

## **New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting November 18, 2015**

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

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff Caldwell motioned to accept the October minutes as distributed and Jeff White seconded. Carried unanimously.

### **President**

Jeff Caldwell will send an eUpdate specific to next weekend's Whack-Your-Turkey Rally. We have 16 teams registered already. Jeff will send a more comprehensive eUpdate prior to the December meeting, with information on the elections, Pinewood Derby, and 2016 track dates. We had a limited turnout for the October meeting at the Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC). Vic Lucariello, Jr. reported on the recent Guten Parts get-together. The December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at the DCC will be the elections and Pinewood Derby. Marc Goeller will be arranging a meeting at C&D Auto Body in South Hackensack. John Gyorfy suggested a Show & Shine event, possibly in conjunction with Flemington BMW. John will coordinate with Matt Baratz. Matt brought sponsor-donated prizes for the rally.

### **Driving Events**

Jamie Kavalieros reported that we have not yet purchased Snell 2015 helmets. Ross Karlin will make the purchase from Stable Energies. There will be a regional Driving Events Committee (DEC) meeting in the Albany area in January and Ross is looking for topics. Ross noted that he will not be running as regional representative to the National DEC next year. Larry Engel reported that the tentative dates for TireRack Street Survival (TSS) at Campgaw Reservation are June 26<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Driver Schools**

Jeff White reported that he has secured track dates for next year. Jeff noted that the tracks were difficult to deal with. The June race will be at Lightning, not Thunderbolt. We will have four track events: Monday-Tuesday April 4-5 at NJMP Thunderbolt (Driver School and ITS), Monday-Tuesday June 6-7 at NJMP Lightning (Driver School and Club Race event to benefit the Westlake School), Saturday-Sunday July 23-24 at Summit Point (Geoff Atkinson Memorial Driver School & Club Race), and Saturday-Sunday October 8-9 at Shenandoah (Driver School). We will have no Intro School and no Club Racing School next year. There was discussion on the scarce availability of club dates and competition from multiple organizations, especially motorcycles. Jeff noted that NJMP had already booked 50 bike days for Thunderbolt. We have no date conflicts with the DelVal Chapter next year, and we will cross-promote each other's events. Jeff will post the dates to the website and MotorsportReg.

### **Autocross**

Elihu Savad is still formulating autocross dates for next year. Elihu is thinking of streamlining the autocross process, and using MotorsportReg. There was board consensus that we should do this, as it would be worth it for the increased visibility of our autocross events. Elihu will hand over our new timing equipment to Colin Vozeh to resolve a wireless issue.

### **Treasurer**

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. We have not received an invoice for the Shenandoah event in October. We expect to break-even on that event. We now need to place deposits to reserve dates for NJMP. Ron does not anticipate that we will have a large tax liability for 2015. We posted a \$5,656 net loss for the 2015 autocross program, not including equipment purchases. We received our second installment from National for our O'Fest reimbursement. We still need to ask National for reimbursement for signage (National's agreed responsibility, but purchased by the NJ Chapter on short notice). Ron is projecting approximately \$10K in net income, prior to charitable contributions. Our check to the BMW Foundation has not been cashed. Ron will contact Andrea Galehouse at the foundation. Ross noted that we have received our deposit back from Bergen County for the 2015 TSS. We have not yet received our reimbursements from National for the Instructor Seminar and Instructor Training School (ITS). There was board consensus on matching our prior year total donation to the Westlake School. The exact amount of the chapter contribution will be decided by the board at the December membership meeting.

**Business Manager**

Matt Baratz thanked everyone who has provided leads. The Bulletin/web/e-mail combination seems to have been a good idea. Matt suggested that in the future we might want to use Google Ads.

**Secretary**

Dave Allaway reported on the 2016 board nominations received, as follows. President: Jeff Caldwell, Vice President: Marc Goeller, Treasurer: Ron Gemeinhardt, Secretary: Dave Allaway, Social Events Chair: John Gyorfy, Driving Events Chair: Neil Gambony, Member-at-Large (two): Bob Isbitski and Vic Lucariello, Jr. Jeff White motioned to close the nominations and Ron Gemeinhardt seconded. Carried unanimously.

**Newsletter**

Jerry Faber reported that the columns are all in, and he has lots of pictures from O'Fest. Jerry would like to morph the Bulletin into electronic form in 2016. There was discussion on the minimum standards, and the fact that we are still required to produce four printed issues per year. It was agreed that we would deliver the quarterly Bulletin via e-mail as well as printed in 2016.

**Social Events**

John Gyorfy reported that we have made the deposit with the Madison Hotel for the March 5<sup>th</sup> banquet. A check has been sent for the entertainment. We will also have a DJ for three hours at \$600.

**Members-at-Large**

Bob Isbitski reported that he will be taking over the Facebook updates.

**New Business**

The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at Alfonso's. Ross Karlin motioned to adjourn at 9:24 PM and Vic Lucariello, Jr. seconded. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary