

## **New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting February 15, 2017**

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Marc Goeller, Bob Isbitski, Jerry Faber, Neil Gambony, Vic Lucariello, Jr., Jeff White, Dave Allaway, Ross Karlin. Board members absent: Ron Gemeinhardt, Jamie Kavalieros, Colin Vozeh. Others present: Elihu Savad, Stan Mayer, Blake Smith.

### **President**

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:52 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Neil Gambony motioned to accept the January minutes as amended and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff commented on the Rolex 24 at Daytona, BMW Experience and BMW CCA Infield Corral and Hospitality which was awesome this year. Lots of club members were in attendance. Jeff will send an e-mail tomorrow on the upcoming banquet and BMW of Bridgewater meeting.

### **Vice President**

Marc Goeller reported that our February meeting and tech session will be 2/23 at BMW of Bridgewater. Our March meeting will be 3/15 at Hamilton Jewelers in Princeton. Registration will open at noon on 2/19, and BMW CCA membership ID will be required at the door. The April meeting will be the VDC tour (see below). The May meeting will be at Guten Parts in South Orange, as a monthly meeting, social get-together and car unveiling. The June meeting will be at BMW NA on 6/10, in conjunction with the E30 SIGFest. Friday 7/7 has been proposed by the Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC) for their Biergarten, and the board strongly agreed that we should accept. A Show, Shine and Swap is planned for a Thursday in early to mid-August (to be scheduled), with Griot's Garage as a presenter.

### **Treasurer**

Ron Gemeinhardt reported via e-mail that the reservation deposits for all track events have been cashed. The invoice for our remaining deposit for the April NJMP event has not been received. We are still waiting for Bergen County to refund our 2016 deposit. We received our January dues rebate, about \$3,160. Banquet ticket sales have been very slow. Ron estimated less than \$500 so far. MotorsportReg shows quite a few driving event registrations already, but they have not send funds to us, to date.

### **Driving Events**

Neil Gambony reported that the awards and trophy are ready for the banquet. The Northern New Jersey Region SCCA's first rally of the year is 5/7 (format to be determined), and Neil proposed that this be a Champ Series event.

### **Driver Schools and Club Racing**

Jeff White reported that signups are going OK for our first event. We have 11 registrants for ITS, and are 50% full on Saturday/Sunday. We are low on registrants for Friday (solo), and Jeff Caldwell will publicize. The September NJMP contract has been finalized. Ross Karlin reported that the annual Instructor Seminar will be 3/4 at BMW NA. Speakers are being arranged, including BMW NA.

### **Autocross**

Elihu Savad reported that nothing definite has been lined up. The NJ Convention & Expo Center has no dates for April or May. Colin Vozeh is still working on the Ft. Dix (JB MDL) application. The Vintage Triumph Register inquired about renting our timing equipment for their August event at Westin Forrestal Village in Princeton. We declined. Our 2017 NJSP permit has been applied for. Elihu noted that our attendance at NNJR SCCA events has been low. Marc thanked Elihu and his team for their persistent efforts to obtain autocross venues.

### **Social Events**

Bob Isbitski confirmed that our Facebook page has the banquet information. Vic Lucariello, Jr. inquired about obtaining ongoing banquet registration/headcount information. This should be available from Ron Gemeinhardt.

### **Business Manager**

Paul Ngai reported via e-mail that the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tour is set for Saturday 4/22. Registration opens 30 days prior to the event on MotorsportReg. BMW of Bridgewater has expressed interest in

sponsoring this event. Banquet door prizes are still being collected, and we have donations and verbal commitments from several sponsors already.

#### **Newsletter**

Jerry Faber reported that the next Bulletin is about done. Larry Engel provided a Rolex 24 writeup and great photos. Jerry asked about delivering e-mailed PDF Bulletins for those 500+ members who have indicated electronic delivery as their preference. This would be a savings of about \$2,000 per year. Our current e-mail service does not allow attachments. Jerry will contact Colin Vozeh and Steve Schlossman (BMW CCA national office) about e-mail options. Marc Goeller and Jeff Caldwell thanked Jerry for his continued efforts on the Bulletin.

#### **Members-at-Large**

Bob Isbitski reported that he will be representing the club at Bimmerfest East on 7/29 and 7/30 in Englishtown, and that we will have a centrally located booth. There was an inquiry from Bimmerfest as to whether we could run the autocross (they used SCCA in 2016). Bob will obtain more information and follow up with Elihu. Bob requested an inventory of chapter-owned items. Jeff Caldwell noted that we are no longer loaning out the scales and they will be reserved exclusively for Club Racing. Jeff would like to update the toolbox with some newer tools and sunset some older tools. He solicited suggestions.

#### **Old Business**

Jamie Kavalieros is purchasing helmets.

#### **New Business**

The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on Wednesday 3/22 at Alfonso's. Ross Karlin motioned to adjourn at 8:58 PM and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Allaway, Secretary