

Buccaneer Region Board of Directors
Meeting – August 15, 2016 – Online

In attendance: Don Johnson, Larry Buell, Lincoln Buell, Fred Clark, Bob Horansky, Mike King, Chris Ronson, Sr., Derrick Taylor, Chris White, Tom Thompson

Guests: Jack Abbott, Heather Wallingford

Don said he and Laura just finished driving 1600 miles over 4 days competing in the first ever SCCA Targa Southland. There were 33 teams with 65 drivers competing and they won their class!

Call to order: 19:07 by Don Johnson

Solo Reports

Jacksonville Solo:

Chris White submitted his report as chair of the Jacksonville Solo group. This was his first report as Solo Chair. They held three solo events since the last board meeting in June. Satya competed in the June event before moving to New York. He is researching the possibility of using the Regency Square Mall as an alternate site. There are a couple of light poles on the site, but he said they can design the course around them. Mike said he knows people at the car museum and would contact them and let Chris know the results. Chris said they have upgraded their timing lights and want to sell the old equipment. Don said during the Targa Southland event, someone hit a timing light at the Corvette Museum site and Chris could contact them to see if there is interest.

Savannah Solo:

Derrick said that event number 7 is coming up. The November event at Roebling Road is normally the most profitable event of the year. He started getting a food truck vendor for the events. There is no cost to the region and it makes it much more convenient for the participants to get food and drink. Next year, they are planning an increase of \$5.00 per event. Derrick wants to put a calendar together with pictures from the events and asked Chris White if he would be interested in contributing as a joint effort. Price for the calendar has not been set. Derrick said the t-shirts sold last year were a good revenue producer for the club.

Treasurer Report:

Ted was not available, but Don provided a display of the bank statements. Don mentioned that the treasurer position is open for 2017.

Race Chair Report:

Track Manager Report:

Jack said ATT was canceled and track switched to Comcast. This should save about \$500 per month.

Due to the heat, August has not been as busy, so track repair is in process. They are using 170 gallons of track filler for the repairs.

The TV show, "Cars that Rock" which is aired on the Velocity channel contacted Jack and expressed interest in renting the track at some point in the future.

Fred asked what event is the week after the SEDIV SIC Oct 8-9 event. Jack will check and let Fred know what event is scheduled for Oct 15-16.

Continuing Business:

Track Night in America:

2017 Driver School:

Bob mentioned previous discussion about combining a PDX with the Drivers School held in February. There has been diminishing attendance over the past few years, especially since SCCA reduced the requirement from 6 hours of track time to 3 hours. Drivers only have to attend one school and be signed off to start regional club racing. SCCA has an online course that covers 75% of the classroom material presented at the Drivers school. In addition, most drivers have some level of experience at a track or PDX event prior to attending the school. Bob suggested having the Drivers School on Friday and Saturday, with a race on Sunday. A discounted entry fee would be offered to the race drivers that instructed for the two days at the school.

There was discussion on whether or not this would be a points race. Bob will ask Jim Creighton if the race could be held as a points race.

Linc mentioned that Central Florida runs a PDX with their Drivers School. Race drivers that instruct on Saturday get a break for the Sunday event. The cost for the event at Daytona is \$175. The fee for our Region's Drivers School at Roebing Road last year was \$400. If we lower the fee for the Drivers School, it may bring additional entries. Don will send out an email on the Drivers School proposal.

November Track Trials/PDX:

Bob said event is now open on Motorsports Reg. He is working on food for the attendees on Saturday evening. It will be heavy hors d'oeuvres. He would like us to be able to take over the timing responsibilities for the 2017 Time Trials. We should have some volunteers help staff Timing this year to better understand what needs to be done. Mike asked if we were contacting the Track Night attendees about the PDX. Bob will contact the National office for the email list.

By-Laws Updates:

New Business:

SEDIV Mid-Year Meeting Notes:

Jim Creighton is considering a Majors race at Roebing next year, possibly in July. If SEDIV hosts the Majors race, then the SARRC race that has been held over the 4th of July weekend would move to the weekend prior.

Other new business:

Chris said that the Corvette Club might start using the Amelia Island autox site. Don alerted the Solo chairs that other groups might use Solo sites. If you hear about this, it is important to notify owners of the sites.

New F&C Steward:

Heather has agreed to be the new Steward for Flagging and Communication. Linc is helping her get set up for training.

New Region Treasurer for 2017:

This position needs to be filled for next year.

Linc wants to sell his electronic boards to the Region for \$1095.00 for use at Roebbling Road. Watkins Glen and Summit Point are already using his electronic boards. Chris made a motion to purchase the boards from Linc and it was seconded by Fred. It was approved by the board members present with no negative votes. Jack will buy it so he can put it in the track rental.

Adjournment:

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Linc. Meeting ended at 8:10pm.

Next meeting

- October 10, location TBD