

**New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting
January 11, 2017**

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

President

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff Caldwell motioned to accept the November minutes as distributed and Ron Gemeinhardt seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff thanked everyone who attended the December meeting, and noted that it was a good time. Jeff will attend the annual Chapter Congress 3/24-3/26 in Dallas. Ron may also attend. Jeff noted that the banquet is coming up, and that the March meeting should be interesting. Jeff reported that we have just received the form for complimentary Roundels, and that we have not sent any since 2013. We will request complimentary Roundels for sponsors, The Westlake School, Franklin Lakes FD, and NJMP.

Vice President

Marc Goeller is working on a possible April meeting at Unique Photo. There will be a members-only meeting on 3/15 in the Princeton area (to be announced). Marc solicited suggestions on dealership meetings. It was noted that BMW of Bridgewater is interested in doing a pre-event tech session.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. Ron noted that our \$19K postdated deposit for NJMP went into 2016. For 2017, Ron has added venue deposits to the balance sheet as expenses, the same as the newsletter deposits. The 2016 TSS reimbursement has been received from the national office. We are still waiting to issue the Westlake School donation check, pending a meeting date (Ross to follow-up). Jeff White attended the Regional Driving Events conference in Albany, and reported that we are one of the few chapters to turn a profit on driving events.

Secretary

Dave Allaway reported that the 2017 board nominees (uncontested) were elected at the December membership meeting by unanimous acclamation. Jeff Caldwell motioned to elect Jeff White and Ross Karlin as Board Members-at-large, Jerry Faber as Newsletter Editor, and Colin Vozeh as Webmaster. Marc Goeller seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff Caldwell motioned to appoint Jeff White as Driver School Chair, Ross Karlin as Race Chair and Paul Ngai as Business Manager. Vic Lucariello, Jr. seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff noted that those considering running for positions in 2018 should assist this year.

Social Events

Vic Lucariello, Jr. reported that the banquet will not include a casino this year. We will have an excellent local band instead of a DJ. He has contracted a 5-piece band for the evening at \$1,700, [previously approved not to exceed \$1,500] including our use of their audio equipment. The band will be located on the terrace.

Driving Events

Neil Gambony thanked Dave Allaway and Deb Kolar for the WYT Rally, and for contributing their expenses. The rally raised \$680 for the Northwest New Jersey Community Action Partnership, plus non-perishable food contributions. We plan to do the same in 2017. Neil is working on awards for the banquet. Neil has been contacted by Peter Schneider from SCCA about doing rallies together, which could be TSD, gimmick or poker-run format. Larry Engel reported that he would like to do two Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) schools this year. Target dates are the last week in June and the last week in September. Ross Karlin will obtain the available dates from Bergen County. The Southern New Jersey Region SCCA is interested in a TRSS with us at Bader Field as a joint event, and DelVal Chapter may be interested in assisting.

Driver Schools and Club Racing

Jeff White reported that the 2017 driver school/race calendar is set and posted to the website. Pricing is almost finalized. The NJMP September contract is anticipated but not yet received. It will be Saturday-Sunday, with two races each day, and the feature race on Saturday. The June race at Lightning will be a Premier Event. Our first event for 2017 is a joint event with DeIVal Chapter. Pricing has been agreed upon. Friday will be open track and ITS, Saturday driver school, ITS, and evening banquet, Sunday driver school and intro school. Ross has contacted BMW NA regarding the 2017 Instructor Seminar.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported (via e-mail) that most of our past sites are unavailable. He asked about 5000 Hadley Road in South Plainfield and present owners expressed an active disinterest in our activities. Pfizer has not responded to our request for the blue lot at Patriots Stadium, for which we were told their risk management people gave a firm no. We checked again about another remediation site at Hamilton Blvd. and Newmarket in South Plainfield. Previously, the town wanted a variance application. The town attorney now informs us that the EPA does not want any traffic on the blacktop cap. The NJCEC in Raritan Center does not, at present, have any available dates for April or May. The rest of the year is unknown at this time. Elihu has renewed our inquiries into the driver training areas at Fort Dix. Colin is in the process of obtaining the needed Commanders License for us. According to Colin, no one has said no yet. We still needed to check on the condition of the site. We can still join with NNJR SCCA or Motorsports Northeast at MetLife Stadium, but our chapter attendance there has been poor.

Business Manager

Paul Ngai thanked our sponsors for their support in 2016. He is looking forward to a great 2017 and adding more sponsors. Paul has met with Matt Baratz and Doug Feigel. Our banquet sponsors are Guten Parts, Bavarian Autosport, BimmerWorld, and Circle BMW. Paul is working on a possible banquet speaker. The BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tour is tentatively set for 4/22. Flemington BMW will not be participating this year. The BMW NA meeting is scheduled for 6/17. It was noted that the E30 M3 SIGFest will be at BMW NA on the afternoon of 6/17. Paul reminded the board that the end of January is the nominations deadline for the national recognition committee.

Newsletter

Jerry Faber reported (via e-mail) that the next deadline is 2/4. Content has been received from Dave, Marc and Elihu. He would like to start the new year right and get columns in on time.

Webmaster

Colin Vozeh reported that everything is up to date on the website.

Old Business

Ross Karlin asked the board to authorize \$1,500 for a projector and hard case. Dave Allaway seconded (approved unanimously).

New Business

The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on Wednesday 2/15 at Alfonso's. Ross Karlin motioned to adjourn at 9:15 PM and Jamie Kavalieros seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary