



## **Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting January 3, 2026—End of year In-person and Zoom Meeting**

Present in-person: Kurt Breitingner, Bill Dennis, Chris Ronson, Sr., Harvey Lewis, Pete Horansky, Shane Doles, Jack Abbott and Nona Heinzen

Guests present: Weyman Houston and Mandy Doles

Present with Zoom: Bob Horansky

Call to Order: 9:04 am.

**JAX SOLO:** Craig was not present but presented a report. Craig said they had a strong year with 10 events. They were able to add a new site—a place in Callahan, just north of Jacksonville. They thanked us again for the loan for the truck. Chris said the loan balance was \$6,730 of the \$10K and that everything is good.

**SAV SOLO:** Kenny was not present but he presented a report. Kenny said they have had event numbers 6,7 and 8 since the last BOD meeting with two events at RRR and one at Hutchinson Island. They are earning money in their investment account.

**ROAD RALLY REPORT:** Phillip was not present but he presented a report. Phillip had put together a Road Rally Schedule for 2026 showing how many points each position would be awarded that should be uploaded to the website at some point. Phillip said they only had three rallies. Their next Rally is scheduled to be Feb 1<sup>st</sup> right after the SEDIV Meeting on St. Simon.

**TRACK MANAGER REPORT:** Jack began by giving the bank balances. He said they have been busy around the track with keeping everything going and have been crack filling whenever possible. He said they've repainted the floors in the T5 bathrooms and repaired electrical issues. He said they have moved the container that was behind Thomas' house and have repurposed it for storage for the Garage.

He then talked about upcoming events and the bookings for 2026. He stated that we have scheduled training for the corner workers and Firefighters. Kurt asked who was doing the training. Jack gave Chief Roney's qualifications and explained that we have more training coming. Ken Blackburn and Brad Davis are interested in the SCCA workers being trained, as well. Kurt pointed out that the logistics would have to be worked out.

Jack said they had the State Fire Marshal inspection and we passed. We had a new building inspector that came and all was good. Everything is the same with the fuel.

On getting new fuel tanks, we are needing to raise \$30,000 to get the ball rolling. Chris said he is in favor of just paying it and then work on donations. Jack explained that the track will still have to pump the gas for the

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gas customer due to requirements of the Fire Marshal. Jack is going to go back to VP and get everything squared to move forward. We won't take a vote right now.

Jack then talked about the repayment of the SEDiv loan on the paving project. He stated that after the next payment in February of 2026, the balance will be \$20,000.

Jack then asked Nona to explain what happened with the attempt to get disability for the employees. Nona explained that when it came time to sign the forms, there were red flags. The forms came pre-filled where there should have been options for us to complete and when she called the company, they said there wasn't another option. Everyone commented that we should abandon the disability insurance.

Bill asked when Jack believes we will need to repave? Jack said it's hard to say. Bill said the cost was \$1.3M the last time and he anticipates it be at least \$2M for the next paving. Bill asked where most of the wear was on the track. Jack said turns 1,2 and the exit of turn 2, going into turn 5. Bill asked if turn 3 was okay and Jack replied yes.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Chris then gave the Treasurer's Report. Chris asked if we had gone up on Track Rental prices. Jack replied that we have not yet, but that we will have to for 2027. Jack and Nona explained that every other company has increased prices. Jack said they will get the pricing together and get back to everyone.

#### **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

**2026 Drivers School**—Kurt said registration is open and he's fielded many questions. He said we are advertising in Grass Roots Motorsports for the Drivers School. He said everything looks pretty good so far. He said Ken Blackburn is Chief Steward and Andy Fox is Chief Instructor. Bill Etherington is the Tech Chief.

**Volunteer Recruitment**—If anyone has any ideas, please bring them. Kurt said that the increase in stipends has helped with recruitment. Bill suggested the Jax Solo and Sav Solo leads to share information with their people. Kurt said he believes that the issue there is that Kenny and Craig aren't interested in anything other than Auto crossing.

Chris asked if Kenny and Craig had an email list of their attendants. Kurt said he has a list of participants that show what they are interested in. Chris asked if Karen could work up an email blast to share the stipend increase, etc. Kurt said he would take that on. Kurt talked about using MailChimp. Bill said Karen has experience with all of this. Bill suggests that Karen merge Kenny and Craig's emails into the MailChimp list.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Election Status and Results**— Kurt said he's been looking at the need for revising the bylaws this year based on past conversations. Kurt said the 1998 version of the Bylaws is what is still being used.

We had three positions open: RE, Assistant RE and Treasurer. Nomination forms were turned in to Nona as required. We need to Motion and vote on these selections:

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| RE        | Kurt Breitinger | Motioned by Bill Dennis  | Seconded by Chris Ronson and passes Unanimously |
| Asst RE   | Harvey Lewis    | Motioned by Bill Dennis  | Seconded by Chris Ronson and Passes Unanimously |
| Treasurer |                 | Motioned by Harvey Lewis | Seconded by Bill Dennis and Passes Unanimously  |

Kurt then went over the specialties and the results are as follows:

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| RE.....               | Kurt Breitinger               | Jax Solo.....                                    | Craig Tomeo      |
| Assistant RE.....     | Harvey Lewis                  | Sav Solo.....                                    | Kenny Lee        |
| Treasurer.....        | Chris Ronson, Sr.             | Rally.....                                       | Philip Cheshire  |
| Secretary.....        | Nona Heinzen                  | Web Master.....                                  | Karen Kern       |
| Registrar.....        | Marianne Gardner              |  |                  |
| F&C Chief.....        | Weyman Houston                | Emergency.....                                   | Skippy Boatright |
| Start.....            | Nancy DeLoach & Chuck Stanley | Course Marshall.....                             | Kat Buell        |
| Grid.....             | Pete Horansky                 | Paddock Marshall.....                            | TBD              |
| Tech.....             | Bill Etherington              | Pace Car...Mandy Doles, Chris Ronson & Tim Lyons |                  |
| T&S.....              | Anna Crissman                 | Sound.....                                       | TBD              |
| Membership Chair..... | Mandy Doles                   |  |                  |

**National Convention--** Kurt said the convention is virtual. Kurt encourages folks to sign up. He said it's all free. You don't have to travel.

**SEDiv Meeting/Banquet Plans--** Kurt said the banquet is the end of January

**Jim Stark Races—**Bill said the planning is done except working out the detail and get approval of the Deputy Executive Steward (Bob Hudson) so that he can make a submission for sanction number from the sanction office. In order to do this, Bob Hudson needs to know who the Chief Steward and the Chair of the SOM are. The Chief Steward is Bob Gardner but we do not have a Chair of the SOM. Once we know the Chair of the SOM, we can apply for the sanction number.

Jane Lewis is going to do the trophies. We need someone to hand out Meal Tickets to the Chiefs (lunch and dinner). We need someone to be Data Logger and someone as Communicator who are F&C people. Bill said we don't have to name them all but we need to secure them.

**Additional Remarks:**

**SIC News—**They are looking for a site for 2027. They will be at RRR in 2026.

Harvey said there is a group of Formula C racers who want a series within the SARRC series which isn't going to happen with us. Harvey said from the conversation Bill and he had, it sounds like our best offer would be a split start and would require a 2<sup>nd</sup> pace car. Bill then said Majors races are longer than GCR. Majors require a minimum of 23 laps. April and Division races are not Majors. April races are 17 laps vs 30+ laps. Bill said he split start is the best that we can offer. The other item they wanted was a Victory lap and parade laps at lunch time. Harvey said he will get with Bill on all of this. Bill agreed.

Kurt then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Chris motioned to adjourn.

Shane seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11.24 am