

Buccaneer Region Board of Directors
Meeting – June 6, 2016 – Online

In attendance: Don Johnson, Larry Buell, Lincoln Buell, Fred Clark, Mike King, Satya Menon, Chris Ronson, Sr., Chris White, Tom Thompson

Guests: Jack Abbott

Call to order: 19:06 by Don Johnson

Don said that Derrick Taylor was not available due to a family matter, Bob Horansky was on the road, but sent information to Don. Sheryl and David Williams were also on the road. The Jim Stark Event went well with good weather and good attendance. Ted Migchelbrink is working on the financials for this event.

Solo Reports

Jacksonville Solo:

Satya shared a “statement of financial position” for the Jacksonville Solo group. The group is doing well. They have an event this coming weekend, with 27 drivers already pre-registered. Satya mentioned that with extremely low interest rate, the group is considering closing the money market and asked for suggestions on short term certificates for funds not needed immediately. The group agreed that closing the money market was a good idea and short term certificates might be beneficial as long as the liquidity needed to support operations was available. Satya and Chris White will bring this up at the next Jacksonville Solo meeting.

Satya announced that he would need to step down as Chair as he is moving to New York. Don thanked Satya for his efforts as Chair of this Solo group. Chris White is currently the assistant chair and will take over for Satya. Buddy will step up to fill the assistant chair slot.

Savannah Solo:

Derrick was not available and will provide a report later.

Treasurer Report:

Ted was not available and will provide a report later. He is working on the financials from the Jim Stark club racing event held April 23-24 at Roebling Road.

Race Chair Report:

Sheryl Williams was not available. Information on the results from the Jim Stark club race will be provided later.

Track Manager Report:

Jack reported that painting is finished and the PA system has been upgraded including 3 new amplifiers and speakers. The scales will be upgraded by July 1, in time for the Southeast Division club race. Money will be transferred to the track paving fund the end of June. This is done quarterly.

Jack heard that the Savannah Solo group is doing a car show for an event at the track. Don said that Derrick was working with a group to help put on the car show in conjunction with a Solo event at the track.

The work on the new bathrooms for the corner workers at the Turn Stations is scheduled to start mid-July.

Mike King said he contacted other tracks about the fees charged and we can discuss that at our next meeting after he receives the information.

Lincoln asked Jack about the doors for the Tech Shed. Jack said he should have quotes in time for the August Board meeting. Fred Clark contacted some of the vendors in Jacksonville, but could not find any that would be willing to travel to the track to do the work.

Jack was asked about the conditions at the track during the recent rain storms. He said that turns 6 and 7 were under water, but that was due to 5 inches of rain in 4 ½ hours. Although the track was impacted, a number of roadways were closed due to flooding including I-80, I-17 and even I-95 in South Carolina, Jack said much work has been done at the track to mitigate the amount of flooding on the track, but heavy rainfall such as the recent 5 inches in 4 ½ hours will impact conditions at the track.

There was discussion about the incident last year at a PCA event, where a driver of a Porsche Boxster went off at Turn 3 on Drivers right, and then crossed track and went off on Drivers left, hit a tree and caught fire. The driver and instructor were OK, but the car was totaled. Don has the details of the incident and Larry has pictures of the car.

Lincoln has asked for some details on fire equipment. Jack said the tanks contained water that can quickly be refilled and they have “cold fire” in the hand held extinguishers. Lincoln can contact Jack offline for more specifics.

Continuing Business:

Track Night in America:

Mike reported there were 25 attendees for the 2nd event at Roebing. National Office was hoping for a larger turnout, but neither Mike nor Jack heard of any advertising for the event. The National Office is interested in coming back for another event sometime in the future. More advertising, especially in the surrounding area, would probably increase turnout. Mike said the event went much smoother than the first one (where we had a Mustang at 108db)

There was discussion about contacting the local dealers about the event. Lincoln mentioned that he made contact with National to try and get printed media for the Chevrolet dealership to promote to people that purchased a Corvette. Unfortunately, the media did not arrive in time for this event. There was suggestion of selling “coupons” for the Track Night to local car dealers, who could target existing or potential customers with a promotion to offer them the coupon which could be used to attend the event.

Mike also mentioned we might want to target Track Night attendees for our PDX in November. He will contact the National Office to see if we can get the attendee emails, so someone at the region could contact them with details on our PDX.

By-Laws Updates:

Don has been talking with Bob Horansky about a couple of the items. Don should have the revisions available in a few weeks and will distribute to the group for comment.

November Track Trials/PDX:

Bob Horansky will chair this event again this year.

2017 Driver School:

Everyone agreed that adding a PDX to the Driver School was a good idea. The specifics of how this would work will be discussed at the August meeting.

New Business:

There was some discussion on an upgrade available from AMB and iCard that provides a driver that has the right equipment to obtain realtime readouts as to how many seconds ahead of the next place car and how many seconds behind the car in front. The suggestion was made to contact someone that could present details on what is being offered at the next Board meeting. Mike said that when he was running his Spec Miata, the system in his race car provided that information to him. Some detail on what is being offered and what it will cost the driver to obtain the information is desired before the region purchases any equipment to support this feature.

Next meeting

- August 15 in Brunswick, GA.

Adjournment

Motion made by Fred Clark and seconded by Chris Ronson. Meeting adjourned at 19:53.