

**New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting  
July 25, 2018**

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

**President**

Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White motioned to approve the June minutes as distributed and Jamie Kavalieros seconded (approved unanimously). Neil reported that the NJ Chapter is now considered a Level 3 contributor to the BMW CCA Foundation, and listed the thank-you items to which we are entitled. These will be used for future fundraising or door prizes. In addition, we are entitled to Erik Wensberg (former Motorsport & M Brand Manager for BMW NA) as a guest speaker, which will be arranged. Neil met with Scott Dishman, Executive Director of the BMW CCA Foundation, who thanked us for our contributions, and asked us to spread the word about the Foundation's museum in Spartanburg. Neil noted that Larry Fletcher (Chief of Timing and Scoring for BMW CCA Club Racing), and long-time volunteer and contributor to NJ Chapter events, has been recognized with the Friend of the BMW CCA award.

**Vice President**

On Paul Ngai's behalf, Neil noted that our Show, Shine & Swap event will be Thursday 8/9 at the Deutscher Club of Clark.

**Driving Events**

Jeff White reported that the BMW M School has 27 registrants (out of a maximum of 32) though still three months away. Jeff noted that Larry Engel received a good response to his request for instructors and assistance with our next Tire Rack Teen Survival (TRTS) school and is now in excellent shape. Jamie Kavalieros reported that Summit Point was a good event, despite the mixed weather. It was lightly attended, with seven beginners, 26 intermediate and 27 advanced students, and 31 registered racers. Warren Brown reported lots of assistance with tech, which was appreciated. Thanks were given to Warren for bringing the hazmat items back to NJ. Jamie reported that Shenandoah registration is light so far.

**Autocross**

There was an extended discussion on low autocross attendance, financial loss, pricing options, promotional ideas, and venues. It is not apparent that this season's low attendance is due to any scheduling conflicts. Some potential participants may desire a larger and faster course, even with fewer runs. Our current costs are \$2,030 per event, and break-even is around 40 participants at \$50 each. We are currently averaging fewer than 30 participants. Consensus was that we increase the price to \$65 and try hosting a nearby Cars & Coffee in conjunction with an autocross.

**Treasurer**

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financial report. Summit Point will be a modest profit, despite light turnout and fewer racers. The BMW CCA Foundation has received their donation. All expenses have been submitted for the June TRTS. Year-to-date income and expenses are about break-even.

**Newsletter**

Neil reported that the next deadline is 8/11 and Jerry is requesting event write-ups and pictures.

**Members-at-Large**

Bob Isbitski reported that he has reserved booth space, in conjunction with DelVal Chapter, at the Cars & Coffee at SteelStacks in Bethlehem, PA on 8/26. The event will have a German and British car theme. Cost to the chapter is \$250 plus incidentals. Neil noted that Jeff Caldwell is always prepared to do blast e-mails if specific content and pictures are submitted.

**Old Business**

Neil is working with Kevin Sheehy on a revised new-member letter. It was noted that an e-mailed letter would have the benefit of photos and links.

**New Business**

The next board meeting was set for Wednesday 8/22 at 7:30 PM at Alfonso's. Jeff White motioned to adjourn at 8:47 PM and Ross Karlin seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Allaway, Secretary