

## **Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting**

### **Meeting – December 09<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Brunswick Meeting.**

In attendance: Don Johnson, Lincoln Buell, Fred Clark, Bill Dennis, Mike King, Chris Ronson, Sr., Lee Stanley, Derrick Taylor, Chris White, Tom Thompson (via phone) Bob Horansky, Ted Migchelbrink,

Guests: Jack Abbott, Cortland Bailey, Kat Buell, Mark Eversoll, Russ Stalvey

Call to order: 9:10AM, Don Johnson

#### **Solo Reports**

##### Jacksonville Solo

Chris White sent the YTD Financial Summary to Don. He has contacted the National office to get a \$702.00 refund from the SCCA National, but has not received the money yet. The Mall event was successfully moved to Amelia Island with 121 drivers attending. The calendar of events for 2018 has been created and no increase in site fees are anticipated. An end of year Awards meeting is being planned. Chris will be stepping down as Solo Chair and Cortland Bailey will be taking over. Cortland was present at the meeting.

##### Coastal Empire Solo

Derrick Taylor distributed a financial report to the members present. Number of attendees for the events during the summer were low, which he attributed to the heat. 35 drivers is the break-even point for most events, which is reflected in the profit or loss shown for the events. There was an unfortunate incident at the last Solo event at Roebing. On the driver's sixth run, he went past the finish line and instead of stopping to get his time and continue to the back access road to the paddock, continued accelerating past the finish line and flipped his Camaro on the outside of what is turn 4 on the road race course and not part of the track used for the Solo course. The good news is the driver was OK except for a minor cut. An action item being considered is to use a different color for the Finish line pylons to bring even more awareness that the end of the course has been reached.

Derrick said an end of year banquet is being planned, but a venue has not been selected yet. The calendar of events for 2018 has been created and no increase in site fees are anticipated. Derrick is stepping down as Solo Chair and the position will be filled by Dave Mitchell.

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Mike King suggested both Solo Groups should consider a Charity event as SCCA Sanction Fees are waived in this instance. It is limited to one event per year.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Ted will send the financial report to Don on Monday. We had technical difficulties and were unable to display any reports on the monitor for those present. Ted provided a verbal summary of the financial statements. Ted provided some preliminary financials for the November Time Trial / PDX event. It appears to have made a profit of around \$600.

There is about \$238,000 in a tax deferred contribution account that was set up in 2014 for future track repaving. The cost to repave the track back in 2005 was about \$400,000. The anticipated cost to repave the track in a few years would be somewhere around \$750,000.

#### **Race Chair Report**

Bob submitted a Summary report to Don, which was distributed at the meeting. Hurricane Irma forced a cancellation of the Time Trial / PDX event in September that was a joint event with VSCDA. Overall attendance for the November event was lower than last year, with the same number of PDX entries, but a reduction from 46 in 2016 to 26 in 2017. Bob managed to make some adjustments based on the lower registrations to reduce our costs for the event.

Bob provided a summary of some staffing issues experienced in 2017. Larry Morgan stepped in as F&C Chief to replace Heather, who is no longer available. Tom Thompson stepped in as Chief PDX Instructor to replace Ron Apt, who was no longer available. The T&S Chief is being brought in from the Atlanta Region. Tom mentioned that we had a number of late entries during the week prior to the event. Due to the need for qualified instructor/coaches for the PDX portion of the event, Tom suggested encouraging participants to register early by increasing the fee charged and then offering a discount to those that register 2 weeks in advance. This was Tom's 1<sup>st</sup> event as Chief Instructor and obtaining qualified instructor/coaches was a challenge.

Bob identified some issues to be addressed for 2018.

- Drivers do not like the date as it was the weekend prior to Thanksgiving.
- Need qualified and committed F&C, Timing, and Driving Instructor Chiefs to recruit and manage the specialties.

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- Need to change the event format, selling off 25% of the track time to another group to offset costs due to participation levels.

2018 February Race School event will be shared again with SVRA. Driving Instructor has not raced or had a competition license since 2008. Bob asked if that was a concern to anyone. Chris said he was an instructor at the 2017 school and the instruction was good, so no change is needed.

Bill asked when we would be advertising the Race School as he knows someone interested in attending. Don will contact Sherri Williams to apply for a sanction number for the Race School and post the date on MotorsportReg.

The dates for the Race School are Feb 16-18. Drivers will be walking the track on Friday evening with the Instructors providing guidance. Bob will update the Supps for the event so they can be posted on MotorsportReg.

#### **Track Manager's Report**

Jack Abbott arrived after making sure everything running OK with the combined BMWCCA race school and SVRA event which is running over 4 days. He said both groups did pretty well with staying on the track in spite of the cold and rain on Friday.

**Garages** - Jack contacted many of the groups that rent the track to gauge their interest in renting the garages that we are planning to build. Of the participants at the current event, 38 said they would have rented garages. Bob Woodman would be willing to pay for an enclosed end garage. His suggestion would be to put the 1<sup>st</sup> set of garages parallel to the tech shed with the building to be 50 feet by 150. Many of the groups that rent the track do not have enough participants to spread out past the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of rest rooms. Instead they are normally clustered around the area as you come into the paddock, as that is close to all of the facilities. He passed around the comments he received from emailing a number of the groups that rent the track on their prospects of renting the garages.

**Track Improvements** - Jack reported that much work has been done around the track including painting the rumble strips red and white to make them more visible to the drivers. He also had the water meters replaced.

**House Rental** - Jack suggested that we should have a 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspect the house that Thomas is living in as part of the agreement of him providing security for the facility. Note: This was put to a vote of the current board members and approved unanimously. Jack said we still need a rental contract for Thomas. He has a sample rental contract, but it was 21 pages. He is looking for a simpler contract

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that would be more appropriate for this situation. Chris Ronson said would be talk to his wife about obtaining a sample rental contract that could be used. Jack said currently Thomas is paying for cable, but not electric as the house is not on a separate electric meter.

**Track Calendar** - All but 4 weekends at the track are booked for 2018. The calendar is available on the website. Jack will contract Just Track It to see if they would be willing to swap dates with us for our Time Trial/PDX event in November. Their group currently has November 10-11. Racer Magazine is interested in renting the track in 2018. Jack is working to find places outside the track that could be used for still photo shoots.

**Adjacent Property** - Jack reported that there is property located in front of the track not far from the entrance with taxes are in arrears. He said the owners are listed as residing in the US Virgin Islands, but the letter he sent was returned as undeliverable. It was suggested that he try contacting Mosler Automotive to see if they might know the owners of the property.

#### **Continuing Business:**

**Bylaws Update** – Don reported that we must send out a letter to membership before we can go to online communication. Central Florida has a smaller list of Bylaws which are complemented by an Operating Manual. Don said we will work on revising our Bylaws after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year with the new Board.

#### **New Business:**

**Election Results** – Fred Clark is retiring from the Board. Don thanked him for his many years of service. Russ Stalvey was elected from the south region to replace Fred on the board. Derrick Taylor is also retiring from the Board. Don thanked him for his years of service. Mark Ebersol was elected from the north region to a 2 year term.

Chris Ronson made a motion to add Lee Stanley to the At Large position on the Board, which is a 1 year term. Mike King seconded the motion, which was approved by all Board members.

Mike King nominated Don Johnson as Region Executive. Chris Ronson seconded the motion, which was approved by all Board members.

Bill Dennis nominated Mike King as Assistant R.E. Don Jonson seconded the motion, which was approved by all Board members.

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Don asked Ted Migchelbrink if he would continue as the Region Treasurer for 2018 and Ted accepted. There was a question on whether this position was appointed or nominated. Lee Stanley nominated Ted for Treasurer, which was seconded by Chris Ronson and approved by all Board members.

Don noted that Tom Thompson has been Secretary for the last two years. He would like to get someone not on the Board to be Secretary and asked everyone to consider people that might be willing to assume this position. In absence of any candidates present, Don Johnson nominated Tom to continue as Secretary until a replacement is found, which was seconded by Mike King and approved by all Board members.

#### 2018 Board of Directors

North Chapter – Don Johnson (2 years)

Mark Ebersoll – (2 years)

Lee Stanley – (1 year)

Chris Ronson, Sr. – (1 year)

South Chapter – Russ Stavley – (2 years)

Mike King – (2 years)

Lincoln Buell - (1 year)

Bill Dennis – (1 year)

Member-at-Large – Tom Thompson (1 year)

Regional Executive – Don Johnson

Assistant Regional Executive – Mike King

Treasurer – Ted Michgelbrink

#### **Chairs and Specialties**

F&C Chief – Larry Morgan has agreed to continue filling in. It was noted that most of our Flaggers come from Florida or Carolina Regions.

Race Chair – Sherri Williams will continue

T&S Chief – Dave Williams will be the T&S Chief for the Race School and the Jim Stark race. Laura Johnson will continue to help with Timing and Scoring, but is not interested in the Chief position. Don Johnson will contact Pete Horansky about doing T&S for the Time Trials.

Registration – Wanda will continue. Lee will find out if anyone to help.

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Don Johnson is the Solo Safety Steward. Derrick suggested Don host an online training session for people interested in this specialty.

Don Johnson will contact Sherri Williams for Jim Stark race scheduled for April 28-29, 2018. Prices will be the same as the 2017 event.

Jacksonville Solo Chair – Cortland Bailey

Savannah Solo Chair – Dave Mitchell

#### **National & SEDIV Convention Attendees**

Fred Clark will continue as SARRC representative.

5 people are planning on attending the National Convention in Las Vegas including Fred Clark and Lee Stanley.

SARRC Convention is February 2-4. Fred said some of the rooms were damaged by hurricane Irma and he suggested making reservations early.

**Rental Garages at Roebing Road Raceway** – after discussion, Don suggested that a committee be created to research the location options and pricing, with a recommendation to be submitted to the Board. Everyone agreed forming the committee to address the best location for the Rental Garages with a proposal to the Board at the next meeting was a good idea. The committee will include Jack Abbott, Russ Stalvey, and Lee Stanley.

Tom Thompson agreed to draft a Decision Matrix with the options discussed at the meeting.

Next Meeting – February 12 online meeting.

12:17 PM – Chris made a motion for adjournment, Lincoln seconded, all in favor.