

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting November 9, 2016

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

President

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff Caldwell motioned to accept the October minutes as distributed and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously). It was agreed that we would order food for 40 members for the December meeting. Please "like" the Whack-Your-Turkey (WYT) Rally on the Facebook page. Jeff intends to send out a blast e-mail Friday for the WYT Rally, December meeting and banquet. There will be at least one Rally-specific e-mail. Jeff reported on the Circle BMW O'Fest event which was absolutely, totally awesome. Thanks to Circle BMW. They will be setting this up again for next year. Per National, there will be a ticket package for the 24 Hours of Daytona.

Vice President

No report.

Driving Events

Neil Gambony reported that the WYT Rally has been approved by Bill O'Neill. Ron Gemeinhardt will issue payment for the insurance. Flemington BMW and James Clay will provide prizes.

Driver Schools and Club Racing

Jeff White reported that the Shenandoah school was great, with wet Saturday (no incidents) and dry Sunday weather. Planned events for 2017 are: ITS/Driver School and Intro School at NJMP Thunderbolt jointly with Del Val Chapter; Driver School and Club Race at NJMP Lightning to benefit the Westlake School; Geoff Atkinson Memorial Driver School and Club Race at the Summit Point Raceway (SPR) main track; Driver School and Club Race at the NASCAR K&N race weekend at NJMP Thunderbolt; and Driver School at SPR Shenandoah. Jeff expects to have contracts in hand next month. Ross Karlin reported that he has submitted all three race dates to BMW CCA Club Racing. It was noted that NJMP has offered the track to us (at cost) on Memorial Day Weekend during the Blue Angels air show at Millville Airport. The board consensus was against. James Clay offered to assist with a Club Racing School. It was noted that we had no Club Racing School in 2016 due to lack of dual classrooms at Lightning. Warren Brown reported that Vic Lucariello, Sr. purchased a brake fluid tester, which he still has, but was never reimbursed. Vic Lucariello, Jr. motioned to purchase a brake fluid tester, not to exceed \$400. Ron Gemeinhardt seconded (carried unanimously). Ross Karlin motioned to purchase additional radios, not to exceed \$150. Jeff Caldwell seconded (carried unanimously). Ross reported that there will be a Regional Driving Events Conference in Albany on 12/3. He will attend and is willing to car pool with another board member. New helmets have been ordered. Ross will send the invoice to Ron.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that our last autocross of the season was last Saturday at MetLife Stadium, with Motorsports Northeast. It was a good event, but only six chapter members were present that we are aware of. We are short on sites next year as PNC Bank Arts Center is no longer available. The NJ Expo Center cannot be reserved well in advance for parking lot use only. Elihu is investigating Ft. Dix which is once again available, at only \$250 for the first 25 participants and \$10 per additional participant. There was a discussion on EMS coverage on federal property. The board consensus is that we would want on-site EMS coverage for all events, regardless of BMW CCA minimum standards and NJ state regulations.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. Ron reported that he has completed the transition of chapter accounts from PNC Bank to Bank of America, with the exception of adding Marc Goeller to the signatories list. Ron has established a read-only account and password for the online banking for any board member who wishes access. Ron noted that he has added \$1,075.13 for stale un-cleared checks which were not reflected as such by PNC. This is strictly a Quicken issue and does not affect our actual cash balance. Our contested \$220 IRS penalty

has been resolved and credited to our 2014 return. The matter is considered closed. Ron anticipates that we will not have any tax liability for 2016. After discussion of event proceeds, Jeff Caldwell motioned to donate \$6,255 to the Westlake School (bringing the total from all sources to \$8,500). Dave Allaway seconded (carried unanimously). Ron will also issue the donation to Deutscher Club of Clark in memory of Albert Kosempel, as approved at the October board meeting.

Secretary

Dave Allaway reported that 2017 board nominations are as follows: President, Jeff Caldwell; Vice President, Marc Goeller; Treasurer, Ron Gemeinhardt; Secretary, Dave Allaway, Driving Events Chair, Neil Gambony; Social Events Chair, Vic Lucariello, Jr.; Members-at-Large, Bob Isbitski and Jamie Kavalieros.

Newsletter

Jerry Faber reported, via e-mail, that the newsletter is at the printers. He will send a copy to National and Lou Ann Shirk on 12/1. Jerry thanked all contributors, with a special thanks to Klaus Schnitzer. The next issue is March 2017 (Winter 2017) and the deadline is 2/3/17 (mark your calendars). Jerry will also try to get a banquet report in as we did this year.

Social Events

On John Gyorfy's behalf, it was reported that the 2017 banquet has been booked for 2/25. We will not have the casino event expense next year. Vic Lucariello, Jr. offered to solicit proposals for a DJ, not to exceed \$1,500, to be approved at the January board meeting.

Old Business

The board approved indoor storage of driving events equipment and materials, and the chapter toolbox, at Maplewood Nurseries & Stone in Springfield at a rate of \$100 per month. Contract and invoicing to be arranged with Jamie Kavalieros.

New Business

The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on Wednesday 1/11/17 at Alfonso's. Ross Karlin motioned to adjourn at 9:08 PM and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary