

**New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting
October 24, 2018**

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

President

Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:27 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White motioned to approve the September minutes as distributed and Paul Ngai seconded (approved unanimously). Neil reported that he will be attending the National DEC (Driving Events Committee) Conference, 11/2–11/4 in Dallas, TX.

Vice President

Paul Ngai reported that a pre-Thanksgiving event is scheduled for Tuesday 11/13 at 56 Degree Wine in Bernardsville. The Pinewood Derby and elections will be 12/4 at Deutscher Club of Clark. Paul will work on a possible Spring date and venue for the Erik Wensberg talk, possibly at the Oscar Davis Collection in Elizabeth.

Driving Events

Jeff White reported, on Jamie Kavalieros behalf, that our BMW M-Day (10/27) is full, with 32 participants. Dinner arrangements have been made for Friday and Saturday. The Whack-Your-Turkey Rally is set for 11/18 and the ending venue is confirmed. Registration is now open on MotorsportReg. Jeff is seeking prizes, and we can also use merchandise from the VDC tour. Larry Engel thanked everyone for their participation in last month's Tire Rack Street Survival school. We had two no-shows and one late addition. Larry is hoping for two schools again next year.

Driver Schools

Jeff White reported that he has scheduled dates at NJMP for a 3-day April ITS, Driver School and Intro School, co-hosted with the New York and Delaware Valley chapters, and a Friday-Saturday in June Driver School and Club Race. It is unknown whether this will again be concurrent with a NASCAR event. We have no confirmed dates yet with Summit Point. The availability of our usual July date at Summit Point is at risk due to a one-time pro event. Neil introduced and thanked Bill Van Ocker as our new Chief Instructor.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that our last autocross had 37 participants, including 24 BMW's, and lots of newcomers. Elihu noted an average cost of \$2,200 per autocross and an average \$1,300 in income. Kevin Sheehy suggested promoting and discounting pre-registration for upcoming events at the conclusion of each autocross. It was noted that Mark Mallory has suggested having a vehicle (small SUV or van) for the autocross equipment instead of a trailer. Elihu needs the results for the Spring rally with SCCA to include in the Champ Series points tally.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financial report. A financial loss was noted on most driver schools this year. We still owe a \$11,000 balance on the BMW M-Day school and the balance on Shenandoah. Autocross has done better than previous years, holding losses to less than \$1,000 per event. We had a \$500 to \$600 profit for each Tire Rack Street Survival school. Ron is projecting an approximate \$5,000 loss for 2018. Ross Karlin has contacted BMW of Morristown regarding owed sponsorship money for the Thunderbolt event and they are looking into it. It was proposed that this sponsorship money constitute our Westlake donation, bringing the total donations to \$5,000, to be decided at a future board meeting. The IRS has imposed a \$200 late filing fee as usual, which we will dispute with postmark documentation as always.

Secretary

Dave Allaway reported that nominations are due by 11/28 for 2019 board positions. A message to that effect has been posted on the website forum. Two nominations have already been received.

Newsletter

Neil reported, on Jerry Faber's behalf, that the next Bulletin deadline is 11/10. Jerry will try to hold the issue open for the rally report. We still need a blast e-mail reminder to members that they may choose electronic delivery via the national website.

Members-at-Large

Neil thanked Jeff Caldwell for helping to organize our participation in the Oktoberfest at Circle BMW.

Membership

Kevin Sheehy will have a sample of the new member welcome e-mail for the next board meeting.

Old Business

It was noted that the signatory change on the bank account is still needed (see August minutes). As previously agreed, the next board meeting will be Wednesday 11/28 at 7:30 PM at Alfonso's.

Ron motioned to adjourn at 8:34 PM and Paul seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary