



Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting August 27, 2024—Zoom meeting

Present with Zoom: Kurt Breitingner, Bill Dennis, Bob Horansky, Chris Ronson, Sr., Harvey Lewis, Rick Henschel, Shane Doles, Kenny Lee, Karen Kern and Jack Abbott. There is a quorum present.

Absent: Pete Horansky and Larry Morgan

Guests: Bob Gardner

Call to Order: 7:02 pm. Kurt thanked everyone for attending tonight.

JAX SOLO: Craig was not on the call. Kurt provided Craig's report to everyone. JAX Solo completed their August event this past weekend at the Firm. They had 81 drivers participate and it was a great event. They are excited to try their new venue near the Gainesville Airport as it has a lot of potential. That event will be on 9/4 and they also have two more scheduled there in November and December. Kurt provided the bank balance that Craig had provided. JAX Solo is still looking to approach the region in the future about a loan for a new tow rig but they want to get their bank balance a little higher for security purposes.

SAV SOLO: Kenny said they had only had one event since the last BOD meeting. He said that event #5 took place at Hutchinson Island on June 29th. They had 21 drivers and had a net deficit of (\$24.79). He said everyone had way more run times than ever before. Kenny said everything went as smoothly as he could hope with great weather. He then gave the checking account balance and explained the payables. He said he was informed that September 7th is available at Hutchinson Island and has just received the paperwork. Once he reads over everything on the paperwork, he will secure the date. He said they will still have their Roebing Road event on September 28th.

Chris asked if Kenny had a savings account and a checking account or just the checking. Kenny replied that he thinks it is just a checking. Kenny said he would check into adding a savings account to the checking.

TRACK MANAGER REPORT: Jack began the Track Manager's Report by going over bank balances. He then gave an accounting of the Transfer amounts since the last meeting.

Jack said that since the last BOD meeting they have had multiple events. They had Pan American Superbikes come twice, SCCA SEDiv, WERA, N2 Motorsports and several small Test & Tunes with multiple day rentals. He said they had had several cancellations during the week of the flooding with Debby.

He said he had sent some pictures to everyone showing the amount of water that they received at the track during Debby. He said there was no damage but that they did find areas that need improvement for drainage that will require drainpipes. The areas are Turn 2 and possibly Turn 9. Turn 2 is the main one at this point. He said they have had to do a lot of work on the berms because of the excessive water and hard rains. The "pond" out front is almost gone.

He said on Turn 9 they have added 40 loads of dirt and cleared trees that were in the path that they needed to clear to make the berm straight.

Jack said the A/C unit has been installed in Concession and is working well. He said there were problems with the stove in Concession not working properly—a couple of burners and one of the oven's temperature was wrong and the unit was propped up on wood blocks because the leg was missing. The old stove was donated by a local fire department years ago—not sure of the timeline. When he investigated the cost to repair the stove, it was going to cost about $\frac{3}{4}$ of what a new unit would cost. So they bought a new 60", 4 burner with 36" griddle range.

Jack said they took delivery of the Mega Blower today and that they took delivery of the FOD Control Sweeper on 6/14/24. The cost of the Blower was \$16,406.66 with tax and the Sweeper was \$4,170.00

Jack then gave an update on the new Firetruck that is on order. He spoke with Walter Lewis of JC Lewis and Walter confirmed with David (sales rep) that they expect delivery in the third week of September. He said they are looking at a FIRELITE Transport 300 gallon for the new skid. Jack said he had sent out the specs on the skid earlier to everyone. The quotes range from \$18-24K. There is a 40 week wait time on getting the skid once ordering. Bob questioned whether the new firetruck could handle the weight of the 300-gal tank full. Jack replied that the truck was a F-350 dually and could hold the weight. Jack said the specs are on the info for the Skid that will be sent out. Jack said that after we pull the skid from EV1, we can sell EV1 and apply those proceeds toward the new skid.

Jack then proceeded discussing the 2025 Jim Stark date Conflicts with regards to Easter falling on the scheduled weekend for 2025 (April 18-20). The alternative weekends would be April 25-27 or March 28-30. Kurt said the weekend had been decided to be April 25-27, 2025.

Jack then asked whether the SIC will be coming back to RRR in 2026. Kurt said that it would. Kurt said that he was told that it would happen every 5 years that the SIC would go to Daytona. Kurt said that Steve Strickland had asked us to have a Drivers School or something in place of the SIC. Kurt said he thought having another event at the same time would be stretching support staff too thin and could affect attendance everywhere. Bill suggested we allow Jack to rent that weekend to a non-SCCA group for one year. The weekend on RRR's calendar will come back to the SIC for 2026. Kurt then displayed the P&L and Balance Sheet for review.

TREASURER REPORT: Chris went over the reports (Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss). Chris asked if there were any questions. There were none.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: The continuing business was all addressed in the Track Manager's Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2025 Jim Stark Co-host Question—Bill Dennis

Bill said we are having staffing issues—especially F&C. Bill doesn't feel that we are in a good place going forward. He thinks it would be a good idea to co-host the event. Basically we would be sharing the proceeds and expenses for which they will share the workers. SCCA will still provide the sanction. Chris asked how we would pay them. If they provide 40% of the workers, then we will pay them 40%. Bob said that we used to co-host with SC. Bill doesn't believe we are paying them enough. Bob suggested making them a "track employee". Harvey said that we need to do a cost benefit analysis. Kurt suggested people who travel should be paid more. Chris said that paying more to some people would be hard to police who are from out of town, etc. Chris is in favor to pay more and we raise the entry fees to cover.

Chris said we need to research other pay for workers at other tracks. Bill said that he will research what the cost would be if we paid more and work with Chris to see how it would work. Kurt asked if we could send a survey to the workers to see if they've worked at RRR. Bill said he could look at who worked at the Jim Stark event and see how much it would have cost if we had paid them more. Bill agrees to an increase in the pricing. He doesn't feel that we need to vote on anything tonight. Bill does think we need to mention on our social media that we are looking to increase the pay. Kurt said it would be a good idea if we could conduct a survey of all F&C workers in the South to see if they had worked RRR and if we increased the pay, would they be willing to work at events. Everyone agreed to increase pay for the workers for the Drivers School. Bill said we need to decide how many stewards we actually need. Bob said we can run a driver's

school with 7 stewards. Kurt said that Brad Davis is looking into a model of having fewer Stewards at the track. There would be additional Stewards on call to review specific cases. Bob said there is no reason we cannot hold a court with a Zoom meeting. They just need to be available, not necessarily at the track.

- **Don Johnson Remembrance Plaque- Bill Dennis**

Bill said he can have the plaque replicated with the same company that made the original. He said the cost would be \$120. He said he could put it on his credit card and Chris can Chris made a motion to go ahead with getting the Remembrance Plaque for DJ. Harvey seconded the motion. Everyone agreed. Chris said DJ was an incredible volunteer! From the first day I started working with him, I was amazed at how much work he put into it. Jack said he was great and will be missed!

Kurt said he's been trying to reach out to Laura. He wants to remind her that we are her alternate family and are here for her.

- **2025 SIC LOCATION:**

Harvey said that it's official that 2025 will be at Daytona but that for 2026 it will come back to RRR. Harvey said the discussion on the agenda was 'out of area' points and it was decided about the 2025 Daytona and 2026 RRR. The thing was they wanted to move people up. It just became an accounting nightmare. Then it just came to if you got beat, you got beat—doesn't matter where you were from. Kurt asked if we still had to fill out the form to waive the points? Harvey said you still have the car count problem. Shane said one of the aggravating parts about the points is that if you come to the track and don't want the points, you must complete the forms and hunt someone down to turn them in. Shane asked Jim Creighton if there could be a check box on MSR to opt out of the points rather than having to do the forms. Shane said Jim told him it wasn't possible. Bill said he totally agrees with Shane. Bill said this isn't Jim's call. Bill will forward Shane's idea forward for the Jim Stark and let Harvey handle the SARRC board. Kurt said this is a Regional vs Divisional issue that we cannot do anything about. Bill said he agreed with Kurt on that. Bill said that he will work with the Registrar when we know who it will be and he will leave Harvey to work on the Policy. Bill Gardner said he will talk to the Registrar about putting the Box on MSR. Kurt will also speak to Laura.

- **SEDiv Banquet 2025 (Jan 25-27)**- Kurt said the date was taken when Jim Creighton went to sign the agreement so it's going to be a week earlier—which conflicts with the 24 hours of Daytona. He just wanted everyone to be aware of it.

Kurt asked if there was any other business that anyone wanted to bring up. Nona asked if everyone would please look over the June minutes again and approve so that we can get them posted online. Kurt said he had received a Road Rally Report from Phillip that he will send out to everyone with the other reports.

Bob then motioned for adjournment
Chris seconded the motion
All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm