



Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting December 28, 2024—End of year In-person and Zoom Meeting

Present in-person: Kurt Breiting, Bill Dennis, Chris Ronson, Sr., Harvey Lewis, Larry Morgan, Jack Abbott, Craig Tomeo

Guests present: Chris Schneider, Weyman Houston, Butch Kummer and Lee Depew

Present with Zoom: Shane Doles, Pete Horansky and Bob Horansky
Webmaster- Karen Kern

Absent: Rick Henschel

Call to Order: 9:02 am.

JAX SOLO: Craig said they closed their 2024 season on 12/7 at their Gainesville site. They had 57 drivers battle the cold weather and they had a very successful day.

Craig then stated the bank account balance. He said they are beginning the process of searching for a new tow rig. He said they truly appreciate the generosity of the Region in helping them with the loan.

He said they have released the 2025 schedule and have 10 dates on the calendar split between the FIRM and the Gainesville Airport. He said they are also in talks with Callahan Fairgrounds and hope to hold an event or two there if possible. The Corvette Club ran there in November and had a successful event and they hope to build on that.

Chris asked Craig to get with him before the group splits to complete some paperwork. Chris also thanked Craig for all of his efforts and said he appreciates Craig's leadership. Harvey said he was impressed with the JAX Solo event he had attended.

SAV SOLO: There was no report from Kenny.

ROAD RALLY REPORT: Kurt presented Philip's report. The summation of Philip's report is as follows: Philip began his report by stating that they didn't have as many road rally events in 2024 as they had hoped for but they are hopeful that with some additional help designing and running the events they will have more events for 2025!

He said his thoughts on the 2025 schedule look like this:

January 26—St Simons Island, GA in conjunction with the SEDiv Annual Conference. The rally is the next morning and all are welcome.

February 22—Savannah, GA—this date will likely change as there's a JAXSolo event scheduled also.

April 26—Jacksonville, FL—In partnership with the American Legion, joint venture.

May 4—Jacksonville, FL—“May the 4th Be With You Road Rally”—back by popular demand!

June 28—Savannah, GA—“Summer Sizzler Road Rally”

August 10—Jacksonville, FL—“Kingsley Pumpkin Shack Road Rally”

October 18—Darien/Brunswick, GA— “Heart of Buccaneer Region Road Rally”

Philip thanked Larry Brown for getting his Road Rally Safety Steward License. Philip says we need more Stewards. He said that having more Road Rally Safety Stewards allows them to design more routes and have more events—that way every event won't have to rely on Philip.

Philip said the January 26th event is open for registration and that it will start and end at the convention hotel. He said the route takes teams throughout Saint Simons Island to showcase all of its sites and scenery.

TRACK MANAGER REPORT: Jack began the Track Manager Report with the balance in the checking account and the transfers to be made. He then talked about the various events at Roebing Road since the last BOD meeting. Jack told the BOD that they were going to increase the transfer amounts back to 20% starting with the 2025 transfers.

Jack stated that they have been working on populating the 2025 calendar. He said they are just waiting for the confirmation from everyone and the return of the contracts and deposits to hold the dates.

Kurt then asked everyone if they had any questions about Roebing Road's Financials. Bill asked Jack in his estimation when he expects us to need to repave. Jack stated that he hopes we can get 5 more years out of it. Chris said he thinks we are in pretty good shape towards the repaving funds goal if the economy remains stable.

Bill asked about the SEDiv SIC date for October being moved. He asked if Jack thinks it will be back in 2026. Jack said he had been told it would be coming back to RRR in 2026.

Chris asked about us getting a fuel depot. Jack said the cost of the system has now gone up to \$200K. Jack said there's also the issues of the Fire Marshall approval, etc.

TREASURER REPORT: Chris went over the Region's accounts to include balances, investments, expenses etc. Chris asked if there were any questions. There were none.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Jax Solo Loan Vote Results --- This was discussed and voted on previously.

