

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting January 9, 2019

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

President

Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff White motioned to approve the November minutes as distributed and Paul Ngai seconded (approved unanimously). Neil motioned to appoint Jerry Faber as Newsletter Editor, Colin Vozeh as Webmaster, Jamie Kavalieros as Driving Events Chair and Member-at-Large, and Ross Karlin as Race Chair and Member-at-Large. Jeff White seconded (approved unanimously). Neil motioned to appoint Mark Hulbrock as Member-at-Large and Jeff White seconded (approved unanimously). The Director of Social Events board position remains open. Neil requested a minimum three-month notice on chapter meetings. We are looking for opportunities to co-promote events. Neil congratulated 2018 Champ Series winner Colin Vozeh, and podium finishers Andrew Potechko and Mark Mallory. Ross Karlin read a posting by former BMW CCA President Dave Farnsworth in opposition to the proposed BMW CCA National By-Laws change.

Vice President

Paul Ngai reported on the following monthly meetings: 2/20 at Shade Tree Garage, with Phil Eng as guest speaker on high-precision injection systems. March is currently open but we will have the social event. A tech roundtable at Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC) was suggested for March. The BMW Vehicle Distribution Center (VDC) tour is confirmed for 4/6 and BMW of Bridgewater will sponsor lunch. Tour pre-registration will be on Motorsport Reg. The talk by Erik Wensberg will be on 4/27 or 5/4 (Saturday), at BMW NA if available. The tour of the Oscar Davis Collection will be in late May or early June if so arranged. Brian Morgan will follow-up with the curator. We are still awaiting a date for the annual Bier Garten at DCC. The Show, Shine & Swap will be 8/8. The Circle BMW Oktoberfest will be in October, and the Pinewood Derby and elections in December.

Driving Events

Jeff White reported that the BMW Performance Center is already booked for all weekend dates in 2019, so we will not be planning another M-Day this year. Our annual Instructor Seminar will be 3/16 at BMW NA. Derek Leonard from the BMW Performance Center will be a guest speaker. Other speakers are to be confirmed. Jamie Kavalieros reported that all driving schools for 2019 are posted on Motorsport Reg. These include the New Jersey Motorsports Park (NJMP) Thunderbolt tri-chapter ITS and Driver School on 4/12-14 (Fri-Sun), The NJMP Thunderbolt Club Race and Driver School on 6/14-15 (Fri-Sat), The Geoff Atkinson Memorial Club Race and Driver School at Summit Point on 7/20-21 (Sat-Sun), and the Shenandoah Driver School on 10/5-6 (Sat-Sun). The 2019 tiered-pricing has not been finalized and registration is not yet open. Jeff has estimated that the new lower insurance rates, balanced by decreased dues from National, will be slightly in our favor. Larry Engel is still planning on two Tire Rack Street Survival schools (last Sundays in June and September). Ross will pursue getting the venue dates from Bergen County (our 2018 deposit has just been refunded).

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that our New Jersey State Police license has been applied for and paid by certified check. Our insurance certificate is pending. Our six planned dates (including one conflict with Summit Point) are as follows: 5/19, 6/23, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15 and 10/20. There was a discussion on current pre-tech guidelines for autocross. Elihu will prepare text to be added to our autocross registration form.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the 2018 year-end financial report. We have made deposits for NJMP but not Summit Point. We saved about \$800 in postage for the last quarterly newsletter. We are receiving about \$120 per month less in dues due to membership decline. 2018 had a net profit of \$8,957, not including the \$4,266 cost of the Fall newsletter which will be paid in 2019. We are still pursuing the sponsorship money from BMW of Morristown for the June 2018 charity event. Ron will send a reminder invoice.

Secretary

For the record, the uncontested slate of nominees for 2019 board positions [see November minutes] was approved by unanimous acclamation at the December membership meeting.

Newsletter

Jerry Faber is soliciting articles and pictures prior to the 2/15 deadline. Neil requested that any changes to contact info be sent to Jerry and Colin.

Social Events

Vic Lucariello, Jr. reported that the contract is signed for the 3/30 event at Reeves-Reed Arboretum and the deposit was received. There are no further changes in the event specs. Final payment is due the end of February. This needs to be publicized via blast e-mail and the website. The board agreed on forgoing any raffle or door prizes.

Old Business

Kevin Sheehy circulated a sample of the new member welcome e-mail. Kevin will e-mail a sample copy to the board.

New Business

Bob Isbitski noted that we should include any member discounts by sponsors on the website. Ron will forward info on charity donations to be filed with National. Larry has renewed the P.O. Box. The next board meeting was set for Wednesday 2/13 at 7:30 PM at Alfonso's. Ross motioned to adjourn at 9:14 PM and Vic seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary