



## **Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting August 7, 2023—Zoom meeting**

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

Absent: Scott Reynolds, Larry Morgan and Craig Tomeo

Guests: Rick Henschel

Call to Order: 7:15 pm. Don thanked everyone for attending tonight. Don stated that we have a quorum.

**JAX SOLO:** Craig was not present but Don gave an accounting. Don said that Jax Solo had an event on 7/22 at Amelia Island Airport that had 80 drivers participate. They have another event scheduled there in September and that will be their last event at Amelia. Craig has several leads that he is pursuing with Gainesville Raceway, Callahan Fairgrounds and Florida Gulf College. They are hoping to do a Test and Tune later this year with the new FSCJ North Campus Law Enforcement training center site. He then gave the bank balances. Don said that Craig is looking at ways to fund a replacement trailer and tow vehicle as theirs is on the last leg. He is checking to see if SCCA still has the \$5K grant program and whatever else they can find. He said that once they lock in some sites, replacing the trailer and tow vehicle will become a priority. Don said that Craig can reach out to the BOD for possible aid once they decide what they are going to do. Don thanked Craig for his efforts.

**SAV SOLO:** Kenny stated that since their last report in June, they haven't had any events. He said their next event will be Aug 19 at Hutchinson Island. Chris asked how their finances were and Kenny said the balances haven't changed since the June BOD meeting. Kenny then gave the account balances. Don asked what the latest updates were on the full paddock being available again. Kenny said there were talks about the construction extending beyond December of this year and that they are talking about going up on our rates. Kenny said he was hoping to get back to the full site on the track early to mid-year next year—depending on film shoots. Kenny said Hutchinson only plans for a month at a time. Don thanked Kenny for his efforts.

**TRACK MANAGER REPORT:** Jack began the Track Manager's Report by going over bank balances. He gave the amount of the transfer for June but said they haven't transferred any of the money over to the money market for the March, April, May transfer due to the numerous expenditures that they have made for the roofs and berm work. He then gave a breakdown of expenditures versus transfer total at 20%. He said that now the 2017 Ex mark mower was down for repair and wouldn't be ready for a few weeks. Jack said he had submitted a quote for a new Commercial Grade Ex Mark mower to Don. The Ahrens mower is not working properly. It is worn out and appears to have shorts. With the mowers being down, they have had to borrow neighbors' mowers to get the grass cut. Jack said both the bushhog and the tractor are working well.

He then gave the amount for the July transfer at both 10% and 20%. He then reported on the upcoming events. He said that the next two scheduled events had been rescheduled due to low signups. The 8/12-13

weekend was with one of their regular small event weekday customers who had requested a weekend. The weekend we offered was the SCCA Summer Haze dates but he couldn't make the numbers. The August 18-20 weekend was booked with CCS but they are competing with N2 and Pan American Superbikes before and after that weekend. CCS has moved their weekend to run in conjunction with Podium MS on September 22-24 to hopefully have better numbers. He said they are seeing lower numbers with groups recently. He said he's not sure if it's the economy, heat or conflicting events or a combination of all. He said that their receipts are down and asked if they could possibly decrease the transfer percentage from 20% to 10%?

Don said that he had started a separate email regarding purchasing the Ex Mark mower. Don asked that we vote on the mower and then have Chris discuss with Jack regarding the reduction of the percentage on the transfers and then get back with the board. Chris made the motion to purchase the mower.

Nona then called for votes. All present BOD members voted aye—motion passed. Chris then asked Jack about the track inspection. Jack said they passed the inspection with just a few issues to address. The report said we need a secondary dirt berm in front of the turn 6 corner station. The other item was that there is a gap in the guard rail on the front stretch. The review is good for three years. Chris asked when those improvements would be finished. Jack said they would be completed before SCCA comes back.

Bob asked when the repairs to the wall in front of the tower would be completed. Bob said there are plans on file that have never been completed. Jack said he had not seen nor heard anything about that. Jack asked if he had a copy of it. Bob said that he might be able to pull up a copy of it and will send it to Jack.

Don asked if there were any other items for the track. There were none. Don thanked Jack for all he does.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Chris then gave the report on the Profit & Loss. Chris asked if there were any questions on the P&L. There were none. He talked about the transfer to Vanguard CD. He said had originally thought it would need to be renewed every month but it is actually every three months. He said the interest rate on the Vanguard money is 5.53%. He said the Great Oaks MM is getting great interest, too. He will compare the MM checking vs the Vanguard account to see if the Vanguard account is necessary. He then went over the Balance Sheet. He asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Harvey said that he had been in his bank earlier and the banks seem to be basing everything on inflation. Chris said that it seems to be working in favor of our investments but not so much in regards to track participation as everything is more expensive (i.e. Fuel, food). Chris said he is going to watch to see what we need to do to get the best return on our investments. Don thanked Chris.

**RACE CHAIR REPORT/CONTINUING BUSINESS: 2023 Jim Stark Double SARRC**—Bill stated that Jim Stark 2023 is a settled event. Bill asked Don if he's heard anything on the date conflict with CFR for 2024. Don replied that as of now there is no agreement between CFR and Daytona for April 2024 so there is nothing on the SEDiv calendar for that time frame. Don said that Robin Ragaglia expects it to stay that way. He said he would keep his ear to the ground on that subject. Bill asked if that means that CFR will have no Spring date at Daytona in 2024. Don said yes, that is what he's been told.

Don had only one comment about the 2024 School -increasing the prices. He said that the sanction fees and audit fees had increased. Don said he will work with Chris to get the entry fees in line with expenses for the Drivers School for 2024.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**BOD Position-** Don said that Ron Ogletree had resigned from the BOD after the July Major event creating an opening in the BOD. He said there was a volunteer for the Member-At-Large position on the call tonight and

then he turned the floor over to Bill. Bill stated that he would like to nominate Rick Henschel for MAL for the remainder of 2023. Bob Horansky seconded the motion. Harvey also seconded the motion. Bill asked Rick to introduce himself. Rick said he has been racing at RRR for a number of years and has been a Chief of Tech for 18 years. He said he really appreciated this opportunity. Chris said that we appreciate his volunteering. Nona then called for a vote. The vote was unanimously approved. Don welcomed Rick to the BOD.

**SCCA Insurance Changes**-Don said the insurance rates had increased for SCCA. He said that any property damage claims need to be routed through SCCA National. He directed the BOD to review the Insurance Meeting Notes from the Conference Call Notes which outlines the important issues/changes. He had sent the notes out prior to the BOD meeting. The summation is that the prices for Sanction fees will increase which, in turn, will increase our cost of doing business in 2024.

**BOD Nominations**- Don said that it has come to his attention that the deadline for the nomination forms is October 1, 2023, which is before the SIC on October 21-22, 2023. Don asked for a motion to change the deadline date from October 1 to November 1. Bill motioned to change the deadline and Chris seconded the motion. Nona called a vote and there was a quorum vote- motion passed. Don said that he would update the form and get Karen to post online.

### **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

**Tech Shed improvements**—Don said that he believed we should turn the Tech Shed improvements over to Rick to review. Rick said that he couldn't open the email up that Don had sent. He said it was on his end—he can't open any emails right now. Don said he would resend it. Bob said he and Ron had a disagreement on how Ron was going to build Tech out. Bob said he thought it needed to be built out to the Victory Lane side. Bob said we need protection in the Tech Shed for when there is inclement weather. Chris asked about putting an addition on the west side. Jack suggested a roll-up door for protection from the weather. Bob said there were a lot of other options than building out on the scale side. Don said we need to have an extensive discussion on changes to Tech. Don suggested Rick, Jack, Bob, Bill and Chris be on a subcommittee for this. Bob said that Rick should be chairman of the Tech Committee since it's his wheelhouse. Chris asked if Bob and Rick could get together and draw something up. Bob said sure. Bill asked if we could move the Coke machine in Tech and lengthen the table area before the SIC in October. Jack said that they could move the smaller Coke machine with no problem but the larger one cannot be moved because it's too tall. Bill mentioned that the grass area between Tech and staging is used for dead vehicles. He stated that we need to keep that space for those vehicles. Jack said that we can go the other direction, if needed. Jack suggested we look at it at the SIC. Bill agreed. Harvey told Rick that he has a Regional Tech license and can help out wherever needed. Harvey asked if Rick had heard anything about a mandatory requirement on the FIA light update. Rick said he hadn't heard anything about it yet but that he will keep an eye on it. Chris said that SCCA is our governing body on it. Harvey said that his understanding is that the issue is at the Comp Board now. Bill asked exactly what the FIA light is. Harvey explained that it is a rain light. Rick expects that there will be push-back on it. He said that when the call was finished, he'd reach out to the division to see if there's any news.

**UPS needs for Track:** Chris said we will need an inventory of what is needed versus what we have, etc. for the UPS upgrades. Chris said he will get with Jack to determine which areas need UPS and how many are needed.

The next meeting date would be Monday, October 9, 2023. Don asked for a motion to adjourn. Chris motioned to adjourn and Bob seconded.

All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm