good feedback on the event, the track, and the staff. Thanks also went to Sharon Caldwell for her volunteer coordination, and to Jackie Ritacco for her volunteer efforts. Jeff noted that we have one more autocross this weekend. Neil will be Rallymaster for the Whack-Your-Turkey Rally. Jeff asked everyone to think about 2016 board positions and succession plans. Jeff will do an eUpdate this week to promote the upcoming monthly meeting. Jeff's current focus is to streamline our communications, including the eUpdate and website news feed.

### **Vice President**

Marc Goeller reported that the next meeting will be October 29<sup>th</sup>, with Phillippe Defechereux as guest speaker, and the Deutscher Club of Clark has been reserved. GutenParts in South Orange is interested in hosting a meeting, with a proposed date of November 12<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, it was agreed that this would be scheduled as a chapter social event. Paul Ngai suggested a European Delivery tour agent as a future guest speaker. The December meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup>, with Pinewood Derby and elections.

### **Driving Events**

Neil Gambony is coordinating the Whack-Your-Turkey Rally. Neil requested rally prizes from anyone with a source. Neil needs the scale from Doug Feigel for the Pinewood Derby. Neil thanked Jeff White for his perseverance and efforts in staging the Shenandoah event immediately following O'Fest.

### **Driver Schools**

Jeff White noted, with thanks to instructors, that at O'Fest we ran the equivalent of seven driving schools on two tracks without a single student incident. The Shenandoah driver school was wonderful, with great weather. Jeff would like to provide denim shirts as a thank-you to all the Shenandoah instructors for their extra efforts. Our 2015 driver school program should end up financially in the black. For 2016, Jeff is coordinating schedules with the DeVal Chapter. We are anticipating that between the two chapters we will offer students an opportunity to drive eight different tracks during 2016, with no conflicts. We will have four events, and the poorly-attended Intro School will take a hiatus for 2016. It was noted that a new track has opened in Palmer, Massachusetts, further decreasing demand elsewhere. Watkins Glen International is effectively doubling their rates for 2016. Our request for NJMP and Summit Point Raceway dates will go in tomorrow. The possibility of moving the June NJMP event to the weekend (an issue for the Westlake School), or partial weekend, was mentioned. Jamie Kavalieros noted that Shenandoah has been gaining in popularity, and our recent school attendance was limited by the available instructors. Snell 2015 helmets are coming out now. We haven't purchased any helmets in the past two years. Jamie plans to purchase some new helmets for the driver school program and pass down 2010 helmets to the autocross program, as agreed by the board.

### **Autocross**

Elihu Savad thanked Mark Mallory for his efforts at O'Fest. Elihu noted the need for online registration. Jeff Caldwell suggested that we use MotorsportReg for autocrosses next year, to be managed by the autocross committee. Elihu noted that the New York Chapter is losing their Nassau Coliseum site to development. Our last event is this Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at PNC Bank Arts Center. Availability of NJ Expo dates is expected for next year.

**Treasurer**

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. We have numerous outstanding expenses which are not reflected. Our current \$29,268 favorable net will be reduced by half by next month. We have not received the second installment of our O'Fest reimbursement. Ross Karlin motioned to reimburse Jeff and Sharon Caldwell for their O'Fest banquet tickets, which they were unable to use due to their extensive volunteer duties and work location. Neil Gambony seconded. Motion carried with 10 in favor and one abstention. To avoid a further issue, we have promptly paid a \$200 IRS filing penalty, and will request an abatement with proof of our timely filing.

**Business Manager**

On Matt Baratz's behalf, Jeff Caldwell reported that we have \$8,300 in year-to-date advertising/sponsorship revenue. JMK BMW and Unique Photo contracts are coming up for renewal. Matt has two leads on new sponsors.

**Secretary**

Dave Allaway will do a forum post on 2016 board nominations as soon as the date for the November board meeting is set. Nominations are due to Dave in writing (or e-mail) prior to the November board meeting.

**Social Events**

John Gyorfy reported that the banquet will be Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. John has received the contract for entertainment, holding to the 2015 price. We are also expecting the Madison Hotel contract to be the same price. John would like to get an inexpensive (\$300 to \$400) DJ.

**Newsletter**

On Jerry Faber's behalf, Jeff Caldwell noted that the next Bulletin deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for an additional contributor. We are working on e-mail distribution of the Bulletin, for members who do not opt for print delivery.

**Membership**

Doug Feigel volunteered to take over responsibility for sending out the new member welcome letters.

**New Business**

The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at Alfonso's. Jeff White motioned to adjourn at 9:09 PM and Marc Goeller seconded. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary