



Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting August 9, 2022—Zoom meeting

Present with Zoom: Don Johnson, Bill Dennis, Bob Horansky, Chris Ronson, Sr, Harvey Lewis, Larry Morgan, Jeff Utley, Kenny Lee, Karen Kern, Jack Abbott and Nona Heinzen

Absent: Ron Ogletree, Kurt Breitinger, Craig Tomeo

Guests present: Hans Bliss

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

SAV SOLO- Kenny said their last event was July 9, had 49 drivers and netted \$ 627.91. The next event was scheduled for August 6, 2022, but they were asked to reschedule. Kenny rescheduled the event for August 20, 2022. They have negotiated to maintain ½ of the surface area since the construction is under way. Don commended Kenny for 'keeping our foot in the door' and keeping our spot. Don said if we lose the spot, there's no telling when/if we could get back in. Kenny then gave the bank balances.

JAX SOLO- The Jax solo report was not present during the meeting but is summarized in these minutes. Jax Solo's last event was July 12 and had 67 drivers. Their next event is scheduled for September 17 at Amelia. Craig gave the bank balance in his summary.

TRACK MANAGER REPORT- Jack said that they have been busy trying to keep the grass cut with having diminished equipment. He said they have had good feedback from the drivers/riders stating that the track is "fast and smooth". They have had some motorcycle events with lots of participants and have had no serious injuries—a good thing with so many riders.

He said he's been watching the track in a couple of places. He said APAC came out with their QC manager on Friday at 10 am and they are coming back out on Monday to pull some core samples to test the asphalt to see what is going on. He said he will keep everyone updated.

Jack then gave the bank balances and discussed the transfers to be made into the project fund.

He said they are finishing up the 2023 scheduling and are almost ready to start sending out contracts. But before the contracts are sent out, we need to decide on how much the increase needs to be. The various contractors that work at RRR have submitted price increases for 2023. He has worked up a potential increase in expenses and feels that we need to plan for unforeseen increases as well with increasing our rates. The last increase was in 2019 when we increased the rates by 10% to increase our repaving fund sooner. The increase prior to the 10% was in 2015/2016. We have researched other tracks for their pricing for comparison to be

sure we are in line. Nona will prepare a spreadsheet for proposed increases with current prices at other facilities and will distribute it via email for everyone's review.

Jack asked if the Buccaneer Region wanted the November 11-12, 2023. Otherwise, he will give it to the group that has it this year. Jack said that Bill had been working on possibly taking the November dates but he is not on the call right now. Bob said SCCA has no intention of using the November 2023 dates so give it away.

TREASURER- Chris provided the report of funds available.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: Jack said that the Mahindra Tractor report from the Mahindra Dealer was a total loss. Jack picked up the tractor and brought it back to the garage. After inspection, they were able to straight wire it and get it started. So it is not a total loss. Jack would like to have the Mahindra repaired, at a reasonable cost, to have as a back up to their other tractors. The repair is separate from purchasing the new Kubota. The new Kubota is a definite need—as all the tractors are. Each tractor serves different needs—lift, blower, sweeper, grass cutter, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

KUBOTA TRACTOR- Jack talked about the financing of the Kubota. There are three of them due to come in. After the tractor is on site, they will run our credit and will determine which finance option to choose. Don asked for a motion to purchase the Kubota. Chris Ronson, Sr motioned to purchase the Kubota. Bob Horansky seconded the motion. Nona then took votes and the motion passed with members present.

Chris then discussed financing options. He says we can do a 0% interest rate loan with a substantial down payment that will enable us to keep the cash flow fluid for unforeseen issues that might arise. We can always pay it off early if we'd like to. Harvey said to do it and not pay it back early.

Don asked for a motion. Chris motioned to put \$20,000 down and finance the rest at 0%. If that doesn't work, then we negotiate it until it does work. Harvey seconded the motion. Nona took votes and the motion passed with members present.

Bob asked if they would deliver it and Jack replied that yes, it is in the pricing. Chris said he and Jack will work out the details and let everyone know how it goes. Jack thanked everyone. Don thanked everyone for being supportive.

GRASS ROOTS ADVERTISEMENT-Don spoke about an opportunity for advertisement for our Drivers School with Grass Roots in their November issue (which is mailed out in September). The special pricing is \$895.00 for a ½ page ad and includes an additional 6000 copies to be given to SEMA attendees. Larry suggested we make the SCCA part of the ad more visible. Karen said she had an SCCA logo that she could put on the ad to fix that.

Chris asked if we could maybe place two ads – one for the November issue and one for the January issue (and get a deal on two). We might be able to get a deal on both ads instead of just one. Karen will check into that. Bill asked if Karen was going to put more info on the Buccaneer Region website? He said they won't be able to have everything on MotorSportsReg by then. Karen said she would have a link or something with more info.

Don then asked for a motion on placing the ad. Bill motioned to place the ad and Chris seconded the motion. Nona took votes and the motion passed with members present.

Larry said he would like to discuss helping the Jax Solo group now that our paving project is completed. Don said he will discuss with Craig and get back to everyone.

DJ said the date for the next meeting should be Monday, October 3, 2022. He then asked for a motion for adjournment. Larry motioned to adjourn and Chris seconded.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm