



Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting October 9, 2023—Zoom meeting

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

Absent: Scott Reynolds, Kenny Lee and Craig Tomeo

Call to Order: 7:05 pm. Don thanked everyone for attending tonight.

JAX SOLO: Craig was not on the call. Don read the Jax Solo report provided by Craig. Don said there's been no big changes to site acquisition from the last update. FSCJ, in North Jacksonville, is still a viable option and they do hope to do a test there once they are done resurfacing. He said Gainesville Raceway is still an option and they are waiting for them to finalize their drag racing schedule to know what the availability is for the parking lot. They also plan to utilize the road course, if necessary.

Don said Jax Solo's "last ever" event was at Amelia Airport. He said they had 60+ drivers attend. He then gave the bank account balances. He stated that the trailer and towing vehicle are in rough shape. Craig is curious if, with the paving of Roebing completed, would the region offer any sort of grants or low/no interest loans that they might be able to take advantage of if they are able to secure sites and remain a viable club.

Don asked if we would be willing to do that. He asked Chris for the balances of the accounts. Chris sees no problem with being able to loan Jax Solo since we have the funds. Bill said there should be a couple of items in place before we loan the money: 1) They need to secure a place to run and 2) they need a schedule. Chris agreed with Bill and said they also needed 3) to give us an amount that they would like to borrow after they've researched the costs. Several BOD members echoed Bill and Chris' comments. Don said that he estimates the loan would be around the \$50K mark. Don said he would relay the information to Craig.

SAV SOLO: Kenny wasn't able to be on the call tonight so Don read Kenny's report. Their last event was at Roebing, had 89 drivers and netted just under \$1300. Don then explained the expenses. They will be back at Roebing on the 28th for the "War at the Shore" event and will race against SCR for fun. They are partnering with Racing for ALS and whatever is raised will be matched by the Club and donated to Racing for ALS.

Hutchinson is still struggling with allowing us back in. The Club is only able to use about half of what they used to use. This will continue until the construction crews remove their materials sometime in the Spring.

TRACK MANAGER REPORT: Jack began the Track Manager's Report by going over bank balances. He said they had made a transfer to the Money Market for September in the amount of \$30,000 on September 26. He said

the new Ex-Mark mower is working well. He said that the broken Ex-Mark mower was still in the shop due to a parts availability issue.

Jack said that they have improved Turn 2 with tree removal and a dirt berm. He stated that Florida Citrus had been at the track over the weekend and they had one of their drivers go off the right side at Turn 3. When the driver hit the wet grass, he got turned around and hit the only tree on the fence line behind the house trailer. Jack said they need to extend the berm all the way down. Jack estimated that it would take about 10 loads of dirt and that he hopes to have it completed by next Wednesday or Thursday.

Jack said the track had been busy since the last meeting. He then gave a run down of the events that had been at the track and of the ones upcoming. Jack then turned the reporting over to Nona regarding updating the network infrastructure at the track.

Nona said that they had obtained two quotes to update the network infrastructure so that everyone could have optimal coverage for all areas. In the quotes they had asked for a monthly maintenance and support contract in addition to the updating of the infrastructure. She stated that one of the companies that had provided a quote wasn't very responsive with questions they had. In light of that, she and Jack would like to proceed with the local company that has been responsive.

Bill said that we need a high-level network diagram and the cost of the proposed ongoing service contract before proceeding. We need a design and list of materials prior to proceeding. Bill said that we need to use existing providers within the county because anyone else is an unknown entity—like Star Link. Bill said more research is needed before proceeding. Nona said she will research with Planters Telephone as well. Don said that he uses Planters Telephone with a fiber network. He says that people in his neighborhood have either Planters or Comcast. Bill said that whoever agrees to upgrade the system must be able to provide service and support for the system. If they are not willing to do this, they are not the company for us. Bill said that common sense will tell you that during the week, there is less stress on the network than would be on the weekends when we are much busier. That will be a defining moment.

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 YTD. He said they have a new account called Road Rally. He said they had a very good first event and brought in people from all over. Chris then moved to September financials. He pointed out the interest income from Great Oaks vs Vanguard. Great Oaks is paying great interest! Chris asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Chris said he renewed the Vanguard CD. The interest rate is 5.4% with Vanguard and Great Oaks is paying 3.5% but it is compounded so it makes it hard to calculate exactly. Chris said they are close in what they are paying.

Chris asked if we are closing the Truist accounts. Don said yes that he is canceling the Truist credit cards and we will close out the checking accounts when we are ready. Don said that he will get a Resolution to close the checking accounts. He will send out an email that will include the Truist account numbers and a motion will be made and voted on. From there he will take all of his paperwork and the resolution to the Bank to close.

Don thanked Chris for all he does.

RACE CHAIR REPORT: **2024 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. Bill said he doesn't know who the Chief Steward will be. Bob Hudson should be deciding this soon.

2024 School/Single SARRC--Regarding the February Drivers School, Don said that he has already sent the first draft of the SUPS to the Race Chair (Sarah Snyder). 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.

Don asked if anyone had any questions. Chris said he just hopes we have information on the increase amount soon so that we know how much to increase.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill sent out an email regarding worker and racer gifts at the SIC. Bill said the email covers the topics. His expectation is that if we agree to this, Don and Chris can work out how they want to handle making the \$50 payments to the workers. Don has agreed to produce a certificate for a free entry to the Jim Stark to be awarded to a Racer. Bill asked if there were any questions. Chris asked about worker prizes, if we do it for this event we are setting a precedent. Do we want to do this going forward? Bill doesn't feel that we are committing to more than one time. Harvey asked if the \$50 gifts would bankrupt us? Chris said No. Don asked if anyone else is planning to give money for door prizes. Bill thinks Jim Creighton and the Atlanta region may be. Kurt said that whatever we do, we need to advertise that it's an incentive to enlist workers. Chris and Bill agreed with this. Bill made a motion for giving the worker gifts and Free entry to Racer at the SIC event. Bob Horansky seconded the motion. Nona took a vote and the vote was unanimous—motion carries.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Tech equipment upgrades—Don asked Rick Henschel if he has taken over this project and Rick replied affirmatively. Rick said he is still looking into it and that a lot depends on the changes the track makes.

UPS (Multi Area)—Chris said we have 10 new UPS and batteries for another at the track that needs batteries. He said they will be delivered at the SIC. Don thanked him for that.

BOD Nominations-- Don reminded everyone that the last easy event for signatures on the nomination forms would be at the SIC. Forms are due to Nona by November 1. Nona said she had blank copies in the office if anyone needs one.

End of year meeting--

The next in person year-end meeting date would be Saturday, December 2—with a back up date of December 9th. Chris said he thought his race at Sebring was scheduled for Dec 2. Don said they can all follow up via email to nail down a date for the year-end meeting. He will then check with the Hilton Garden Inn for availability.

Larry motioned to adjourn.

Kurt seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm