

Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting – December 15th, 2018 – Brunswick Meeting.

In attendance: Don Johnson, Bill Dennis, Mark Eversoll, Mike King, Chris Ronson, Sr., Lee Stanley, Tom Thompson
(via phone) Bob Horansky, Ted Migchelbrink,

Guests: Jack Abbott, Butch Kummer, Larry Morgan

Call to order: 9:04AM, Don Johnson

Solo Reports

Jacksonville Solo

Don said Cortland was unable to attend meeting as he was getting married. Don said their last event was Dec 2nd and they had better attendance than last year. Finances look good with an upcoming expense for their awards banquet in January.

Coastal Empire Solo

Don reported that Kenny Lee was unable to attend, but their last event is tomorrow, Dec 16th at Hutchinson Island. Kenny will provide a report after this event. Don said both Solo clubs are doing well.

Treasurer's Report

Don distributed handouts with the Investment Account and Bank statements. He reviewed the report submitted by Ted. The Jim Stark race event resulted in a \$12k improvement over the event in 2017. The Last Chance Time Trials made about \$800 more, less the SARRC fees of \$10 per car for the race group of 11 cars.

Race Chair Report

Bob said we had 28 drivers for the Time Trials and 7 for the PDX (Note: 13 registered for the PDX, but only 7 showed up). There were 11 in the SARRC/V8RRS race group. As mentioned last year, having this event the weekend before Thanksgiving is impacting volunteers. Bob talked to Jack and we cannot move the date for 2019, but may be able to move it in 2020. He said the largest expense was for workers and 2 ambulances. He suggested embracing the new National rules for Time Trials and separating the groups into Restricted and Unrestricted. We could have 5 groups; Big Bore Restricted, Big Bore Unrestricted, Small Bore Restricted, Small Bore Unrestricted and Formula cars.

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Bob is requesting an assistant chair for 2019. He will write up the S.O.P., but the goal would be for the individual to work with and learn the operation in 2019 and then eventually take over when Bob chooses to step back from this position.

Both Lee and Butch attended the National Time Trial Event at Carolina Motorsport Park. There were 120 drivers with an average age less than 40.

Bill asked when we would be advertising the Race School as he knows someone interested in attending. Sherri Williams is in the process of applying for a sanction number for the Race School so event can be posted on MotorsportReg.

The dates for the SCCA / SVRA Race School are Feb 15-17, 2019.

Don distributed a copy of an advertisement that will appear in both SCCA SportsCar and Grassroots Motorsports magazines. It has the Buccaneer Region 2019 schedule of events at Roebing Road Raceway with a picture of the Spec Miata race group on track.

Track Manager's Report

Jack Abbott distributed his report. Garage rental income is \$8200 to date including the rentals from the motorcycle event this weekend. The cracks in the concrete are now filled and sealer will be applied on Monday, weather permitting. The sealer will be gray followed by a clear coat application. He said we are going to upgrade the lighting for the garages to make it brighter and we will have gutters in the back. The board recognized that Jack did a great job with the garages and thanked all of the others that were part of this effort. Jack provided some pictures of the garages filled with BMWs and another with motorcycles. He also had some current aerial pictures of the track that he took.

Jack mentioned some possible options for when we need to repave the track. One option would be concentrating on repaving the corners, and not doing the straight and turns 2 through 4. The concern raised for this option was making sure the areas where the old and new surfaces meet are acceptable. The 4th quarter transfer to the paving fund was made, with a total balance of \$386k. Butch said one of the reasons for tire wear at Roebing is due to amount of time spent in the corners compared to some other tracks such as Road Atlanta and VIR.

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We will need to resurface the track in less than 5 years. Jack mentioned a new asphalt with rubber in it. Bob Bernard builds race tracks and is planning to use this new material at a track he is building in Phoenix. Perhaps we can approach him about making some recommendations. Resurfacing the track will need to be planned far in advance as the track may have to be closed for up to 3 months for the surface to cure properly before allowing cars to run at speed on the surface. The board asked Jack to get an estimate for resurfacing the entire track based on the current price of oil and to find out how much the cost goes up for every dollar increase in the price of a barrel of oil. Mark said it cost \$588k to repave the track in 2005.

All but two weekends are booked for 2019. The calendar is available on the track website. We are still holding a weekend open for the SIC. There is still no word from SEDiv concerning where the 2019 SIC will be held. Bill said Fred Clark told him the decision will be made at the SEDiv conference in February.

SVRA has Friday before the Drivers School all to themselves. Jack will work out getting the SCCA drivers across track. Bob said he is trying to get an Online Drivers Course.

There was discussion on the tire wall at Turns 6 & 7. This wall was constructed many years ago and could use improvement. Mark said we need to prevent cars from going over the tires into the woods. Butch shared that concern as he went over the tire wall in his car. Jack said the best way is to remove what is there (cost to remove a truck load of tires is about \$850 to \$1000) and bring in the large truck tires like we have at the other tire walls and build a dirt berm. Dirt is between \$100 and \$300 per truck load. The best time to redo this wall is when we repave the track as the track will already be closed during this project. Mike asked Jack to let him know what size tires are needed as he will approach tire companies for assistance.

The board thanked Nona for a good job producing the Balance Sheet and P&L for the track.

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Continuing Business:

Bylaws Update – Don distributed the Bylaws that were updated by Chris just prior to the meeting. He asked that everyone review and reply to the whole group if you have any comments.

New Business:

Election Results – Lincoln Buell and Lee Stanley retired from the Board. Don thanked them for their many years of service. Larry Morgan was elected from the south region to replace Lincoln on the board. Bill Dennis, Chris Ronson, Sr. and Tom Thompson were elected to serve another 2 year term.

Mike King nominated Don Johnson as Region Executive. Larry Morgan seconded the motion, which was approved by all Board members.

Don Johnson nominated Mike King as Assistant R.E. Chris Ronson, Sr. seconded the motion, which was approved by all Board members.

Don asked Ted Migchelbrink if he would continue as the Region Treasurer for 2019.

Tom Thompson has served as Secretary for the last three years. Don will reach out to our members for a new person to fill the Secretary position. Tom will continue as Secretary until the new person can take over.

2019 Board of Directors

North Chapter – Don Johnson (1 year)

Mark Ebersoll – (1 year)

Chris Ronson, Sr. – (2 years)

Tom Thompson – (2 years)

South Chapter – Russ Stavley – (1 year)

Mike King – (1 year)

Larry Morgan - (2 years)

Bill Dennis – (2 years)

Member-at-Large – open

Regional Executive – Don Johnson

Assistant Regional Executive – Mike King

Treasurer – Ted Michgelbrink

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Chairs and Specialties

F&C Chief – Larry Morgan has agreed to continue.

Race Chair – Sherri Williams will continue

T&S Chief – Dave Williams will be the T&S Chief for the Race School and the Jim Stark race.

Registration – Wanda will continue.

Jacksonville Solo Chair – Cortland Bailey

Savannah Solo Chair – Kenny Lee

National & SEDIV Convention Attendees

Fred Clark will continue as SARRC representative.

4 people are planning on attending the National Convention in Las Vegas including Fred Clark, Mike King, Don Johnson and Lee Stanley.

SEDIV Convention is the 1st weekend in February. The region will reimburse any of the club officers for the registration fees if they attend the Convention.

Track Events and Volunteers

Bill suggested adding a track event to our Jim Stark race weekend. There was some discussion on our track events. Tom said the biggest problem was getting qualified instructors to volunteer to help with the students. Tom Thompson said he is stepping down from being Chief Instructor. Don thanked Tom for serving as PDX Chief Instructor for the past two years. Mike King said he may be interested in serving as Chief Instructor for our Track events. He just wants to give it some more thought.

There was also discussion on adding drive arounds at lunch time for some of our events. The biggest obstacle is providing access to cross the track during the lunch break. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Larry mentioned we need more volunteer workers for our events. He suggested increasing the incentive for SCCA workers if they flag an event. We would like to see more of our members at the track events. Don will work on a handout that can be distributed at the autocross event at Hutchinson Island.

Next Meeting – February 11th online meeting.

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12:14 PM – Chris made a motion for adjournment, Larry seconded, all in favor.