

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting November 28, 2018

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

President

Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White motioned to approve the October minutes as distributed and Paul Ngai seconded (approved unanimously). Neil reported that he attended the National DEC (Driving Events Committee) Conference, in Dallas. There will not be the usual Regional Driving Events meeting. Neil noted that the revised driver school national standards will not permit hands-on tech inspection at the track due to liability concerns. It was also noted that anyone entering the paddock needs to sign the waiver, including track workers. This may pose a logistical challenge at shared facilities.

Vice President

Paul Ngai reported that the event at 56 Degree Wine was well attended. The upcoming 12/4 meeting will be the election and Pinewood Derby. The February or March meeting will potentially be at Shade Tree Garage in Morristown. The BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tour is tentatively 4/6 (to be confirmed) and will be \$20 per person. Proceeds, as always, will go to the BMW Foundation. Klaus Schnitzer has been in contact with the curator of the Oscar Davis Collection in Newark. We are welcome but attendance will be limited to 50, so pre-registration will be necessary. This will be arranged for late April or May. The Erik Wensberg talk will be scheduled for a separate meeting at a dealership or Deutscher Club of Clark. Neil thanked Jeff White, Doug Feigel and everyone who assisted with the Whack-Your-Turkey Rally. There were 23 cars and we raised \$675 for NORWESCAP. Paul also reported on the regional teleconference: All chapters will be receiving 0.17 less per member/month in dues, in exchange for lowered event insurance cost. The Pacific Region is doing a trial of a regional newsletter mailed with the Roundel. January 31, 2019 is the deadline for recognition award nominations. Oktoberfest 2019 will be in Greenville, SC, with no driving events at Road Atlanta.

Driving Events

Jeff White reported that the Whack-Your-Turkey Rally was a success, and he will send the Ship Inn a copy of the chapter newsletter. Jamie has signed contracts with NJMP for 2019. NJMP is not hosting a NASCAR event in 2019. Summit Point dates have been received, but not contracts. Recommendations for Instructor Training School candidates are solicited. Ross Karlin has submitted our dates for 2019 Club Races. There will possibly be a Club Racing School at the June event. Larry Engel would like to hold Tire Rack Street Survival schools the last Sundays in June and September. He reported that excellent feedback was received on the September school, from multiple sources. We are looking at possible dates in March at BMW NA for the annual Instructor Seminar. We may possibly have an instructor from the BMW Performance Center.

Autocross

Elihu Savad has the available 2019 dates for Patriots Stadium in hand, as follows: 4/7, 5/19, 6/23, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15 and 10/20. We will probably not book 4/7. Elihu noted that 15 million Kidde (and other brand-labeled) fire extinguishers have been recalled. As previously noted, Mack Mallory suggested a van for autocross equipment. There was discussion on whether club membership for autocross participation is still an IRS requirement.

Social Events

Vic Lucariello, Jr. reported that contracts have been signed for the 3/30 event at Reeves-Reed Arboretum. A \$950 deposit is needed this year. The balance and catering will be due next year.

Secretary

Dave Allaway reported the nominations received for 2019 board positions as follows. President: Neil Gambony, Vice President: Paul Ngai, Secretary: Dave Allaway, Treasurer: Ron Gemeinhardt, Director of Driving Events: Jeff White, Director of Social Events: none received, Members-at-Large (2): Bob Isbitski and Kevin Sheehy [since withdrawn]. Open positions will be appointed by the 2019 board.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current financial report. Matt Baratz has recovered approximately \$3,000 in due and past-due advertising revenue. We are now at a \$213 profit for the Thunderbolt (April) event. The BMW M-Day school had a small profit. Ron has not seen the last newsletter invoice, but it should be reduced by electronic delivery (665 e-mailed vs. 1,650 regular mail). We are still awaiting sponsorship money from BMW of Morristown for the June charity event. Ron will ensure that an invoice is generated, and Larry will follow up on this. Ross Karlin motioned to donate a total \$6,500 to the Westlake School (including direct and earmarked donations from the event), to which the BMW of Morristown sponsorship funds will

be added. Dave Allaway seconded (carried unanimously). Ron reported, on Matt's behalf, that we still have some outstanding revenue but year-to-date sponsorship revenue is \$11,705, up 11% from 2017. Matt and Ron will reconcile the Square receipts and accounting items. We still need a policy on website advertising format. Colin Vozeh reported that a sample of placing all sponsor logos on the home page was not visually satisfactory.

Newsletter

Jerry Faber reported that the newsletter has gone to the printers. He has emailed the 2019 schedule and submission requirements. Jerry thanked all the contributors, and also Print Tech for their unsung assistance with proofreading. The board thanked Jerry for his 15 years of newsletter editorship.

New Business

Ross Karlin motioned to add \$325 to the NORWESCAP donations, bringing the total to \$1,000, and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously).

The next board meeting was set for Wednesday 1/9 at 7:30 PM at Alfonso's.

Jeff motioned to adjourn at 9:28 PM and Ron seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary