

**New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting
March 14, 2018**

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

President

Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White motioned to approve the February minutes as distributed and Vic Lucariello, Jr. seconded (approved unanimously). Neil reported receiving a request to promote a non-sponsor event in Stratford, CT, which he respectfully declined.

Vice President

Neil reported, on Paul Ngai's behalf, that the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tour is 3/24. Doug Feigel reported that we have a large number of raffle items which he and Paul will sort beforehand (3/22). The social event at 56 Degree Wine was well attended and a success. We may do another in the fall. Brian Morgan reported that Jackie Jouret (former editor, Bimmer magazine) would love to do a meeting but has no East Coast trips currently planned. She will keep in touch. The May meeting will be a Liqui Moly product talk, date tbd [previously scheduled for 5/17]. Marc Goeller reported that Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC) requested 5/11 for our concours (usually at Biergarten), as they have an important band visiting from Germany and would like to make it a special event.

Driving Events

Jeff White reported that the M-Day contract is signed. The event, at the BMW Performance Center in Spartanburg (Greer), SC, will be on Saturday 10/27. Jeff has confirmed that the BMW Foundation (exhibits) will stay open for us on Friday evening. We have a corporate rate at the Greenville Marriot. There will be a Saturday evening dinner at the Blue Ridge Brewing Co. Price is \$750 per person (to cover our cost). Registration will open tomorrow on MotorsportReg. We are one month away from our first driver school, which is half full. It will include a novice group and Friday open track. We have nine ITS students. We will participate in an SCCA rally the beginning of May (beginner TSD format). Our only role is to help promote. This will be an NJ Chapter points event. Ron Gemeinhardt asked whether we need insurance for the concours. Even though not required by national (this is a non-wheels turning event) we will obtain. Ross Karlin reported that we have two races on the schedule, and arrangements are being made for steward accommodations. Ross has spoken with Oleg Satanovsky (BMW NA) about bringing an M5 safety car. We still need to secure sponsorships. There was a discussion on dealer-member relationships. Ross noted that the Westlake School check presentation is next Wednesday [see February minutes for details].

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that Steve Schlossman has asked that all chapters use the latest waivers, which we have. The minor waiver form has changed. Jeff White requested any used waivers for archiving. There was a discussion on minimum age for autocross participation. The national minimum of 16 years and minor consent waivers notwithstanding, the board consensus was to remain with our chapter minimum of 18 years.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the 2017 financial statement as submitted to national, and the current year-to-date financials. Ron noted that the \$11,200 other non-recurring expense is the deposit for the M-Day event. Ron has obtained a new two-year Quicken subscription at 40% discount. We have not yet received the invoice for the Reeves-Reed social event.

Business Manager

It was reported, on Matt Baratz's behalf, that we have sent \$8,480 in invoices in the first two months of 2018, including to two new sponsors. Matt reminded us that the issue of sponsor logos on our website home page still needs to be resolved. It was agreed that every sponsor's logo would appear on the left side of the page. Matt will specify the order.

Social Events

Neil complimented Vic on a wonderful event at Reeves-Reed Arboretum. Vic thanked Oleg Satanovsky (BMW NA) for bringing a pre-production i8 Roadster for display. Vic noted that Joe Bembry of 56 Degree Wine gave us a

discount on 30 bottles of wine. The leftover wine will be auctioned at the June driver school banquet, to benefit the Westlake School. We will bring the leftover soda to the Tire Rack Street Survival school. Vic thanked Matt Baratz for outstanding assistance at all hours. We had 50 guests and a net cost of \$1,400, a substantial improvement over prior years. There was a discussion on scheduling next year's event, possibly the Saturday before Easter (to avoid any driver school conflict). We will send a survey on preferences.

Members-at-Large

It was noted that Bimmerfest East will not be held this year. Jeff Caldwell reported, via e-mail, that he will be happy to blast e-mail anything you send him.

New Business

The items received from the BMW Foundation, in recognition of our 2017 charitable contributions, will be raffled at the VDC tour. This includes one free driver school with any BMW CCA chapter.

Doug reported that the NY Auto Show (3/31) registration is via the NY Chapter. Doug will send the info to Colin for posting.

It was noted that chapter member and past-president Larry Engel was recognized in BimmerLife as a recipient of the 2017 Tire Rack Street Survival Circle of Excellence Award for Organization Volunteer/Instructor of the Year, BMW Car Club of America.

Neil reported that Kevin Sheehy has been enlisted as membership chair.

The next board meeting was set for Wednesday 4/25 at 7:30 PM at Alfonso's. Ross Karlin motioned to adjourn at 9:14 PM and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary