

Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting October 4, 2021—Zoom Meeting

Present with Zoom: Don Johnson, Bill Dennis, Chris Ronson, Harvey Lewis, Larry Morgan, Bob Horansky, Mark Eversoll, Michele Eversoll, Jack Abbott, Nona Heinzen

Absent: Ron Ogletree, Karen Kern, Tom Neubeck and Kenny Lee

Don confirmed that we do have a quorum even with the absent members.

Call to order: 7:05 pm, Don Johnson

<u>JAX SOLO-</u> Tom wasn't able to be on the meeting but Don presented information that he had regarding Jax Solo. Don said Jax Solo's #6 event was at Amelia Island on September 12 with 51 drivers (11 of them novice). Their next event (#7) will be at Amelia on October 9, 2021. Don said that was all of the info he had at the moment.

Don said that he had a document that he would send to each Board member after the meeting pertaining to a request for consideration from Jax Solo for a loan from Buccaneer Region in order to keep their equipment road worthy. Both the vehicle and trailer are in poor condition. They are repairing as needed but may end up purchasing a used vehicle. The request is for \$10-15,000 over a 5-year term in order to make that purchase. Don said that he will send the request to each Board member and asked that the member respond back to him with any comments, concerns, recommendations, questions, etc. He will then share the information with Jax Solo.

<u>SAV SOLO-</u> Kenny was not on the call. Don shared that he knew that Savannah Solo had an event Saturday and had 91 participants. That's all he knew.

Kenny responded after the meeting with the following information: They had an event in September that had 66 drivers and netted \$ 1074.17. They also had their first event of two in October with 91 drivers and netted \$1842.07 for that event. Their next event is October 30, 2021. Kenny also gave bank balances.

TRACK MANAGER REPORT- Jack gave the balances of the Checking accounts. He stated that September was fairly busy with some new groups coming in and wanting to book future events. He said that maintenance was busy as usual.

He said they were getting ready to send the 2022 Dates and Contracts out the following week. He said he has been working with everyone having a May date booked to get them rescheduled, if possible, since we are planning to be paving in May of 2022. Don asked if there were any questions. There were no questions, but Bill thanked Jack and Nona for all they do.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT-</u> Michele didn't have any reports to present. Don said he will forward the documents he has to the BOD members after the meeting.

RACE CHAIR REPORT- Don said that he and Bill had spoken with Mike Havlick and Ken Blackburn regarding having an alternative driver school. Don said that it would be an understatement to say that they weren't in support of us having an alternative school. Don stated that Ken was insistent that an alternative driver school was only for an otherwise experienced driver, and not for new students. Ken also asked that if we changed anything or backed out of having the driver school that SEDiv would appreciate a years' notice. Don said at this point, it's too late to change 2022.

Don presented an assessment for financial projections from the 2021 Driver School as a comparison of potential income for 2022. Don said that by going from 31 students and 68 SARRC drivers to 35 students and 80 SARRC drivers, income would go from~\$2,000 to \$6,000. With 35 students and 100 SARRC drivers, income would be ~\$11,000. He said he feels that if they can open registration by December 1st of this year, that the event would be profitable with this format. Don said that Mike Havlick has said that he has a commitment from Randy Pobst to be guest instructor and Andy Fox from CFR as lead instructor again. Chris said that those names should draw more participants since they are known.

Don said we had talked about possibly moving the school into the fall at an earlier meeting. But that school, even in the fall, would have to have something with it to make it a success. One of the discussions about turning it over to SEDiv if it was in the fall, we could have the option as owners of the track was that we could offer them the same deal that we offer ourselves—if SEDiv wants to take it over. But then again, they were asking for a one-year notice.

Bob said let's just focus on 2022. Harvey said that he makes a motion that we do it without SEDiv. Bob agreed saying we should do it alone, without SEDiv, the way Don proposes it—a driver school and a single SARRC. Don said that Mike Havlick had spoken to Randy Pobst and Andy Fox about participating next year. Don believes that they will be a big marketing tool. Mike Havlick told Don that he had only offered Randy some traveling expense to come. Don asked, from our standpoint, how do we feel about asking SEDiv to pay for that? Bob said we should cover his hotel. Don said that he will reach out to Mike to confirm the commitment for Randy Pobst and Andy Fox. He said it shouldn't be a problem to get everything approved in the timeline mentioned. Bob said we are going to need at least ½ day on Friday and 8 hours on Saturday. There was discussion about having 2 or 3 run groups. Mark said we would need a minimum of three groups because, inevitably, someone will show up and want to share a car. It was agreed that we need three run groups—Big bore, small bore and Open wheel. Bob said we need 10 ½ hours of track time plus classroom time. They need to be on the track by 2:00 on Friday. Don said he will get back with Bob to get more information on that in putting the schedule together.

Bill had a question about the driver school. He stated that last year we had issues getting everything completed. Bill proposes we set a deadline of Thanksgiving that if we don't have a Schedule, Sups, Sanction number and Certificate of Insurance, we don't do it. Bob agreed with Bill.

Bill asked if Don was comfortable with who he will be working with in SEDiv. Bob said the Steward that Don would be working with is Paul Gauzens. Don said that he knows Paul and that he is comfortable working with him. Bill said he will support Don.

Don wanted to clarify the historical races that was discussed at a previous meeting. He said that when SCCA had a Regional/National race program, Buccaneer Region had National races in March and September and a SARRC race in April. The July 4th weekend (now moved to late June) was always a SEDiv event.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Track Re-paving—Don said that they are going to re-bid the job in December to get current costs since they have increased since our last bid. Hopefully the costs will come down a little more between December and May 2022. Don said we have discussed it before but when it comes time to do the paving, we will assess what monies we have and adjust the scope of the work at that time. There are a number of things we have discussed: modifying the chicane, whether to pave the front straight, paving pit lane and paving the track. When it comes time to make the commitment, we will adjust the scope depending on costs and funds available. Chris said he thought we were paving in August because it's a slower month. Don stated that we need to pave in May because the paving company said that May is the least likely month to get rained on. Harvey asked if we had obtained the bid with cut-outs in case we opted not to do a portion of the work. Jack replied that yes, there would be a base price to do the whole job and another price if we don't do the straight away or the chicane. Jack said there will be three quotes to cover each scenario. We will have to do what we can afford to do when the time comes. Bill asked Jack if there was anything wrong with pit lane. Bill said he wasn't aware of a problem with pit-lane. Jack replied that they could continue to fill in the cracks, if needed in pit lane. Bob stated that pit lane should be at the bottom of the list. He said that the priorities should be the track, the front straight, the chicane and pit lane last. Everyone agreed to that order of priority.

BOD Nominations—Don moved to discuss BOD positions. Mark Eversoll said he doesn't want to continue. Don thanked him for his service. Larry said that he believes he has another year and Don confirmed that was correct. Don said that when he joined the Board in 2008, he was the youngest and believes he may still be the youngest. He said he has reached out to people to fill positions on the Board. He said he has a new sense of motivation as he has been on the Board for seven years and doesn't plan to make if 14-15 years. Bill said that he has been the Assistant RE for two or three years now. He said the traditional path is for an assistant RE to become the RE, but that he personally has no desire to become the RE. He said that if someone steps up and wants to be the Assistant RE, he will step out of the way. He suggested that if anyone knows of someone who may have an interest, to encourage them to come on board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next Meeting—Don said the next meeting is our annual meeting. If we meet in Brunswick face-to-face, the first two Saturdays are December 4th and 11th. He said he would have to take off work for either one of those dates. He will send an email out with the meeting documents and everyone can respond to him then about which date they like. He will set up for the next meeting when we know what we are doing.

Motion to adjourn: Larry Seconded: Bob

Reply was Unanimous Meeting ended at 7:50 pm



Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting Addendum to October 4, 2021 Zoom Meeting

This addendum is made pertaining to the motion of Harvey Lewis to hold the February 2022 Driver School/SARRC a Buccaneer Region event.

The motion was seconded by Mark Eversoll via email and voted on via email. The voting results were as listed:

Mark Eversoll yes Harvey Lewis yes Larry Morgan yes Bill Dennis yes Chris Ronson yes

We have a majority so motion carried.