



## Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting August 6, 2020—Go-to-Meeting

Present with GTM, August 6, 2020: Don Johnson, Harvey Lewis, Bill Dennis, Bob Horansky, Chris Ronson, Sr, Mark Eversoll, Tom Thompson, Kenny Lee, Michele Eversoll, Jack Abbott, Nona Heinzen and Larry Morgan

Joined late: Bob DeLoatch

Not present: Tom Neubeck and Karen Kern

Call to order: 7:00 pm, Don Johnson

**JAX SOLO-** Tom Neubeck wasn't present but did send a report to Don later in the evening. There was an issue with the emails and he and Karen Kern got it taken care of. In his report he said that Jax Solo had a non-eventful past month. No event in July. He gave an accounting of the bank balances. Their next event is at Amelia on August 15<sup>th</sup> and is their annual night event. They have another event scheduled at the FIRM on September 12 and will be a charity event to help JFRD and child fire victims.

**SAV SOLO-** Kenny Lee said that their June (#6) and July (#7) events went well with 66 drivers in each event. They followed the guidelines of the CDC with social distancing etc. and all were respectful. He gave the bank balances. He said their next event is August 9<sup>th</sup>. He said people are slow to register, which is normal for them, but that he looks forward to having the usual 50+ participants.

Don asked if anyone had any questions for Kenny and no one replied. Don thanked Kenny for all he does.

**TRACK MANAGER REPORT-** Jack Abbott began by saying that the track has been super busy with several maintenance projects in between events. There were some low hanging trees that got trimmed so that the RVs and trailers wouldn't catch them. They also added some patch paving in a couple of places to help with rocks not being picked up in hot tires and carried.

He stated that he and Don had gone up to CMP on July 14 to check out the paving job they had underway. They met with CMP co-owner, Michael Cummings, Jr, Brian Prowell, PhD., PE with Advanced Materials, Robbie Robinson with Axeon Specialty Products and Timothy Owings with SeAco (an Asphalt Emulsions Company). He said that Advanced Materials Services are out of Auburn, AL and have done tracks such as Daytona, NOLA, Homestead and currently CMP.

Jack stated that he is going to contact Brian Prowell in a couple of weeks and ask AMS to provide a quote for us for the re-paving project.

Jack said that they have a CD for the National Anthem for use by anyone who wants to use it.

He said they have purchased PPE – pens, masks, hand sanitizers. Also, they have infrared thermometers to take everyone's temp with.

He said there had been several large groups at RRR since the last Board meeting—NASA, WERA and N2. As far as PPE goes, he said that they wore masks during registration and when around each other outside of their paddock area; but, when they were inside their paddock areas or in their cars, they did not wear the masks.

Jack gave accountings of the bank balances and talked about Michele transferring money in the Money Market account to a separate bank for a higher yield.

He gave the transfer numbers for March, April and May and said they had transferred the money to the MM on 6/16/20. He then gave the transfer numbers for June and July. He said they would transfer that money when they knew where to deposit it since there were 2 MM accounts now.

Jack said that the band width for the WiFi at the Tower had been increased so hopefully, there wouldn't be any problems with it.

He then asked about increasing the cost of the facility rental fees by 10%-- in an effort to increase the MM balance for repaving quicker. He stated that the last increase in track rental was in 2014. He gave current and proposed numbers and asked how everyone felt about raising the fees in our repaving efforts. Bill said that he trusted Jack's judgement since this was his job. Chris said basically the same thing. DJ asked for someone to motion for a vote. Chris said he would make the motion. Michele said that she has strong opinions about an increase without a budget for the next year. She said that one of the things that was discussed last year was having a business plan- a budget, if you will, of what the expenses are and all of the different categories. That's where you start from first- Not "what do I want my checkbook to be". She feels that next year is going to look very different—especially with COVID. She anticipates cost going up in nearly EVERY area. She doesn't have the confidence and all of the ramifications being included in this 10% amount. She asked where the 10% number came from. Chris said that has something to do with what the market will bear and that you have to look at both sides of the equation so that you don't lose customers. Jack stated that the number came from speaking with other tracks/customers and knowing the market. Don suggested that a meeting between Michele and Jack take place. Michele said that would be fine. Jack said he was agreeable and that he, Nona and Don could get together with Michele.

Don asked if anyone had questions for Jack? Bob asked how many thermometers the track had. Bob wanted to know why we didn't take temps everyday and give out a different armband for that day like Road Atlanta does. Jack asked about the people camping. Chris said that when he was at Sebring they took the temp on Friday and didn't check it again. Does SCCA Corporate have a policy on taking temps? Bob said he thought it was only a state thing. Don thanked Jack for taking care of keeping the track going with having the smaller groups come and managing the larger groups as they're coming back.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**-Michele went over the P&L. She said there hadn't been very much activity so there wasn't much to report. She said she had been trying to get a "break-even" point for Summer Haze. She looked at Stark as a comparable event. She's estimating that 50+ cars would be the "break-even" point. Bob said we are at 64 cars now. She asked if we are hoping for break even and no better? Then said, I guess we always hope for better. Bob said this is a new event and was added to the calendar late and we are hoping to at least break even and work out the scheduling and issues next year. Michele asked if anyone had any questions for her. Don said it was nice to have someone who understands bookkeeping.

Don said that he believed that the Jim Stark last year made \$ 15,000-20,000 and the Jim Stark is our money maker. Michele gave the numbers for last year's Jim Stark-- \$40,573 brought in/\$14,814 expenses.

**RACE CHAIR REPORT**-Bill said that as far as Summer Haze goes, we are well populated with our officials but not well populated for F&C. He is expecting our total car count to be in the high 60s and low 70s. He said 60-70 cars for the first time for an event is pretty good. He's accounting for SARRC fees/SEDIV, Sanction fees/SCCA, RRR, workers needed through RRR. He feels we are well attended in most areas except for F&C.

He thinks we have not done well in the Vintage event with no aspersions cast on anyone or anything. We might not want to offer a Vintage event for next year since we didn't have many. The good thing about it is that it hasn't cost us anything. Next year we might be able to work with Mike Jackson with VDCA. That is something we will have to work on.

Bill feels that the break-even point will be 65 cars. Altogether, he feels that we are in good shape. He feels that we aren't going to lose money but he doesn't feel that it'll be a money maker. Bill asked if anyone had any questions for him.

Michele asked Bill if he had an assistant Race Chair because she noticed that he was going to be a driver participant. She said that as Race Control she would need to have the race chair available to help her. Bill stated that he wouldn't be available to be at her beck and call. Bob said it probably would be a good idea to find someone to help with radio coverage. Bill said let's talk about that this weekend and see if we can find someone.

Harvey asked Bill about maybe being able to add run groups at RRR. What's the minimum # of SARRC groups you can run in a weekend? Bill replied that there is no minimum or maximum number. This event is different than the Jim Stark. There is an hour of slack time built into the Saturday run times and an hour of slack time built into Sunday run times. Florida region has no limit on when they can run but at RRR we have to be shut down at 5 pm because of the neighbors.

Bill talked more about VDCA combining with us. We could possibly have all kinds of groups run if we can negotiate a 3-day event—Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Larry could barely be heard trying to speak. He disconnected from the PC and called in with a question for Bill regarding the workers needed for Summer Haze. Larry pointed out that there is some distance between pit and grid and start and finish. Bill said that we will hire someone if needed. Larry said he had sent out an email earlier in the day (Aug. 6) to all of the Board members and Club officers concerning recruiting for Flagging and Communication volunteers. He asked that everyone please read his email and respond with any suggestions or comments. Don thanked Larry for all of his hard work.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**- Re-paving- Don spoke about his and Jack's visit to CMP. He said Mr. Prowell's technique is similar but differs in the following: He said Mr. Prowell is familiar with the technique but in his opinion that cutting down 1 ½ inch and putting 1 ½ top layer on, it's really not thick enough to account for that open course in between and still have a stable layer. Don said that it's something we need to look at when we get closer and make a decision.

Effect of COVID-19 on track finances- Don said that we had previously decided to put our re-paving fund off for a while. He said that the groups had still been coming but that we had some reduced revenues. Don pointed out that Jack had been able to grow the MM substantially since he has been here. If we can get the numbers worked out between Jack, Nona and Michele, we can put even more toward the MM.

**NEW BUSINESS**-COVID-19 guidelines for SCCA events- Bob has put together some guidelines. Bob said he had sent them to the Board but has changed the policing of the parking distance between RVs/Campers. Bob said he was asking that people park 8-10 feet apart. Don said that he thought we had come up with something very practical and useful. He thanked Bob for putting it all together.

SIC and future SIC rotation- Don stated that Steve Strickland had sent out a survey to the SARRC drivers last year. The results are back and the results are that the drivers are in favor of rotating the SIC around. Our concern, going forward, is that we do get our turn at it by making a place in the schedule for the SIC when it's not an every year event. That's going to require some planning for us. Don said he will be negotiating with the SARRC group in regards to that. The annual meeting will be in January and he will try to secure our spot in the rotation. Bob DeLoach joined the call. Bob said that Buccaneer Region OWNS that date. Bob said we have first claim to the date. Bob said that Fred Clark can talk more about that. Bill said that Fred Clark is our SARRC rep and Don is the SEDIV rep. The SARRC can make a decision as to where they want to go but SEDIV makes the decision as to when and where they DO go. Bill said there is no SIC 2021 scheduled as of now. They are following the runoffs instead of leading the runoffs—that's why they are as they are. Technically, Buccaneer Region could hold an event and call it the Fall Mist on the years that SIC isn't there.

2020 BOD nominations and elections- Everyone should have received a nomination form in the email with the Agenda. Chris has turned in a nomination. Bill has his ready and will turn in to Nona next weekend. Tom stated that he is retiring from his position on the Board (2-year term). Don thanked him for his service. Bob said that his 1-year term was coming to an end and he didn't see where he could renew. Don said we could definitely get him nominated for the Member-At-

Large again. Tom then stated that Bob could also run for his 2-year termed position as SAV-North. Don was going to email Bob a nomination form.

**NEXT MEETING-**

Don said the next go-to- meeting would be in 2 months—Monday, October 5. Don asked for comment but none was given. He said we would send it out for comment.

Larry motioned to adjourn  
Seconded by Tom  
Meeting adjourned 8:25pm