

Buccaneer Region Board of Directors
Meeting - February 8, 2016 – Online Meeting

In attendance: Don Johnson, Larry Buell, Ted Migchelbrink, Fred Clark, Lee Stanley, Derrick Taylor, Mike King, Lincoln Buell, Chris Ronson, Sr., Tom Thompson

Guests: Bob Horansky, Karen Kern, Jack Abbott, Satyajit Menon

Call to order: 19:06 by Don Johnson

Don congratulated Bob Horansky on receiving an award for the 2015 Time Trial at the Southeast Division Conference on Saturday evening. Bob said he turned over the trophy to Don to put into the glass case at Roebling Road. Bob Horansky asked for a copy of the financial report from the 2015 Last Chance Time Trials. Action Item: Ted Migchelbrink to send a copy of this report to Bob.

Don also recognized Lee Stanley, who won Worker of the Year for the Southeast Division and Fred Clark, who won Driver of the Year for the Southeast Division. Both received their awards at the Southeast Division Conference.

Don sent out draft minutes from December 5, 2015 meeting on February 7.
Action Item: Everyone review and send any additions or corrections to Don by Sunday (February 14th). He will update and give to Karen to post on the website.

Solo Reports

Savannah

- Derrick provided information on the Coastal Empire Banquet, which was attended by 23 members. He also provided cost and revenue information on the Test and Tune and 1st Solo event held in 2016. The region picked up 10 new memberships at the 1st event. There will be 11 total events in 2016 which includes a “North/South Shootout” on May 7th at Roebling Road and a “War at the Shore” solo at Roebling Road in November with the South Carolina Region.
- Mike King is working with Darren Seltzer from the SCCA National office on events at Hutchinson Island on April 9th (one day before a Coastal Empire Autocross at Hutchinson on April 10th). Mike wants to use the same sanction for both days. A “Street Survival” event is scheduled for April 23rd.
- Derrick wants to change the computer at the Autocross events from wireless to wired, to improve the reliability of the times at the events. He is going to discuss it at the Coastal Empire meeting on Wednesday, Feb 10th.

Jacksonville

- Chris and Satya provided information on their autocross events for 2016. The 1st event is this coming weekend at Amelia Island. They are bringing back the “Tire Class” and are again having a “Pro Driver” class where only the 1st 3 runs count towards the “Pro Driver” championship points.

- Derrick asked about how the “Pro Driver” class worked in Jacksonville last year. The Savannah group had some minor issues as the drivers wanting to run the “Pro Driver” class are also the most experienced workers.
- Chris and Satyajit also said they will end event #1 with fun runs, where the drivers get times, but are not registered on the computer for any points or awards. They bought 100 new cones to replace ones that were damaged over the course of the events and thanked Don for providing the vendor contact information.

Treasurer report

- Ted reported on an action item from the December 5th board meeting to open an Investment account with Wells Fargo. He is moving \$75,000 from the checking account at Sun Trust and \$25,000 from another Wells Fargo account so that the Investment Account will have an initial deposit of \$100,000.
- Larry asked about the details of the portfolio. Don asked Ted to bring a copy of the portfolio to the next face to face board meeting on Monday, April 11th. Ted said he could also share the Summary page of the portfolio with the Board members.

Track manager Report

Jack Abbott reported:

- The track is already booked for 23 days in February, 20 days in March and 21 days in April.
- Improvements to the berms at the Turn Stations have been completed except for Turn 8. Jack is discussing improvements with Bob on Turn Station 8 to make Turn 7 and 9 visible from the Station.
- The improvements to the Tech Shed are complete.
- Jack is working with Jennifer at the National office on having a Track Night at Roebing Road. It is tentatively scheduled for April 13th. Track Nights start at 16:00 and end at 20:00. A question was raised as to the amount of light still present at that time of evening. The adjustment for Daylight Savings Time occurs on March 13th.

Race Chair report – Don reported in Sherrie’s absence

Drivers School – is open and 30 drivers are registered so far.

Jim Stark April race

- Don talked about “package deals” for the Jim Stark double scheduled for April 23-24. Discounts would be provided for drivers registering to race in more than one class Either the same driver in different class or second and third drivers in different classes. Steve Eckerich from CCR said they were able to increase attendance by 20% since using this approach. Don will get the details from Steve so that the supps can be updated to include discounts. Don will have

Sherrie talk to SCCA National on insurance and get with Motorsports Reg so that discounts are applied when drivers register for more than one class.

Track Nights

- Fred had a question on how insurance would work for the Track Night events where people are on track in street cars without equipment. Don talked to Hayward Wagner, who said that SCCA National provides the insurance and runs these events. The Region's responsibility is to have "ambassadors" that can speak to the people about our programs and bring materials that the people can take with them.
- Jack said that SCCA National is paying for the track rental and marketing for the event. Jack is working with Jennifer at SCCA National. He said we will need 3 to 4 corner workers, a worker for the gate. National will be billed \$2250 for the 4 hours and the track should make about \$1,000 from the event.
- Mike said he would be an instructor for the Track Night event. He talked to John Zuccarelli from FLA, who said that the 1st Track Night at PBIR ran a little loose. The people show up in Street Cars and the majority will have never been to a track event before. The marketing is done via Facebook ads to reach people that are not aware of the track events held by SCCA.
- Facebook ad campaign appears to be a great way to reach people that are not aware of the events that are occurring in their area. Karen mentioned that she manages Facebook ads for some of her other clients and could assist the Region in this area.

Old Business

National Convention

- Mike, Fred and Lee attended the National Convention in Las Vegas. They said it was a very well put together program and the quality of information provided was very good. Information provided on Track Night and the Street Survival series and the Facebook ad campaigns was a way to reach out to people that are not aware of the events in their area.
- Mike mentioned a new type of event that National is working on. It runs over 3 days on multiple tracks and includes autocross and traveling to the various venues where the events are held. The first one will be in the southeast in August and includes the CMP (Carolina Motorsports Park) and AMP (Atlanta Motorsports Part) tracks.
- There is also a mobile app offered by SCCA "mm.scca.com". Event registration is available on the SCCA website and they are working to make this available to Regions. South Carolina Region has the 1st event on the SCCA website.

SEDIV Conference

- Many of the Buccaneer Region members attended the Conference.
- Fred discussed the change that was made in the SARRC starting in 2016 and made retroactive to cover the 4 races already held for the 2016 season. There will now be a North (area 12) and a South (area 3) Division Champion. Points

will be awarded for each race as before. If you finish 3 SARRC races, you are invited to the SIC. The biggest change is that the SIC, instead of just being a double points race to determine the finishing positions for the Championship, will be a “winner take all”, meaning the Southeast Division Champion for each class will be based on the finishing position at the SIC and not based on points accumulated throughout the year. The reason for the change is to increase the participation by the drivers at the SIC. The verbiage of the rule change is being drafted. It should be noted that the drivers present at the meeting were very supportive of the change.

SCCA membership dues are being purchased for Karen, the Webmaster (this was approved at the December meeting).

New Business

- Drivers’ school format - Don mentioned that he and Fred had discussed changing the format of the drivers’ school for the 2017 season. Don said this will be a topic for the next face to face meeting in April.
- Bylaws – Don sent out the Bylaws for comment on suggested changes. This will be discussed at the April meeting.
- Emergency Services – Lincoln said that there will no longer be a DA for Emergency Services. He wanted everyone to be aware of a new standard for unconscious drivers. If the driver is involved in an incident and becomes unconscious, the driver will not be permitted to continue the remaining sessions until after they have received a sign off from a physician that they can safely continue. In effect they would be done for the weekend.

Next meeting

- April 11, 2016 at the Golden Corral at Exit 38 in Brunswick, GA. Meeting will start at 19:00 (dining area open at 18:00)

Adjournment

Motion made by ???? and seconded by ???. Meeting adjourned at 20:52