Stipends for 2025 Racetrack Volunteers and Recruitment— Bill began the discussion by saying that if we increase the entry fee from \$425 to \$475, that will allow us to increase the stipends from \$50 to \$100. Chris is in favor of raising the entry fee and the stipend fee. He asked Larry if he thought \$100 was enough or if we need to increase the stipend even more? Larry said the Central Florida Region is paying \$100-\$125 to the workers. Larry said it must be at least \$100 in order for it to work. Bill said we generally have 110-130 cars on the average for the Jim Stark event. Chris said he worries that raising the entry fee may affect the participation. Chris said we just don't want to lose money. Bill said he is going to write the documentation to reflect what the driver is paying the workers, giving them a breakdown, so that they better understand the fees. Harvey had a logistics question--- how many people do we need? Larry said we need 20 for the corners. Larry said he coordinates with Jack on each event ahead of time as to the number he has and if he needs any

additional workers. Kurt pointed out that we must have veteran people to place with a newbie on the corners. Jack specified that it's an important position and people must be trained.

Bill motioned to increase the stipends for the workers from \$50 to \$100. Bob seconded the motion. All approved—MOTION PASSES unanimously.

Bill motioned to increase the Entry Fee for the Jim Stark in 2025 to \$475 per car. Bob seconded the motion. All approved—MOTION PASSES unanimously.

Chris thanked Bill for the work he put into this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election Status and Results— Kurt said Nona had received the needed nomination forms for returning BOD members. She received Nomination Forms from Shane Doles, Kurt Breitingner, Bob Horansky and Harvey Lewis for continued membership.

Kurt then turned the floor over to Bill. Bill introduced Chris Schneider. Bill said he wanted to make a motion to install Chris as a Member-at-Large for a one-year term. Chris made the motion to install Chris and Harvey seconded the motion. Kurt called for votes. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Chris made a motion to elect Kurt Breitingner as the RE. Bill seconded the motion. Kurt called for a vote. MOTION PASSES unanimously.

Bill made a motion to elect Harvey as Assistant RE. Larry seconded the motion. Kurt called for a vote. MOTION PASSES unanimously.

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

RE.....Kurt Breitingner	Jax Solo.....Craig Tomeo
Assistant RE.....Harvey Lewis	Sav Solo.....Kenny Lee
Treasurer.....Chris Ronson, Sr.	Rally.....Philip Cheshire
Secretary.....Nona Heinzen	Web Master/Membership Chair.....Karen Kern
Registrar.....Marianne Gardner	
F&C Chief.....Larry Morgan	Emergency.....Skippy Boatright
Start.....Nancy Deloach	Course Marshall.....Kat Buell
Grid.....Pete Horansky	Paddock Marshall..... TBD
Tech.....Bill Etherington	
T&S.....Dan Dodson	

Kurt said presently we don't have a Paddock Marshall. Jack said he suggests Kat Buell. Kurt said he wasn't sure if Kat could make it on Friday. Jack said Kat had told him that she can make it up for Fridays. Bill said he would rather the Paddock Marshall not be decided that morning. Bill asked if everyone on the list has agreed to continue the positions. Kurt replied that everyone has agreed to continue. Bill asked if we needed to vote on any of them or just move on. Kurt replied that we just move on.

February Drivers School -- Kurt said the February Drivers School is up on MSR. He said the sanction number is TBD. He is not sure what the timeline is for National to give the sanction numbers. Kurt said we have a lot of people interested. Jack said we've had a lot of people wanting to rent cars. Chris Schneider said he has cars to rent. Chris said he would give Jack his card. Kurt said that also there is Grass Paddock Motorsports or

Comprent Motorsports. Bill asked about Duane Neyer Motorsports. Shane said that Duane sold the company but that he still has 2 cars that he can rent to people.

National Convention-- Kurt said the convention is virtual. Kurt encourages folks to sign up. He said it's all free.

SEDiv Meeting/Banquet Plans-- Kurt said that this year's meeting is a week earlier than years past due to a booking conflict. The Meeting is the same time frame as the Daytona 24hr.

Additional Remarks:

Chris had some comments about Flagtronics. He said that he had participated in the Masters Endurance Series this year and it is mandatory to have Flagtronics in the cars. Kurt said it was mandatory for the Runoffs, also. There was more discussion regarding requirements for the track if it becomes mandatory. Using the system will require 8 additional TRAINED workers. Jack said that would increase rental fees by another \$1000 per day. He said he already has a hard time securing the 7-9 workers for turns that he needs. Bill asked Jack if he sees it as something the track could offer. Jack replied not at this time. Kurt said we would take a wait and see approach to see what happens with the issue.

Pete said he had been texting one of his grid workers during the meeting about the Paddock Marshall position and she is interested. Pete will put her in touch with Kurt and Jack.

Kurt then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Larry motioned to adjourn.

Chris seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 am