

Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting December 4, 2021—Zoom and In-person Meeting

Present Face-to-Face: Don Johnson, Bill Dennis, Harvey Lewis, Bob Horansky, Ron Ogletree, and Jack Abbott (joined late)

Present via Zoom: Larry Morgan, Mark Eversoll, Karen Kern, Michele Eversoll, Nona Heinzen, Craig Tomeo

Joined late via Zoom: Bob DeLoatch, Chris Ronson, Sr.

Absent: Kenny Lee and Ken Neubeck

Call to order: 9:30 am, Don Johnson

Don thanked everyone for attending either in person or via Zoom. Don stated that Craig Tomeo was present in place of Tom Neubeck. Craig is taking over as Solo Chair for JAX Club..

<u>JAX SOLO-</u> Craig gave the report. He gave the end-of-year overview for Jax Solo. Craig said they hosted eight events for 2021. Overall, they had pretty good participation. They had 630 entrants total for the year. From a financial standpoint, we did much better than 2020. He gave bank balances.

We are at a bit of a crisis for sites. We historically have had 8 events at Amelia, but they cut us to 6 events for 2021. They told us that they are only going to allow us to have 5-6 events there for 2022. There are three potential sites we're working on. I have reached out to St. Mary's airport to see if that's an option. We are hoping to have 4 events there in 2022. I have also spoken with St. John's County sheriff about a property just off of I-95—but they are still trying to see how to run it and the guy told him to reach back out in six months. That sight may work out for 2023. The last location is the North FL fairgrounds in Callahan. They have just paved a new parking lot there. The good news there is that there's a drag strip right across the street from this parking lot, so the area is accustomed to noise.

Ron introduced himself to Craig and explained that he has some contacts with the Navy and had been pursuing getting White House back. He would like to continue with that. Craig said he would definitely like his help in that.

Don asked Craig if it was okay to share his contact information to Ron and Craig replied yes. Don thanked Craig for his efforts and welcomed him on board. Don also offered his help as a Solo safety instructor. Craig said he was happy to be there.

Don asked if there were any questions for Craig. Harvey asked about the loan that Jax Solo had asked for. Craig said they had actually put some work into the trailer, and he felt like they were ok for now.

<u>SAV SOLO-</u> Kenny was not on the call. Don shared Kenny's report. Don gave the net incomes and details of the events that have transpired since October. Kenny is in the process of getting together with Craig on 2022 event scheduling.

Don thanked Kenny for the great job he's been doing. He said that if anyone had questions for Kenny, that they could email Kenny any questions.

Since Jack had not arrived yet, Don deferred to the Treasurer Report.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT-</u> Michele began with the P&L with previous year comparison. She prefaced this stating that she ran the information for current with December in it to compare even though there are more expenses to come for December yet. She wanted to compare it to the full year for 2020 because we had some events take place in 2020 that weren't in 2021.

She wanted to show both years because each year had normal activities. She gave the net income for 2021 but said there were a few more items to be paid. Don then presented the Balance Sheet. Michele went over the report. She said there may be some more expenses that will change the numbers some. Don asked if there were any questions for Michele. There were none. Don thanked Michele.

TRACK MANAGER REPORT- Jack arrived and stated that they've been busy, as usual. He said they are working on wind barrier for the corner workers to protect them from the elements. He gave the bank balances. He said the transfer to the paving fund for November was \$18,735 and that the track has received \$8,000 in donations just this week. He said we still need a good bit more, but we are making strides.

He said we are getting a new paving quote from Robbie this month. It won't be actual because we don't know what the market will do by the time we pave in May. Jack said that Atlanta Motor Speedway used the same asphalt formula that we are planning to use.

Bill asked what we were planning to pave, at this point. Don said that once we get the new quote, we'll be able to determine which areas we can or cannot complete. Don said that he felt that we would be able to pave the track and may be able to do the chicane. He doesn't think we will be able to pave pit lane. Bill asked if there was anything wrong with pit lane. Jack replied that they could fill in the cracks. Bill asked which of the customers used the chicane. Jack said that NASA used it and the Test and Tunes use it. The bid included the front straight, pit road and the chicane. Don said that if we must omit portions of the paving project, they would be cut in the order of 1st) Pit Road 2nd) chicane and 3rd) the front straight.

Bill asked Jack if we have any new problems with neighbors. Jack replied that it's the same ones in turn 4 that complain. Depending on the weather and how sound carries, sometimes it seems louder to the neighbors. Bill clarified that it wasn't any new problems and Jack replied no.

Discussion then turned to Tad Segars and his purchase of an adjoining property that he purchased from Ed Sahagian. Don said that when Tad had the property surveyed, it was brought to everyone's attention that there was a sliver of RRR's land on the other side of the RRR fence. The question then arose of what to do about it. The property is valued at \$5,000. Bob suggested that we sell Tad the property and the \$5,000 go to the paving fund. Harvey asked if there were any plans to put a gate from Tad's property to the track. Don said that under no circumstances would that be allowed. There is one entrance and exit to the track. He said we had the same question come up when Hans bought his property. Don said he has made it clear to Tad about the gate and also about the pond on Tad's property being a draft side for the Effingham County Fire Department.

Bill Dennis motioned that we take a vote for the sale of the property. Bob Horansky seconded the motion. Larry asked for clarification of where the property was located. Jack explained where it was. Larry asked if most of the trees that are on that property are ours? Jack replied that the fence went through the middle of

the trees. Don said there is room on Tad's property to put campers on it, but that it was nowhere near to this particular piece of property. Mark asked if there were any improvements on this property? Don said that his understanding is that Tad would put some in eventually. Mark wanted to know specifically if there were any improvements on the sliver of land that we were discussing. Don said no.

Nona then took votes on the sale of the property. It was unanimous and motion carries. Bob Horansky then motioned for the proceeds of the sale go directly to the paving fund. Harvey seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous. Motion carries.

RACE CHAIR REPORT/2022 DRIVER SCHOOL- Don gave the report of the status of the Driver School. He said that he had been given a deadline of Thanksgiving and it was somewhat past that time. He stated that the schedule and sups have been approved by the Chief Steward, the Chief Instructor and by the SEDIV Deputy Executive Steward. Therefore, it has all the approvals required to send it to the nationals for a sanction. Bob Hudson, the Deputy Executive Steward, in an email, stated his approval and his intent to submit it. Don expects to receive confirmation soon. There are actually three events that will run under their own insurance. There is the Test Day, the Driver School and the single SARRC. Larry asked if that includes open and closed wheel school sessions. Don confirmed that it did include both.

Bill said he expected that Don would have the final ACS named this week. So that at that point, Bob Hudson will submit the sanction request. Don said that Bob Hudson had said the Chairman SOM is Lynn Tolin, and Paul Gauzens confirmed that with having the Chief Steward, Race Chair and the Chief SOM that it was sufficient for submitting—that he didn't need the ACS on the application. Bill asked who would submit it and Don replied that Bob Hudson is required to submit it as the Executive Steward delegate and Don is in coordination with him. Bill then asked when we will come up on Motorsports.reg. Don said he had already been in contact with the Registrars and that as soon as he sees that Bob has sent it to nationals. They will announce it but won't open registration on Motorsports.reg until we get the sanctions. Bill asked about advertising. Don said he will get with Karen and check with SCCA about putting out an email blast. It will be in Grassroots Motorsports that comes out January 4th—a ½ page ad. Jack said we've had people calling about the school.

Harvey asked if the students could race after the school for that weekend. Don replied yes.

2022 Jim Stark— Bill said that for the Jim Stark in April the Chief Steward will be Peter Olivola. Bill is expecting a very smooth transition. He said we are doing the same as last year. It worked and there's no reason to change anything. He will begin drafting the documents for Peter's approval. Once Peter has approved everything, is to get Jim Creighton involved to approve of the SARRC classes. To Bill's knowledge there are no changes that he is aware of. Bill expects no problems with any of it. Once that is done, it will be under the control of the Deputy Executive Steward, Bob Hudson. Bill expects no problems with the remainder of the officials named. Bill said he can advertise with the email addresses he already has. He is going to talk with Don offline about advertising.

Bill asked who the Registrar will be for April. Don replied that Wanda has agreed to be the Registrar. Bill doesn't see any concerns. Bill asked if anyone had any questions about Jim Stark...there were none. Don thanked Bill.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election results & seating of 2022 BOD— Don said we are short a member at Large and Mark Eversoll has resigned from the BOD. Don and Bill renewed this year. Larry asked where the open positions are. Don said the one is in the North and the at Member-at-large can be from anywhere in the Region.

Elect Regional Executive, Assistant RE and Officers— Don opened the floor for nominations. Larry nominated Don Johnson for Regional Executive and Bill seconded it. Nona took a vote and nomination carried. Harvey nominated Bill and Bob seconded. Nona took a vote, and it was unanimous. Nona asked Bill if he would take the position and he said yes.

Chairs & Specialties—

Race Chair- Don said he and Bill have been working together as Race Chair

Registration- Wanda and Betsy have agreed to support us but Mary Ann Gardner and Laura Johnson are in training to take over

Start- Nancy DeLoatch has agreed to continue but has asked that we continue to list TJ Walsh until he asks to have his name removed. TJ is somewhere between active and semi active at this time.

T&S- Dan Dodson is in training for T&S and is working to take over

then asked the BOD for affirmation, and they all agreed.

F&C- Larry Morgan is continuing but requests that we have an Asst F&C and possibly Assts for Pit and Grid, and possibly for every specialty

Solo Chairs- Kenny is continuing with Savannah and Craig is taking over for Tom Neubeck in JAX **Pit & Grid**- Pete Horansky

Don asked Nona if she wished to continue as Secretary and she stated yes. Don then asked the BOD if all agreed, and they replied yes. He then asked Michele if she wished to continue as Treasurer and she said she did not wish to continue as Treasurer. Don thanked Michele for everything she has done. Don said he had an offer from Chris Ronson to be Treasurer. He asked Chris if he agreed to be the Treasurer and he said yes. Don

Treasurer- Chris Ronson **Secretary**- Nona Heinzen

National SEDIV Conventions Status—the National convention is online again for 2022 at no cost. Registration is on the SCCA website and is open. SEDIV plans are to have an in-person meeting at Sea Palms Resort in St. Simons on February 19-20. It's not confirmed yet but those are the tentative dates

Timing and Scoring equipment— Don included a quote for new Timing and Scoring Equipment for \$5,438.11 Don said that in getting this equipment, we have a volunteer to take over T&S and that way he will have current equipment. Bill asked if there were two decoders on the quote? Don said yes, one is for pit lane and the other is a combination decoder for start/finish.

Don asked for a nomination to buy the T&S equipment. Harvey made a motion and Larry seconded it. Larry asked if we have to turn our equipment in when they change it out or can we have it as a backup. Don the old equipment trade-in is part of the quote.

Don said that our existing printers are not Wi-Fi compatible. They use toner boxes rather than ink because they don't dry out like ink does. Bill asked if the printers were owned by RRR or Buccaneer Region. Jack said he felt they were owned by Buccaneer. Mark Eversoll said the printers are Buccaneer Region property—he said he wrote the check for them. Don came back to the vote for purchasing the T&S equipment. The vote was unanimous and carries.

Bill then had a comment about the 2023 Driver School. He said a few of them had been talking about taking the February dates in 2023 and converting that event into a double SARRC that Buccaneer Region will host. Then making the November date a 2023 Driver School. What this would accomplish is to have a Driver School in late spring in Daytona or Sebring and then have a driver school in November at RRR. Jack said he is holding

the November date for Buccaneer Region. Don asked Bill if he could have a conversation with Fred Clark re: the SARRC. Don said he was there for anything Bill might need. Bill agreed to do that.

Motion to adjourn—Bill Dennis Seconded—Bob Horansky Vote was unanimous Meeting adjourned 11:12 am

Next Meeting—Don said the next meeting is sometime in February and that he will send out an email.