

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting January 13, 2016

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

President

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Neil Gambony motioned to accept the November minutes as distributed and Ron Gemeinhardt seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff Caldwell motioned to appoint Jerry Faber as Newsletter Editor and Neil Gambony seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff Caldwell motioned to appoint Colin Vozech as Webmaster and Vic Lucariello, Jr. seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff Caldwell motioned to appoint Jeff White as Driver School Chair and Member-at-Large, and Colin Vozech seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff White motioned to appoint Ross Karlin as Race Chair and Member-at-Large, and Ron Gemeinhardt seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff Caldwell shared his 2016 goals, including focusing on the eUpdate, and encouraging better communication between board members and being proactive. The end of this week there will be a specific eUpdate on the banquet, for which John Gyorfy has already submitted copy. John noted that we need signups for the banquet two weeks in advance. We also need to agree on the method of payment. The 2016 track events are set. There was a discussion on content and schedule for the eUpdates. There was a discussion on nominees for national recognition awards, including Friend of the BMW CCA, Outstanding Chapter Volunteer, Outstanding Officer, Outstanding CCA Supporter - BMW Center, and Outstanding CCA Supporter - Independent Business. Nominations may come from any BMW CCA member. Larry Engel volunteered to draft a nomination for Flemington BMW.

Vice President

Marc Goeller solicited ideas for chapter meeting topics. The January meeting will be the 27th at the Deutscher Club of Clark with a presentation on European Delivery tours. Potential speakers and topics are: Matt Casiano of C&D Autobody (February), Unique Photo with photo contest (March), artist Tom Montanari (May), Vehicle Distribution Center tour (tentatively April 23rd), BMW NA (possibly June), and Phillippe Defechereux as a repeat presentation at a different venue and with better advance publicity. There was a discussion on alternative venues and possible Saturday meetings.

Driving Events

Neil Gambony reported that there were 24 teams at the Whack-Your-Turkey Rally. Proceeds went to Ron Gemeinhardt for deposit. We discussed making this a charity event in the future (e.g., benefiting a local food bank). Neil is getting the Champ Series awards for the banquet. Larry Engel reported that our TireRack Street Survival (TSS) schools will tentatively be the last Sundays in June and September at Campgaw Reservation. We may also assist the South Jersey Region SCCA and PCA with their TSS schools.

Driver Schools

Jeff White reported that registration opens on MotorsportReg on Saturday morning. A link will be provided to sign-up for all four events with a discount. Jeff and Scott Ryman will co-promote the eight events across the NJ and DelVal chapters, including a June/August "Lightning Strikes Twice" promotion. There is a regional driving events meeting on February 7th. Let Jeff know if you have any topics. Jamie Kavalieros will purchase Snell 2015-rated helmets. Warren is still working on issues with in-car device mounting (cameras, cell phones, recording devices, etc.). Window tint checking has started. Ross Karlin reported that he is working on the 2016 Instructor Seminar and needs to check on room availability at BMW NA.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that our annual license application has been submitted, but still requires our insurance renewal. The NJ Expo Center has been paid, but we are still awaiting dates. The PNC Bank Arts Center request for dates is in. Our continued co-participation in MotorSports North East events is undecided. It was noted that 2005 helmets are still acceptable for 2016.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. The IRS still owes us a \$200 refund. Rally income has not been reflected. There was a late payment for Shenandoah, which was a \$300 net loss. A check for \$6,500 will be written to the Westlake School. Driving events were negative for the year, but we ended positive overall.

Secretary

The slate of 2016 board nominees was approved unanimously at the December membership meeting.

Business Manager

Matt Baratz noted that we have several renewals coming up. Matt needs dealer numbers from national. We need a link to mkt.com/njbmwcca for banquet payments via major credit cards. Last year Circle BMW and JMK BMW requested the club's 501c3 status for BMW NA. We need clarification from national on this.

Newsletter

Jerry Faber thanked contributors. Deadlines for 2016 will be two weeks prior to the 3/1, 6/1 and 9/1 issues. Jerry noted that a printed newsletter remains a national requirement only for those who do not opt for electronic delivery.

Webmaster

Colin Vozech requested that the officer page be checked for accuracy.

Members-at-Large

Bob Isbitski reported that Bimmerfest East will be July 30th and 31st. There was a discussion on in-memoriam donations and it was agreed that, as a general guideline, we would refrain from these in the future.

Social Events

John Gyorfy distributed a checklist and detailed agenda for the March 5th banquet.

Old Business

Ross Karlin motioned to donate \$2,005 to the Westlake School, in addition to earmarked donations [for a total of \$6,500] and Jeff Caldwell seconded (carried unanimously).

New Business

The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 17th at Alfonso's. Jeff White motioned to adjourn at 9:26 PM and Colin Vozech seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary