

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting May 11, 2016

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

President

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff motioned to accept the March minutes as distributed [there was no April meeting] and Colin Vozeh seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff reported on his planned May eUpdate covering the NJMP Lightning Driver School & Club Race (6/6-6/7), Ramapo Concours d'Elegance (6/11), Bimmers & Brauts-Würste Car Show at BMW of Bridgewater (6/12), Hopewell Valley Winery (6/18), and Biergarten at Deutscher Club of Clark (7/8).

Vice President

On Marc Goeller's behalf, Jeff Caldwell reported that BMW will be the featured marque at the Deutscher Club of Clark Biergarten. Larry Engel will contact BMW of Springfield regarding interest in sponsoring chapter events. BMW of Bridgewater is now a premier sponsor. A meeting is anticipated at Circle BMW this summer. Paul Ngai reported on the VDC tour, and noted that we raised almost \$5 thousand for the BMW Foundation at the gate and auction. There will be no June membership meeting at BMW NA this year.

Driving Events

Neil Gambony reported that Barry Stevens attended the National Driving Events Conference. According to Jeff White, the April Instructor Training School was slightly undersubscribed, with 12 candidates. The June NJMP Lightning school has 40 student registrations, and he would like to get to 60 and add an extra hour each day. Ross Karlin reported that Club Racing registration has migrated to MotorsportReg, with much assistance from Jeff White on issues we needed addressed to meet NJ Chapter needs. Our next Club Race is Monday-Tuesday June 6-7, with 23 racers signed up so far. Jeff White and Ross Karlin met today with Mark Carvalho (Client/Sales Advisor and Business Manager, Flemington BMW) and Byron Brisby (President & COO, Flemington Car & Truck Country) and they will sponsor our June event. Brian Morgan noted the importance of obtaining photo releases for all the Westlake School students in advance. The July Summit Point event is still available for sponsorship. We would also like a sponsor for the September Club Race at the NASCAR K&N Pro Series event at NJMP Thunderbolt. Ross distributed an event highlights & sponsor benefits brochure we developed. Ross noted that NJMP is enthusiastic about having a club corral and special club ticket pricing. Larry Engel reported that the 6/26 Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) school at Campgaw Reservation has 31 accepted students and six currently on wait-list. Additional staff is needed. A 9/25 TRSS school at Campgaw is also planned.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that we had a great autocross on 4/17, with 38 entrants and great weather. A summons from Holmdel Township was later issued for improper use of a parking lot (rental and use approved by PNC Bank Arts Center, and by Holmdel PD at the event). This is being pursued on our behalf by Brian Corrigan under a 1955 NJ Supreme Court ruling which makes local use ordinances inapplicable to NJ State property (e.g., PNC). Nevertheless, the 5/22 autocross is canceled. With the South Lot (not in Holmdel) pavement being unacceptable, we have effectively lost the use of PNC. Tentative autocrosses at the NJ Expo Center are 6/25 (Saturday) and 7/17 (Sunday).

Social Events

John Gyorfy noted the 6/18 auto art display at Hopewell Valley Winery. A Show/Shine & Swap was proposed for August (not on a Friday evening due to traffic). Jeff Caldwell will talk to Marc Goeller about this.

Newsletter Editor

Jerry Faber noted that the quarterly deadline is in four days (5/15). Jerry solicited ideas for rejuvenating the Newsletter contents. Jerry needs a write-up for the Unique Photo meeting. The deadline for the September issue is 8/15 and we need volunteers for write-ups of summer events. We also need a photographer for TRSS. It was suggested that we do a sponsor profile of BMW of Bridgewater. Jeff Caldwell suggested member profiles. Brian

Morgan offered to reinstate the Memory Laps column. Ron Gemeinhardt will provide the 2015 financials to Jerry for publication.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. Ron received our tax package and it will be mailed this week. Our tax liability for 2015 is \$550. We believe that we are still owed a \$200 refund for an incorrect late penalty for 2014. We are current with NJMP on deposits and incident charges. Ron discussed online archiving of financial records, which he will pursue. We need to cancel insurance for the 5/22 autocross. PNC has not deposited our check and we will request that it be returned.

Members-at-Large

Bob Isbitski reviewed upcoming car show dates: Ramapo Concours d'Elegance (6/11) sponsored by Prestige BMW, Bimmers & Brats (6/16) at BMW of Bridgewater, and Bimmerfest East (7/30-31) at Englishtown. Bob will acquire materials and merchandise, and have an iPad for our booth.

New Business

The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, 6/15 at Alfonso's. Jeff White motioned to adjourn at 9:08 PM and Ross Karlin seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary