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Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting February 7, 2022—Zoom Meeting

Present with Zoom: Don Johnson, Bill Dennis, Bob Horansky, Chris Ronson, Sr, Harvey Lewis, Larry Morgan, Jeff Utley, Jack Abbott, Nona Heinzen, Kurt Breitingger, Bob DeLoatch

Absent: Craig Tomeo, Kenny Lee, Ron Ogletree and Karen Kern

JAX SOLO- Craig couldn't join us tonight. Craig chaired his first 2-day autocross so maybe he's worn out from that. Don said he had to work on Saturday but that Laura, his wife, had attended the Saturday event and it was great. He also said that the Sunday event was a success.

SAV SOLO- Kenny was traveling but Don had his report. Kenny said they didn't count a December event because it conflicted with a GSU graduation and was shortened. Westin did not charge them rent for that day, so they were able to net \$1800. He is working on conflicting dates to avoid the same problem in the future.

They had a 2-day event this weekend, but Don was working so he couldn't attend. In comparison, in January they had 80 drivers but for February 6, they had 55 drivers. It was a cold and wet. They netted \$1,800 in December, \$1400 in January and Kenny hasn't completed February 6, 2022, yet. Their next event is March 5. Don gave the bank balances.

TRACK MANAGER REPORT- Jack said it has been cold at the racetrack. Florida Citrus did call the day early yesterday due to the cold temperatures. He gave the bank balances and said we were still working on the Money Market balance for the paving project.

Jack said they have been busy with putting a new roof on the concession building, adding dirt at turn 1 and removing tires on the left of turn 1, getting the fuel container up to the Fire Marshal's standards to be able to sell fuel from it while we resolve the pump issues. We are selling 98 unleaded and 110 leaded ONLY—no 93. Jack has been speaking with Renegade Fuels about them putting new pumps in.

He said VDCA is coming this weekend and AHRMA is coming after that for a 4-day motorcycle event. It will be busy. He said they are looking forward to a good SCCA combined event weekend later in the month.

Jack asked if anyone had any questions. Chris said great job!

Don talked about the repaving project. He said they had a meeting last week with the pavers and had Bob Bernard on the phone as well. He said the updated bid was significantly more than the initial bid. The initial bids were \$900,000 without the mid-layer and \$1.2 million with the mid-layer. He then explained that the new bids were both in the \$1.5 million range. There was a substantial increase in materials cost but there was also

some discussion about pavement thickness. After some discussion with Apac and Bob Bernard, it was decided that since the track doesn't have dump trucks and 18-wheelers, the thickness wasn't necessary. Jack said we are waiting for a revised quote. Don wants to take it to the SEDIV meeting to secure the loan from them.

Bob DeLoatch raised his hand to speak. Don asked him to speak. Bob directed his question to Jack regarding EVs at the track and what we might need and what sort of training we might need to have. Bob said he would encourage everyone to check out the Convention regarding the EVs. He said he believed it was presented on the on the last day of the Convention.

Jack said there were a lot of variables involved and that he will research it. He said we do have a Tesla that comes once and a while. Jack welcomed any questions pertaining to the EVs. He said he will watch the video. Jack said that there were fire bottles specifically needed for EVs and they used to expire in several months. He said they could be different now. There are a lot of things to consider with EVs.

Don thanked Jack for all he does.

TREASURER- Don welcomed Chris as our new Treasurer. Chris said that everything was coming along good with getting everything sorted, etc. Chris went over the bank balances.

Chris said the investment account is something he wanted to spend some time discussing. He gave an accounting of the activity within the account. He said there were no trading fees, just a 1.25% charge on the investment balance, charged quarterly, and will be due in March again. Chris said he would like to recommend liquidating the investment account and putting it into the Money Market account before March. He asked for opinions, discussion or motions to liquidate and move the money from the investment account to the money market account. Bob Horansky agreed. Don asked if anyone else has anything to input. Harvey made the motion and Bill seconded the motion. Nona took a vote, and it was unanimous. Motion passed. Chris said he would take care of it. There was discussion among the members about once the paving project is completed and looking forward to starting the NEXT paving fund, that the BOD members get together to discuss it all for maximum benefit. All agreed.

Chris then moved to the P&L and Balance Sheets. He presented a year-to-year comparison so that everyone could see the various costs and profits.

RACE CHAIR REPORT/2022 DRIVER SCHOOL- Don said the registrations are coming along. We have 35 students and 14 instructors signed up as of 2/7/22. He said there are a good number of people to support the event. Don said that Mike Havlick hasn't been successful in getting a reply from Randy Pobst as a guest instructor so Randy will not be joining us as guest instructor for the school. Don said he did agree to pick up some travel expense for Steve Conrad, T&S from Alabama. He's coming over to complete his certification with Dan Dodson and to also help with setting up our new timing computers.

Bob Horansky explained some changes with the radio equipment for the Drivers School due to previous issues. He said that they are going to use a 2-channel system:

Channel 14 will be the primary channel for all "on track" related communications (pace car, F&C, Fire/EMS, starters, safety steward).

Channel 13 will be the "administrative" channel (Chief Steward, Race Chair, Sound, Pit & Grid, T&S and Registration).

2nd control communicator for channel 13.

Don then talked about the SARRC. He said as of the meeting, they have 57 racers signed up but hope to have more. He said the last race had 68. Bob Horansky said Wanda sent out an email blast today to have the students sign up also for the SARRC. If the students don't race, they will be refunded.

Don said the format is a little bit different this year. They are having the school start earlier on Friday and will use the SARRC practices on Saturday to separate the student sections, so they aren't back-to-back all of the time. That way the students will have time between sessions to speak with their instructors, get fuel or put air in their tires.

Don then turned the floor over to Bill. Bill then asked Don if he wanted to speak to the changes for 2023. Don said he would speak briefly about it and then can discuss it more later. Don said the discussion would be about turning the February event into a double SARRC and the school to the open spot in November.

2022 Jim Stark— Bill said we are in good shape. We got everything in in January and are official. He has gotten confirmation from all the officials that he had contacted. He said we are advertising the Jim Stark in Grass Roots Magazine and he feels it will really help. He said if you go to Motorsports.reg you will see the sups, the schedule and RRR track rules. He said Laura Johnson is going to be our Head Registrar, Mary Ann Gardner is handling our Motorsports.reg set up. The event is basically a copy of what we did last year. He said the Jim Stark is altogether the Jim Stark that we know and love. He said he will contact the Stark family to see if they might want to come. Chris said thanks for all the good work! Bill gave the floor back to Don.

Don then spoke again about making changes to when we have the events. Don said we had discussed making the February weekend a double SARRC, leaving the Jim Stark event, as is, in April and then making the November open date a single SARRC and Drivers School. Don asked if he had that right from the previous discussion and Bill said that he did.

Bill then said he some comments he would like to throw at the events. He said there are a couple of things he would like for the BOD to consider. He said there have been some discussions by senior members of SEDIV to make the school a SEDIV event. Bill said this is a decision that will need to be made by Buccaneer Region whether we keep the school in February or not. The second thing he wanted to say is that we need to revisit it after the fact. He said we will look at it again at the next BOD meeting, after we have had the school. If we make the decision to run a double SARRC in February, then we can do things that are different than we do for the Jim Stark. He said that if we make changes for February, that the Jim Stark needs to remain unchanged—it stays just the way that it is.

Don agreed that it will be good to discuss the future at the next meeting. Kurt said if we have the school in February, then the students have an entire season in front of them. Kurt suggested that we ask the students for this years' driver school to take a survey to let us know if they would have come if the school was in November? Don said that was a good idea. Bill pointed out that if the school becomes SEDIV's that there is no guarantee it would remain at Roebing Road. Harvey said that SEDIV doesn't need our events. Don said that we have an SCCA event every other month at RRR and two of them are SEDIV's. If SEDIV moves events, it would allow Buccaneer Region to have more events at RRR. Bill said that if we make any changes, that we need to make them before the Mid-year meeting so they can be discussed. Don agrees.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Repaving- Don wanted to point out that Bob Bernard has committed to being at the track as Project Manager when we repave. Don said the costs have increased to \$1.5 million and that the scope of the project will need to be adjusted as we get nearer the project deadline. He said we will need to decide what the scope will be as

soon as we can after we get the revised quote. The scope will depend on how much we expect it will cost vs how much we have on hand... "reduce the scope to match the money". Chris said it sounds good.

Tad Segars property- Tad has been cleaning the property up. Jack has built the berm up for additional protection. The \$5,000 went into the paving fund as we discussed

New BOD Members- Don welcomed our two newest BOD members—Jeff Utley, who is local and Kurt Breitingner, from Martinez. Don said we were glad to have them on board

Don asked if there was any new business. No one had any.

Next Meeting Date-Don said the next meeting date would be Monday, April 4. He asked if we would be open to an in-person meeting, a zoom meeting or a blend of both. Bob Horansky said a blend of both. Don said he would contact the Diner in Brunswick to see if it will be possible. He pointed out it all depends on the lay of the land nearer the time. He asked how that sounds. Bill said it sounds good.

Don then asked for a motion to adjourn.

Larry motioned to adjourn and Chris seconds.

Motion was unanimous!

Meeting adjourned 8:14 pm