

**New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting  
May 24, 2017**

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

**President**

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff motioned to accept the April minutes as distributed and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously). There was a discussion on 2018 board positions, and on engaging new people for club positions. Jeff needs e-mail blast contributors to be proactive with providing copy and photos. He does not want to seek out and chase after these items. The major items for the next e-mail blast are the BMW NA meeting, June driver school/race, and autocross.

**Vice President**

Jeff Caldwell reported, on Marc Goeller's behalf, that we will be updating the website for the Show & Shine on 8/10. Registration will be open for the concours at the Deutscher Club of Clark (7/7). BMW of Bridgewater has offered to host a meeting in July, with Dinan Engineering. Due to our July schedule, the board would prefer September and this will be communicated.

**Treasurer**

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. All income is included from NJMP Thunderbolt (April), with a \$4,524 loss to be split with the DelVal Chapter. We will be charged by BMW CCA National for airfare for our cancelled Chapter Congress (Dallas) participation. National owes us a credit for an insurance premium for which our check was cashed and which was also deducted from our dues. The final Westlake School check for 2016 was issued. Our Campgaw deposit refund for 2016 was received, and promptly resubmitted for 2017.

**Driving Events**

Neil Gambony reported that the 5/7 rally with SCCA was a success, but with a light turnout (7 or 8 entrants) from the NJ Chapter BMW CCA. Neil has reserved rooms for Summit Point, details to be included in an e-mail blast. He is looking for a Rally Master for this year's Whack Your Turkey Rally (11/19).

**Driver Schools and Club Racing**

Jeff White reported that the June driver school/race to benefit the Westlake School is very light on registrations (25 out of 66 available slots). In the absence of a major sponsor, we are soliciting special \$250 individual and business sponsors for the event, with recognition to include name and/or logo on event shirts. There was discussion on competition from commercial driving events, including the possibility of keeping our online registration window open closer to the events. Larry Engel reported that we have accepted 35 students for our 6/25 Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) school at Campgaw, out of 62 sign-ups. We still need a few instructors. He also mentioned the TRSS by South Jersey Region SCCA at Bader Field on 8/19. If anyone can help, they could still use more instructors. Our second TRSS will be 9/24 at Campgaw. Larry is still considering a TRSS at Brookdale Community College in late October or early November.

**Autocross**

Elihu Savad reported that our first autocross was held on 5/14 with 24 competitors, including several carry-overs from SCCA. Our next autocross is 7/16 at TD Bank Ballpark, followed by 8/19 at NJ Expo & Convention Center, and 10/15 at TD Bank Ballpark. There are no available TD Bank Ballpark dates in August. Elihu is awaiting details on our Bimmerfest East (7/29-30) autocross.

**Business Manager**

Paul Ngai is working with a couple of potential sponsors.

**Social Events**

Vic Lucariello, Jr. reported that he has withdrawn our 2018 reservation for the Madison Hotel and is considering other options, including Ninety Acres (Peapack), the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead (Stanton), and the Frelinghuysen Arboretum (Morristown). Other possibilities mentioned were Grounds for Sculpture (Hamilton) and Waterside (North Bergen).

**New Business**

There was a general discussion on improving our social media presence and boosting posts on Facebook. The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on Wednesday 6/28 at Alfonso's. Jamie Kavalieros motioned to adjourn at 9:07 PM and Neil Gambony seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Allaway, Secretary