

Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting June 7, 2021—Go-To-Meeting

Present with GTM: Don Johnson, Bill Dennis, Chris Ronson, Harvey Lewis, Larry Morgan (late), Bob Horansky, Kenny Lee, Karen Kern, Jack Abbott, Nona Heinzen and Bob DeLoatch

Absent: Ron Ogletree, Tom Neubeck, Mark Eversoll and Michele Eversoll

Call to order: 7:00 pm, Don Johnson

<u>JAX SOLO-</u> Tom wasn't able to be on the meeting but he did send his report. Don presented the report in his stead. Don said Jax Solo's 2nd event was at the FIRM on April 10th and had 121 drivers and 16 novices. Their 3rd event was at Amelia on May 15th and had 81 drivers and 23 novices. Their event #4 will be on June 13th at Amelia. They are continuing to bring in new drivers every event this year. The planning for the Florida Autocross Championships in November at the FIRM has begun.

Don gave the account balances. He said that there had been some work done on the tow vehicle and they did some work on the timing trailer to fix some leaks that had developed. Don said that he is planning to attend Jax Solo's event at Amelia next weekend to help out.

<u>SAV SOLO-</u> Kenny said that since the last meeting they had successfully held their events in April, May and June. He said they had 59, 96 and 77 drivers, respectively. He gave the net of the April and May events and said he hadn't figured the net of the June event. He gave the checking account balances and the breakdown of costs for the April and May events.

He said their next event was on July 10th. He said they had been able to move their August event away from the Summer Haze weekend—It will be August 7th instead of August 14.

Don asked if Kenny had heard any more on when the construction company might take over part of the site. Kenny replied that he had not but that he was enjoying having use of the entire site.

Don asked if there were any other questions and there were none. Don thanked Kenny for all of his efforts.

TRACK MANAGER REPORT- Jack said that they had been busy with regular maintenance and the filling of cracks. He said they cannot pave soon enough! He said they have had several motorcycle groups during May and June with a couple of car groups in between—up until the SCCA event on June 25-27. He said all events have done well and that it seems that since everyone has been cooped up, they are eager to get out again! He said RRR is excited to have SCCA coming soon.

Jack said that the transfer into the Great Oaks Money Market for May sales was \$19,124.80. He then gave the bank balances. He said Nona had provided a Garage rental to date total of \$103,460.00 since they began renting the garages on August 9, 2018. Bob Horansky stated that it looked like we could build more garages. Chris agreed since we seem to be making money on the garages we have up. Jack said that after the paving is complete, that is the plan. He said there are two possible areas to build them: 1) across from the fuel pumps in the paddock or 2) towards the back. Jack said we have a local guy that really wants to do it so we won't have to go out of the region. Don said that Jack can get estimates and look more specifically at locations. Harvey said that maybe we should halt on it until we know what our re-paving is going to cost. Chris agreed but said it didn't hurt to get an idea for the future. Jack said he will work on getting the numbers together.

Jack said that Karen had set us up on our website to accept donations on the homepage. Since June 1, 2021 the online donations are at \$3,300.00. Nona stated that she feels the donations are going to do well.

Don asked how Jack's recruitment of corner workers was going. Jack replied that he has been able to get just enough but that people are moving out of the area. Where it used to take 10 phone calls to get coverage, it's now taking 15-17 calls.

Don complimented Jack stating that all he hears about RRR are compliments. Bill stated that he wanted to echo Don's comments. They said Jack is doing a great job.

Chris asked why the donations to the repaving fund aren't tax deductible. Don stated that we are a Not-For-Profit 501-C-7... not a NON-Profit 501-C-3.

Don then asked if Jack wanted him to present the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss provided. Nona stated that they had provided those in case any of the BOD members wanted to see them. The reports are sent to Don and Michele each month but she figured that all of the members might want to see them. Don said that he would send them out in a packet after the meeting. Nona stated that everyone should already have a copy as she sent them to everyone when the Track Manager's Report was sent.

Don asked if there were any other questions—there were none. Don then moved on to the Treasurers Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Don said Michele had a work conflict but he presented her reports. He started with the P&L with '20 vs '21 comparisons. He went down the list of items. He stated the merchandise shop isn't staffed right now. They may need to look at getting it restocked and staffed before the June event.

He gave checking account balances. He said he had been able to get the Buccaneer Region Investment account docs since BB&T and SunTrust are merging as Truist. He will send this info in the Zip file at the end of the meeting. He asked if there were any questions? There were none. He said things were much improved since we are back on schedule with our events.

RACE CHAIR REPORT-

Driver School/SARRC- Don gave the outcome of the Driver School/SARRC. He said that we had a \$2,000 net income but we still have to split with SEDIV. Don apologized for not starting his part sooner, It was his first year as Race Chair and that he will begin things sooner for the next event.

<u>Jim Stark-</u> Bill gave an update of the event. He said there were no complaints in spite of the weather on Saturday. He said they were able to get all of the events in on Sunday. In his opinion, the Jim Stark was a rousing success yet again with 101 cars. He asked if anyone had any question. There were none.

<u>Summer Haze-</u> Bill said they have divisional approval for the Summer Haze. He said he saw no problem with having a sanction number for the SARRC component probably within a week or so. As soon as the sanction comes back, they will put it on MotorSports.reg. We are in discussions for the track event portion. He expects to be complete with all of their design and expects to execute the sanction request for the track event within the next 5-7 days. He said he thinks they are in pretty good shape. Bill is handling the paperwork and design of the event and Don is recruiting people. He thinks Peter Olivera is going to be our Chief Steward and Bob is going to be one of our SOMS. For those unfamiliar with a track event, a track event is separate from a road race. It's an event within an event.

Bill asked for questions. Harvey asked if we have a Driver's coach? Bill said they are still working on the Driver's coach. Harvey asked if was going to be Sunday only for the track event. Bill stated yes and no. He stated that the track event participants might come in on Saturday but won't be on the track until Sunday. Don explained a little more on the track event on Sunday. The participants will be able to drive their street cars. The schedule will be similar to an HPDE. They will be alternating-- with Race Group, Track event, Race Group, etc. Bill stated the reason for the scheduling is to intermingle the drivers. Bill asked if there were any questions for him. Bob Deloatch asked about the volunteers. He asked if the volunteers would work the Track Event also. Bill said that they would be. Bob Deloatch said he was thinking the track event might could use their own workers and could run during the lunch hour. Bill and Bob Horansky said No. Bill explained that everyone has to eat lunch and there would be comings and goings. Bob DeLoatch said that someone needs to tell Road Atlanta that. Bob Horansky said Road Atlanta is different in that you don't have to cross the track to get in or out. Don thanked everyone for their comments. Don explained that he had been at a similar event recently and that it does make a difference. Bill turned the meeting back over to Don.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

<u>Volunteer Recruitment</u>—Don said he has recruited two trainees in T&S for the SARRC; Dan Dodson and Arved Grass. He has also recruited one new individual who has worked in Tech and plans to be back and has promised to bring a couple more possible recruits with him.

<u>Track Re-Paving status</u>- Jack said he's been talking to the paving company and we are still inline for early May. We are planning to do it after SCCA's event in April. Jack is working on getting an updated quote as well. Pricing may have increased. The dates are locked in but pricing will likely have increased. Don said we may need to adjust our scope when we know more. Jack said he has checked with Bob Barnard and Bob is still on board for our re-paving project beginning May 2022. Don thanked him for that.

Jack said we also need to let the groups that would be bumped know as far in advance as possible so that they can make adjustments.

2022 Driver School Plans and Status- Don stated that the 2021 event was a Single SARRC and a Drivers School event. Don said that he believes that if we get things planned out far in advance that it will be successful. But he wanted to propose the option to offer that weekend to SEDIV. Bill has reached out to some groups to see if anyone will share with us and no one has seemed interested. Bill said it's no secret that he's not a fan of the Drivers School. Bill doesn't want Buccaneer to request the sanction for it in 2022 or pay for it. Bill said that we could volunteer to work the event but that Buccaneer shouldn't pay for it or be responsible for staffing the entire event. He offers, as an alternative, if we decide as a racing region that we want to continue to offer Driver's School, let SEDIV pay us our fee for it. We will absorb all cost and SEDIV will pay us a flat fee—whatever we choose. Bob Horansky agreed with Bill. Don said that what he understood is that there are two driver's schools offered in the SE Division but that we are the only one offering Open Wheel. Bob H. said that

was correct. Bob said he thinks it's time we had a discussion with the directors about it. Bill seconds that and Harvey also agrees. Don made a note and will plan to bring it up at the mid-year meeting. Harvey said he felt it was time that SEDIV pony up and take care of this because we're training, along with the central Florida, all of the new drivers entering into our programs. Bob agreed and said it needs to be a quiet meeting behind closed doors between our regions. Bill agreed. Don made note and said he believes it may be an online meeting and he will request a side meeting to discuss this issue. Bill said he feels like we should go ahead and reserve a date in February 2022 and proceed from there.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Minutes-</u> Don said he has not had a quorum of agreement on the April 5 BOD meeting. Don wants to set a time line for responses. He would like to ask that officers reply back within 7 days. Chris said he will make his approval now. Harvey said he also approved of them and will be more expedient in the future.

<u>Trophy Philosophy</u>- Don said that his philosophy for giving out the trophies is 1-3 entries = 1 trophy, 4-7 entries = 2 trophies, 8-11 entries = 3 trophies, etc. He said he had one group that had 3 cars in the group and he only gave one trophy. The other two guys felt like they should get a trophy. He asked if anyone had strong feelings about that. Bill said that Don should maybe give 1-3 for everyone that's got up to 3 cars and if you have a large spec Miata group you might pay down to 4-5. Don said he could do that. Harvey suggested we put it in the SUPS. Bob H agreed.

<u>Next Meeting-</u> Don said two months out will be August 2nd or August 13th for our next meeting. He asked how everyone felt about an in-person meeting. Bill and Harvey agreed that an in-person meeting would be nice. Bob agreed as long as everyone has been vaccinated. Don will send that out these two options to everyone for discussion. Bob H motioned to adjourn and Larry seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm