

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting December 13, 2021

Board members present: Neil Gambony, Jeff White, Dave Allaway, Colin Vozeh, Paul Ngai, Rich Altman, Jamie Kavalieros, Ross Karlin, Bob Isbitski, Ron Gemeinhardt. Board member absent: Mark Hulbrock. Others present: Allison Mack, Brian Morgan, Kevin Sheehy.

President

Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM via teleconference. Jeff White motioned to approve the November minutes as distributed and Paul Ngai seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff White motioned to appoint Jamie Kavalieros as Driver School Chair and Member-at-Large, Ross Karlin as Race Chair and Member-at-Large, Allison Mack as Business Manager, and Kevin Sheehy as Membership Chair. Bob Isbitski seconded (carried unanimously). Neil motioned to appoint Colin Vozeh as Webmaster and Dave Allaway seconded (carried unanimously). Neil motioned to allocate 2020 charitable contributions as follows: \$4,000 to the Westlake School and \$2,000 to the BMW CCA Foundation. Jamie seconded (carried unanimously).

Vice President

Paul Ngai reported that, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we have no meetings scheduled. Paul noted that we may have an outdoor meeting at Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC) or a sponsor location in warmer weather (possibly April) if the situation permits.

Driving Events

Jeff White suggested, given the good response we got to our two scenic drives last year, that we e-mail the membership soliciting ideas for additional scenic drives in New Jersey. Jeff noted that we don't offer much for X-Class vehicles, and suggested an autocross-like event similar to what we do at the end of TireRack Street Survival (TSS) schools. This would be a non-timed, no-helmet event. The Instructor Training School (ITS) in April is questionable, due to the current high COVID-19 rates. We may possibly do an end-of-year ITS at Shenandoah. Jamie Kavalieros reported that Shenandoah has been moved to October 16-17. He also noted that there are numerous unknowns for April, including the ability to do in-car instruction, the number of students per instructor, and the ability to do an Intro school. Neil noted that Larry Engel has requested that the Driver School Committee decide on the TSS dates. The proposed dates are June 13th or 20th and October 3rd. This would be dependent on our ability to do in-car instruction. Ross will look into lot availability on those dates. Jeff noted that the June school/race will be Monday-Tuesday, and that both this and Summit Point will be challenging events. Brian Morgan noted that BMW CCA Club Racing just published a schedule designating our June 6-8 event as a North Atlantic Challenge Event. The 2021 North Atlantic Premier Event will be WGI in October.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the current (year-end) financials. 2020 in-year net income was about double 2019. The Summit Point deposits (\$5,000) have just been paid. Ron distributed a draft policy on financial records retention, based on a recommendation for 501(c)(3) organizations. Ron will also run this past BMW CCA national. Ron noted that we have 8 or 9 full boxes covering decades of Treasurer files. Ron is looking to transition Treasurer duties for 2022.

Secretary

Dave Allaway reported that the online election of 2021 NJ Chapter officers, conducted by BMW CCA national in December, resulted in the election of all candidates as listed at the November meeting.

Business Manager

Allison Mack reported that sponsors will receive one free ad in 2021 since there was no 4th quarter Bulletin in 2020. Three sponsors have expressed interest in renewing or have already paid. NJMP has already paid through 2021. Allison will contact two prior sponsors to determine interest. Allison offered to do write-ups on sponsors as an additional benefit.

Social Events

Rich Altman reported that there are no social events scheduled yet. Rich is tentatively looking at August (except August 15-16) for our postponed 50+ Year Anniversary celebration. Rich is looking for venue proposals. No contracts will be signed until conditions improve and the board approves.

Webmaster

Colin Vozech reported an underwhelming response to his e-mail request for alignment on content submission. Colin asked for positive post-event comments on the forum. Colin will make a provision for posting board minutes on the website.

Old Business

Kevin Sheehy is working with Jeff, Ross and Mark on revised pictures for the brochure. He will add a QR code and has arranged for an always-available page on the national website. We will seek national assistance on defraying the printing costs. Neil would like to be able to hand out brochures at our April event.

New Business

Jamie Kavalieros noted the recent passing of Blake Smith, our longtime Chief Instructor and an important developer and promoter of the ITS program. Jamie suggested a get-together in his honor when conditions permit. Other suggestions included memorializing our annual ITS school in his name. Jeff White suggested creating a Blake Smith award. A decision was delegated to the Driver School Committee.

The next board meeting was set for Wednesday 2/17 at 7:15 PM via teleconference. Jeff motioned to adjourn at 8:14 PM and Jamie seconded (approved unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary