



Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting October 4, 2022—Zoom meeting

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

Absent: Ron Ogletree, Kurt Breiting, Larry Morgan

Guests present: Tad Segars

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

JAX SOLO-Craig said they had their annual night event in September. He said it was a lot of fun. They do 3 runs in the daytime, stop for pizza, then do 3 runs in the dark. He then gave the bank balance and talked about their next event. The next event is their annual charity event.

Craig said Amelia has agreed to allowing five events for 2023 and they also have the Firm. He said he has a contact with the new St. John's County training facility for a future site. The training facility doesn't quite know how they're going to utilize the site yet once they know, they'll let them know. He also has spoken with the new JAG at the Whitehouse for possible use there.

Don asked if there were any questions for Craig and there were none. Don thanked Craig for all of his hard work.

SAV SOLO- Kenny said their September event had 55 drivers. Their last event was at Roebing over the weekend and had 73 drivers. He said anticipated weather played a part in attendance for both the September and early October events but the weather turned out to be great.

He said their next event is back at Roebing on October 29. He gave the bank balances. Don asked if there were any questions for Kenny and there were none. Don thanked Kenny for the job he has done.

TRACK MANAGER REPORT-Jack said that since the last meeting they've have had multiple motorcycle groups (N2, CCS, Pan American) and several large car groups (VDCA, Coastal Empire PCA, NASA and SCCA Solo). NASA was a very large crowd! They had about 285 cars! It was crowded—he said there were probably 700 people present that weekend. He said that everyone was breaking their previous records with the new track.

Jack said they have applied the Track Bond 50 between Turn 1 and 2. He said it has the same grip as the repave. He said you can see the discoloration in the track but cannot feel it when driving across it.

Jack said the hold up on the Kubota Tractor is a supply chain demand issue. He said every dealership he has called has the same issue. The tractor is the most popular model. The dealer has not received any updates on the bucket from the factory.

He said that the parts for the Mahindra tractor have been ordered. He said on some of the parts, the part number had changed. But they finally got it all worked out and ordered. So now it's a waiting game. Bob asked if there was any paint damage to the tractor. Jack replied yes and that they would look into having it painted.

Jack said that the reason he had listed quotes for new cutters is because we have been repairing the cutters we have. He is just looking ahead in preparation.

Hendrix Machinery gave us 4 quotes:

Land Pride RC2512 Batwing Cutter 12' working width	\$18,290 + sales tax
Land Pride RC2515 Batwing Cutter 15' working width	\$19,229 + sales tax
Bushhog 1812 Batwing Cutter 12' working width	\$19,476 + sales tax
Bushhog 1815 Batwing Cutter 15' working width	\$23,270 + sales tax

Chris asked what the width of our current Cutter was. The width is 12'. Jack said he had thought about getting a 15' one but was concerned that the guys might catch a 15' one on the fencing—not being used to the new width. Jack said the 12' goes through the gate well. Bob said the Bushhog brand is like the “Cadillac” of cutters.

Chris made the motion to allow Jack to purchase the 12' Bushhog cutter. Bob seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Jack then gave balances of the bank accounts. Don said that Jack is doing a great job and thanked him for his efforts. Don said that to the TrackBond 50 issue, he participated in the Autocross and could feel no difference in the pavement. Don suggested checking with another track that uses TrackBond 50 to see if there needs to be a reapplication of the TrackBond 50. Jack said that he would.

Don asked if there were any questions and Harvey asked if the area that we used the TrackBond on had to be removed and repaved, what would be the downtime? Jack replied that it would probably take about 2 weeks if we had to do that.

TREASURER- Chris gave our financial position and provided the report of funds available. He said that as for paying back the SEDIV loan, we just need to decide how we want to pay back the money. Don asked Chris if the track account needs to pay the money back. Chris replied yes that the money will come from the Great Oaks savings account. Don thanked Chris for all of his work. Chris made the comment that all our savings account is getting is .125% per month. He asked do we want to do something else with our money. Harvey suggested buying CDs. Chris said that the CDs are the way to go. Chris will research and get back with everyone.

RACE CHAIR: Don said the 2022 race school was a success and he expects 2023 to be as well since the events are similar. Andy Fox has asked that we work in some Driverz Cup racers into the Formula V race. There are Formula Vs in the Driverz Cup but they run on 200 tires rather than Hoosiers. Don said they are not a SARRC class so he will have to get permission to run those guys on that weekend. That is on Don's To-Do list. He spoke with Andy Fox and he's very excited. The ad will be placed in the February issue which comes out in January. By that time, the event will be listed on MSR for the interested to be able to register.

Don asked for comments/remarks. Bill said that he had talked to Fred Clark about adding the Driverz Cup racers. Bill suggested that Don give Jim Creighton a heads up. Bill said that all of them need to be SCCA members to be covered by the insurance. Bill said Andy needs to know this so that he can tell his people. Bill said that the Driverz Cup participants need to be at the track on Thursday to have their car inspected.

Bill continued that this is a separate class of car—and should not get SARRC points. In Florida they run an ITEZ—supplemental class . He said we could create a supplemental class for this and do the same. He said they will need to sign a points waiver. Bill sees no reason for us not to pursue this to get more people on the track. Chris asked if they could purchase a weekend membership if they didn't want to join annually. Bill said yes but they will still need an annual check and all of the safety gear checked.

Bill doesn't see it necessarily as a problem with everything, but they just need to be apprised of the stipulations by Andy Fox so that they aren't caught unawares. The Driverz Cup drivers must have either a SCCA Competition License or SCCA Novice Permit, or they may also otherwise be licensed by one of the other racing groups listed in the GCR in Appendix C, Rule 2.8.B. Rule 2.8.B lists 21 different racing groups that license competition drivers. Bill suggests adding a paragraph in the SUPS that spells this out.

Don said that for 2022, we initially had all open wheel cars together but we changed it. For the 2023 event we will go ahead and split the open wheels and it will be in the SUPS that way. The Driverz Cup group will fill out what would normally be the smaller of the two groups.

Bill said that Greg Bruns, who owns the Driverz Cup Series, whose entire cache is that his cars have a run group all to themselves, will not be happy that he's not going to get that. He may say that this is not going to be one of my points races. Don said that he certainly had not offered that they would get their own run group. He said that the best he could offer is a split start and Andy indicated that he was satisfied with that. Bill said not to put split start in the SUPS. Bill suggested letting the Chief Steward decide how they start. Don thanked him for the information. Don asked for any other items to discuss tonight. No one spoke up. Don thanked everyone for all of their efforts. Jack thanked everyone for all of their help with everything. Chris said we all wish Don great success in his health endeavors.

Chris motioned for an adjournment of the meeting.

Bob seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 7:58pm