

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting August 22, 2018

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

President

Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White motioned to approve the July minutes as distributed and Paul Ngai seconded (approved unanimously). Neil discussed National's proposal for a quarterly regional newsletter and thanked the board for their input. The NJ Chapter's opposition to this proposal was voiced by Neil at last Monday's teleconference. Neil reported on a proposed national insurance program that would be \$2 per member per year, covering all chapter events. This proposed program would be financially beneficial to the NJ Chapter. The BMW rebate program is now available to both members and USAA clients and is no longer limited to one per household.

Vice President

Paul Ngai reported that the meeting at TySpeed was well attended. Paul thanked Tyler Pappas for his presentation and hospitality. Our Show & Shine at the Deutscher Club of Clark went well and had a good turnout. Upcoming meetings include 9/27 at BMW of Bridgewater, with a possible talk by Dinan. The Circle BMW event is tentatively scheduled for 10/20 from 11am to 2pm, with a food truck, t-shirts and vendors. 56 Degree Wine would like to host another event and we agreed on 11/13 as a good date. Our December membership meeting will be 12/4 or 12/5 (to be confirmed).

Driving Events

Jeff White reported that Summit Point was undersubscribed but ran well. Summit Point Raceway has recently been sold but he does not anticipate any adverse impact. Shenandoah registration is still very low, with 13 students so far. We now have two openings for the BMW M-Day school, based on recent cancellations. Jeff is willing to be co-rallymaster for the Whack-Your-Turkey Rally with assistance, and Doug Feigel volunteered to be co-rallymaster. Bob Isbitski noted a safety issue, as reported on an HPDE website, regarding the Camaro SS and occupant egress. This will be referred to our Chief of Tech.

Autocross

Our most recent autocross was a good event, with 12 runs. Our next autocross is this Sunday and good weather is expected. Per Elihu Savad, via e-mail, we have not implemented a price increase yet but are proposing a change from \$50/65 (pre-registered/same-day) to \$60/75. New members will continue to receive a \$25 credit toward membership dues.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financial report. Summit Point profit was \$223. We had a \$6,792 loss on Thunderbolt. We have no income yet on Shenandoah. All of the auction checks have been mailed to the Westlake School. Ron calculated that we are paying approximately \$10,000 per year to MotorsportReg. Jeff White noted that we factored this into our driver school pricing when we began using MotorsportReg. There was a discussion on driver school profitability, and on charging instructors a nominal amount per event (e.g., \$25). We may request a better rental rate for the K&N (NJMP Thunderbolt) event next year, as we are their only support race and we are losing money on the event.

Newsletter

The quarterly Bulletin (Summer) is going to the printer next week. Starting with the following (Fall) issue we will be sending the Bulletin electronically instead of print for those who have expressed that preference in their member profile.

Website

Colin Vozeh needs info on the upcoming Tire Rack Street Survival school. He also needs the keys to the Instagram account, which may require a password reset by Marc Goeller. Paul noted a YouTube video of our recent Show & Shine event. He will send the link to Colin so it can be posted on the website.

Social Events

Vic Lucariello, Jr. reported, via e-mail, that our Reeves-Reed Arboretum social event is still on their calendar for 3/30/19, but due to a change of management we have not received a contract yet. He anticipates that we will need to make a deposit by the end of next month.

Members-at-Large

Bob Isbitski reported that he is all set for the Cars & Coffee at SteelStacks in Bethlehem, PA on 8/26.

Old Business

Kevin Sheehy solicited assistance for improving the graphics in the revised new member welcome letter. Doug will forward contact information on a member who is a graphics professional.

New Business

For the record, Doug would like his name removed as a signatory on the bank account. The board agreed that Mark Mallory should be added. The next board meeting was set for Wednesday 9/26 at 7:30 PM at Alfonso's. Bob Isbitski motioned to adjourn at 8:51 PM and Ross Karlin seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary