

New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting March 24, 2021

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

President

Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM via teleconference. Jeff White motioned to approve the February minutes as distributed, and Paul Ngai seconded (carried unanimously). Neil reported on items from the regional teleconference with Jeff Caldwell: In-car instruction continues to be prohibited until further notice, and events must comply with all government and venue guidelines. A regional event will be held at Lime Rock Park on September 24-26, including a driver school and club race hosted by the Connecticut Valley and Patroon chapters. Jeff will be sending out a quantity of windshield cards, as included with the latest BimmerLife. Jeff will get updated information on the dealer incentive program at the next national board meeting. O'Fest will be held at Hilton Head in early November, with Legends of the Autobahn East. The webinar on the new club logo specifications has been postponed due to an IT personnel change at national. Neil does not have an update on the BMW Ultimate Driving Experience at the Meadowlands (see February minutes).

Vice President

Paul Ngai reported that the date for the Zoom meeting with James Clay is still to be determined and may not happen until May-June or may possibly be part of our 50th Anniversary event. The Show & Shine at the Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC) will be (Thursday) April 22nd with food at 7 PM.

Driving Events

Jeff White reported that the Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) program is hoping for in-car instruction starting in July. Tentative dates for autocross are: August 1st and 22nd, and October 3rd and 24th, all at TD Bank Ballpark. The Pick Your Pumpkin Rally will possibly be October 23rd or 30th. The April 16-18 driver school at NJMP is currently at about half of what we need to break-even, with 23 Friday solo students, 19 instructors, and 30 Sunday students. Per Ross Karlin, due to venue availability the fall TRSS date needs to change to October 10th. The June date is confirmed but is not on our calendar yet [subsequently changed from June 13th to July 11th]. We have not yet received our deposit refunds from 2020 and will hold-off on voiding and reissuing deposit checks until we determine what Bergen County prefers. Our club racing sanctioning applications have been approved and the events posted to MotorsportsReg. Ross has been in contact with Westlake School and it is not yet known whether students and/or faculty will be able to attend the June club race. If they are, we may present our formal donation check at that event. Ross noted that our Summit Point club race is the same weekend as the Pittsburg Vintage GP. On the positive side, Ross noted that the Road Atlanta and VIR club races have had very strong signups recently.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt deferred distribution of the current (year-to-date) financials due to a synchronization issue between the bank downloads and Quicken, which he should be able to resolve as this has happened once before. Invoices have been sent to a new and a returning sponsor. The February member dues deposits (\$1,764) have been made. The FY2020 financial report has been submitted to national, as distributed. Ron's proposed document retention policy was distributed for review. It has been updated to be in-sync with the national policy. Neil has several sponsor checks from Allison.

Social Events

Rich Altman reported that it has been challenging to find a venue for the 50th Anniversary event, with most outdoor venues already booked throughout the summer [subsequently booked for DCC on Sunday August 29th]. Neil thanked Rich for the BimmerLife article. Neil suggested that an article remembering Blake Smith would be appropriate for the next issue.

Webmaster

Colin Vozech reported that Allison has provided some good content which has not yet been put on the website. Colin will start putting new content on the website very soon and requested those with content to please provide it now. Vic Lucariello, Sr. has not been heard from re new content, and might not be replying to e-mails due to service issues. Colin requested that we all remember to use the website forums as much as possible, not just Facebook and Instagram, to keep the forums active.

Members-at-Large

Bob has been updating social media with event information.

Old Business

Kevin Sheehy reported that the tri-fold brochure has not been printed yet. He expressed concern that due to an IT personnel change at national they may not adhere to a previous assurance to keep the URL/QR code active, as printed on the brochure. Kevin will reach out to national to obtain reassurance. It was also noted that this is the same URL/QR code used on national's windshield cards (see above). Dave provided an alternate IT contact at national.

New Business

There will be an X Chapter event at the BMW Performance Center in April, and there was a question on cross-promoting. Colin will add that event to our calendar. Colin asked about posting financials. Colin will post the annual financials only, as just distributed by Ron. Previous year financials should already have been published.

The next board meeting was set for Wednesday April 28th on Neil's porch, with teleconference capability [subsequently changed to teleconference-only and scheduled for 7:15 PM]. Paul motioned to adjourn at 8:15 PM and Ron seconded (approved unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary