

## **New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting January 10, 2018**

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

### **President**

Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White motioned to accept the November minutes as distributed and Paul Ngai seconded (carried unanimously). Neil opened by thanking Jeff Caldwell and Marc Goeller for their services as President and Vice President. Neil motioned to appoint the following board members: Jerry Faber as Newsletter Editor, Colin Vozeh as Webmaster, Jamie Kavalieros as Member-at-Large and Driver School Chair, and Ross Karlin as Member-at-Large and Race Chair. Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously). Paul Ngai reported on a teleconference with Mike Renner (BMW) and Matt Baratz on the NJ Chapter sponsoring a one-day M Driving School (tentatively 10/27). We would be the first chapter in the Northeast to do so. It would be open to 32 club members, at a total cost of \$22,400 plus MotorsportReg fees. There will be no national driving events conference this spring, but there may be a conference in November. Neil asked about stationary and envelopes, which Doug Feigel has. Neil congratulated Colin Vozeh on winning the 2017 Champ Series.

### **Vice President**

Paul Ngai reported that our first meeting of the year will be 7pm Thursday 1/25 at Shade Tree Garage in Morristown. Guest speaker will be Phil Eng to talk about coding and initialization. We have a tentative meeting on Thursday 2/22 at 56 Degree Wine in Bernardsville. The BMW Vehicle Distribution Center tour is Saturday 3/24. Scott Dishman, BMW Foundation Executive Director, has verbally committed to attend. Paul is working on a potential Michelin product talk, a Liqui Moly product talk, and dealership meetings. There was a discussion on having a paid guest speaker for a meeting.

### **Driving Events**

Jamie Kavalieros reported that he has three signed contracts: NJMP Thunderbolt (4/13-4/15) for Driver School and ITS. Summit Point (7/21-7/22) for the Driver School and Goeff Atkinson Memorial Club Race, and Shenandoah (10/6-10/7) Driver School. Jeff White and Blake Smith are working on ITS candidates. In addition, we are expecting a Driver School and Club Race in support of the NJMP NASCAR event (6/15-6/16). Ross Karlin commented on the unpredictability of race attendance, due to potential competition from NASA and AER. Premier Event status is unavailable to us this year as the DeVal Chapter Lightning club race will be a Premier Event. Elihu Savad reported that we have seven autocrosses scheduled at TD Bank Ballpark, with contracts in hand, as follows: 4/22, 5/27, 6/10, 7/1, 8/12, 8/26, and 10/14. A potential date is 9/16, depending on the playoffs. Jamie suggested an Introduction to Autocross school, possibly on 4/22. Neil has been in touch with the SCCA regarding a jointly sponsored rally in May. Larry Engel reported that he has two Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) schools planned for this year, tentatively 6/24 and 9/30. Ross will apply to Bergen County for the permits. Our deposit refund is still outstanding from 2017. The South Jersey Region SCCA will probably be doing another TRSS this year. Ray Cipollini is trying to put together a driver and pedestrian/cyclist safety program and has informally solicited our assistance. Larry is awaiting an outline of their program and will follow up.

### **Treasurer**

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financials and 2017 year-end financials. We ended 2017 with only a \$250 loss. The Summit Point deposit has been sent. We are waiting NJMP contracts for deposits. There was a question on advertising revenue, and possible missing invoices.

### **Secretary**

Dave Allaway reported that the slate of nominees for 2018 board positions, as noted in the November minutes, was elected by unanimous acclamation at the December membership meeting. The board appointed Matt Baratz as Business Manager.

### **Newsletter**

The next deadline is 2/10 for the March issue. There was a question on being able to originate e-mails from the website, thereby avoiding the use of personal e-mail addresses. Colin confirmed that this capability is already in place.

**Social Events**

Vic Lucariello, Jr. reported via e-mail on the status of the social event at Reeves-Reed Arboretum (3/10). In an effort to improve attendance and reduce costs, the plan for this year is to have the following: Wine & cheese (probably 1 or 2 beers for those who don't like wine, still TBC), hors d'oeuvres (both hot and cold), light dessert (finger food), no raffle/door prizes, no band or DJ (we will be using the house PA system, though). Media still TBC. We have access to a TV (for minimal rental fee) if we choose to display any videos. Vic needs to work with Ron to ensure that all payments have been issued to the venue (there are some smaller fees that we allocated for January 2018). Vic needs to work with Jeff Caldwell for the e-mail blast and to see if we can get any "art cars" and/or race cars from BMW NA. Vic will be working with caterers and the events director at Reeves over the coming weeks to confirm billing and logistics, and will likely need to communicate with the board via e-mail between now and the next board meeting.

**Members-at-Large**

Bob Isbitski will keep Facebook in sync with the website.

**New Business**

Ross Karlin reported that the formal presentation of the check to the Westlake School will be in March or April, in conjunction with a meeting between Westlake School Principal Claudine Tantillo and a representative of the BMW Foundation. Ron noted that the check went out 12/31.

The next board meeting was set for Wednesday 2/7 at 7:30 PM at Alfonso's. Ross Karlin motioned to adjourn at 8:47 PM and Ron Gemeinhardt seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Allaway, Secretary