

**New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting
February 17, 2016**

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

President

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff motioned to accept the January minutes as distributed and Marc Goeller seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff noted that 1,400 out of 2,500 banquet e-mails were opened. Jeff will do another banquet-specific e-mail this week. Next week's general e-mail will cover 2016 driver schools, the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tour, the new Circle BMW discount, and upcoming meetings. Bob Isbitski suggested increasing the VDC at-the-door charitable donation, and \$20 was agreed upon. Paul Ngai has some door prizes including a one-day Tire Rack Street Survival (TSS) school and Rahal race team items. Jeff has updated the website sponsor list from Matt Baratz. Jeff read the 2014 rebate statistics by dealer, which totaled over 200.

Vice President

Marc Goeller reported that the January meeting on European Delivery tours was interesting and well attended. Marc will provide a recap to Jerry Faber. Marc has been unable to contact C&D Autobody or Unique Photo, so the February and March meetings are uncertain. May will be artist Tom Montanari at Hopewell Valley Vineyards on a Saturday. Larry Engel suggested tying this in with the dealerships. It was noted that BMW of Tenafly would like to host a meeting. We have no date yet on the Biergarten at the Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC). The April meeting will be the VDC tour.

Driving Events

Neil Gambony reported that the awards and trophies are ready for the banquet. It is undecided who will be attending the national Driving Events Conference in Dallas. Ross Karlin will be attending the national Driving Events Committee meeting as our outgoing regional representative.

Driver Schools

Jeff White reported that the Driver School Committee meeting was held two weekends ago. The tech form and FAQ's have been updated. The need for additional sponsors for driving events was noted, especially the June race/school. Registration is now open for all events. The instructor seminar will be 3/26. Seminar speakers will include representatives from NJMP, Stable Energies, and others. Ross noted that the Instructor Training School (ITS) is scheduled for the April Thunderbolt event. The ITS materials have been revamped, including new online materials. There was a discussion on purchasing a projector, and Ross and Jeff White will research this.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that we have two autocrosses scheduled for the PNC Bank Art Center: 4/17 and 5/8. We may have a July autocross at the NJ Expo Center (date TBD). Doug Feigel is working on a possible venue in Wayne.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. The deposit check for Summit Point Raceway has not yet cleared. The Westlake School check has been issued. The rally income has been deposited. Ron noted the Square fees are being treated as other/bank fees. An issue was raised on uncashed checks to the BMW Foundation during 2015.

Business Manager

On Matt Baratz's behalf, Jeff Caldwell noted that we have 40 banquet registrations so far, via Square. We have pledges of door prizes from various dealers and sponsors. Renewals in progress were reviewed. Matt thanked everyone who has been working on renewals, door prizes, and new leads.

Newsletter

Jerry Faber noted that the March newsletter deadline has arrived, and any last-minute articles are needed ASAP. Our publication date may slip slightly. Future deadlines are: 5/15, 8/15 and 11/15.

Members-at-Large

Bob Isbitski will post the latest meeting info on the website. Vic Lucariello, Jr. is working with John on the banquet and is soliciting ideas for a summer picnic.

Social Events

On John Gyorfy's behalf, Jeff Caldwell noted that Matt Baratz has been working on door prizes for the banquet. BMW of Morristown will be an active supporter. Vic is working on the DJ. Jeff requested that all board members attend the banquet. Alternative ideas were solicited for 2017.

Membership

Neil would like to get new chapter stickers and is working on quotes.

Old Business

Larry reported that the TireRack Street Survival (TSS) schools will be the last Sunday in June (6/26) and the last Sunday in September (9/25). Ross has applied for the permits.

New Business

The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 16th at Alfonso's. Jeff White motioned to adjourn at 8:51 PM and Macr Goeller seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary