

## **New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting March 22, 2017**

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

### **President**

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff motioned to accept the February minutes as distributed and Jamie Kavalieros seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff noted that he will be attending the BMW CCA Chapter Congress in Dallas. On Marc Goeller's behalf, Jeff reported that we had a great meeting at Hamilton Jewelers, with about 70 attendees. Breitling provided gift bags. Hamilton Jewelers requested a list of attendee e-mail addresses after the meeting, which we are unable to provide without permission, but we will e-mail attendees and ask if they wish to add themselves to the list.

### **Vice President**

Marc Goeller was delayed in Europe and unable to attend. All upcoming events have been added to the calendar.

### **Treasurer**

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the income and expense reports for February and March.

### **Driving Events**

Neil Gambony reported that the Northern New Jersey Region SCCA will be hosting a gimmick rally on 5/7. The starting point will be in the Denville area. This will be an NJ Chapter BMW CCA Champ Series points event.

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

Jeff White reported that our first event of the season (NJMP Thunderbolt) will be in 10 days. Saturday-Sunday is full, with a wait list. We have 74 regular students, 12 ITS candidates, and 20 first-timers. We are short on Friday solo drivers (only six students) and on instructors. The Saturday banquet is set. There was a discussion on allowing NJMP club members in the Friday solo group. We will be part of the Bridgestone tour, including tire support and a contribution toward event sponsorship. Ross Karlin reported that Bell helmets are on national backorder and we will not have the helmets we ordered for this event. The Del Val Chapter will be bringing their loaner helmets. Ross also noted that the Westlake School check presentation will be at 7 PM on Wednesday 4/5. Larry Engel reported that our Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) events are confirmed for 6/25 and 9/24 (both Sunday) at Campgaw Reservation. He is also working with the South Jersey Region SCCA on a TRSS event at Bader Field, tentatively on 8/19. He is also considering a late season TRSS event. Ross reported that we had close to 80 attendees at the instructor seminar at BMW NA. BMW led a discussion on the impact of driver assist systems on driver training.

### **Autocross**

Elihu Savad reported, via e-mail, that we have been denied use of the lot at Ft. Dix. Elihu noted that the Red Lot at TD Bank Ballpark is still available for our use. He will visit there Sunday and the autocross committee will consider whether we can run an autocross there with a smaller layout and fewer runs (one car on course at a time). The operations manager has approved having our paddock and staging under the solar panels. If we chose to go forward with this, our first events there will be 5/14 and 6/11.

### **Business Manager**

Paul Ngai thanked our sponsors who supported the banquet, including BMW of Bridgewater, BMW of Morristown, BMW of Tenafly, Circle BMW, Shade Tree Garage, BimmerWorld, Bavarian Autosport, Guten Parts+Service, and Bergen Smile Confidence. Registration for the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tour on 4/22 opened today, with BMW of Bridgewater as our sponsor this year. Matt Baratz is continuing to assist with invoices. We will have a tent at BMW of Bridgewater's summer car show (Bimmers & Brauts) on 6/11. We still need a major sponsor for our June NJMP event.

**Newsletter**

Jerry Faber reported, via e-mail, that the next deadline is 5/12. Write-ups are needed for the March meeting (Hamilton Jewelers), the VDC tour, and the May meeting (Guten Parts+Service), each 200-300 words plus photos, as well as regular columns. Jerry is awaiting a quote for e-mailed newsletters.

**Members-at-Large**

Bob Isbitski reported that Frank Patek (BMW CCA Executive Director) asked if the New Jersey Chapter could run the autocross for Bimmerfest East (7/29-30) and we agreed. National will pay for everything, including the lot. We will be paid a percentage of the proceeds, with no risk. BMW CCA membership will be requested prior to signing up on MotorsportReg.

**Old Business**

Ross Karlin reported that the projector (previously approved) has been purchased.

**New Business**

The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on Wednesday 4/26 at Alfonso's. Ross Karlin motioned to adjourn at 8:53 PM and Jeff Caldwell seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Allaway, Secretary