

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting August 23, 2017

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

President

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff Caldwell motioned to accept the June minutes as distributed and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously). Note: There was no July board meeting. Jeff Caldwell distributed the 2012 through 2016 rebate statistics for local dealerships. Doug Feigel, Neil Gambony, Larry Engel and Bob Isbitski reported on the Show & Shine event, which was a nice evening with good weather. On behalf of the board, Jeff Caldwell thanked Bob Isbitski and the Autocross Committee for their above-and-beyond efforts on Bimmerfest East 2017.

Vice President

Jeff Caldwell reported, based on an e-mail from Marc Goeller, that the Circle BMW Oktoberfest would be 10/4 (one week after our Shenandoah event). The Bridgewater meeting will be later in October, and Shade Tree Garage possibly in November. The Pinewood Derby and elections will be on 12/5.

Driving Events

Neil Gambony is still looking for a Rallymaster for the Whack-Your-Turkey Rally (11/19).

Driver Schools and Club Racing

Jeff White reported that Summit Point was terrific, with a full school and 47 racers, and is deeply in the black (see Treasurer's report). The NASCAR K&N weekend event at NJMP has 17 or 18 racers so far, and he is hoping for 30 plus. We are still light on school sign-ups. We have 20 or more school sign-ups for Shenandoah. Larry Engel reported that our 9/24 Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) school is already overbooked. We are limited to 30 students, with 24 staff signed-up. We still need a classroom instructor. Englewood Hospital is interested in hosting a TRSS school. Rather than a late-season school, we will probably hold off on Brookdale Community College until March or April.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that our fourth Autocross of the season was last Saturday, with 17 runs. There was competition from an SCCA event at Met-Life Stadium. We have remaining scheduled autocrosses on 9/16 at Met-Life Stadium (with SCCA), and 10/15 at TD Bank Ballpark. Elihu is hoping for more dates next year at TD Bank Ballpark if we book early.

Social Events

Vic Lucariello, Jr. provided an update, via e-mail, on the 3/10/18 get-together and awards event at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit. Payment of \$900 is due by 9/20/17. Vic would prefer a single check, including refundable damage deposit, which he could deliver along with the signed contract.

Newsletter Editor

Jerry Faber reported, via e-mail, that all needed articles were received on time and this should be a good issue.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials. The NJMP Thunderbolt event has been settled, including a check from DeVal Chapter. We are still missing some garage income from Thunderbolt (approximately \$960) which would constitute the total profit, in which case a small refund will be due to DeVal. The Summit Point income and expenses are nearly finalized, with a \$15,640 profit so far. We received \$800 from the Bimmerfest East autocross. The Spring Bulletin has been paid but not cleared. Jeff White noted that Jamie would like to purchase more helmets.

Members-at-Large

Bob Isbitski reported that Bimmerfest East netted \$7,790 in membership and merchandise sales, better than any prior year. We signed-up 64 new members from as far away as the Everglades Chapter. Bob reported that there has been lots of activity on the Facebook page. Bob has added some new videos which have attracted a number of hits.

Old Business

It was reported, from Kevin Sheehy, that he is working on a mission statement for driving events which will dictate our marketing strategy.

New Business

The board wished a happy 50th birthday to Jamie Kavalieros. The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on Wednesday 9/27 at Alfonso's. Ross Karlin motioned to adjourn at 8:09 PM and Jeff Caldwell seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary