



Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting February 10, 2020—Go-To-Meeting

UPDATED WITH ADDENDUM

Present with GTM: Harvey Lewis, Arved Grass, Bill Dennis, Bob Horansky, Larry Morgan, Tom Thompson, Chris Ronson, Sr, Mark Eversoll, Kenny Lee, Michele Eversoll, Don Johnson, Jack Abbott, Nona Heinzen, Bob DeLoach

Not present: Tom Neubeck- But he did send in a report post-meeting. It has been added as an addendum

Call to order: 7:00 PM, Don Johnson

SAVANNAH SOLO- Kenny Lee

Since December meeting, they had their event #12, a Test and Tune session on 2/8 and 2 events already in 2020. Kenny had anticipated only 50 drivers for December due to the holiday season; however, at Event #12, they had 84 participants. Event # 1 had 68 drivers. They had roughly 20-30 people at the Test and Tune and at Event # 2 they had 86 competitors.

They had their annual Banquet in January to award drivers and their achievements for the 2019 season while members gathered for great times over dinner. During the banquet, Kenny shared that the Club has grown approximately 40% in participation rate compared to the 2018 season. That equates to 22 drivers more on average at 77 drivers per event. Kenny gave checking account balances.

Their next event is at Hutchinson Island on March 8th. Kenny forecasts to have upwards of 65 drivers to participate as weather becomes more favorable.

Don and Chris thanked Kenny for all he does.

TRACK MANAGER'S REPORT- Jack Abbott

Jack gave Bank balances for both the regular checking and money market accounts, and Garage rentals.

Jack stated that the track was going to begin making the transfers on a monthly basis rather than a quarterly basis showing that the track is capable of making a fairly large payment each month, if needed.

Jack said January was a fairly busy month in spite of the cold weather. He recapped the different groups. He stated that Motorweek's footage is being shown on Motor Trend network for the next several Tuesdays at 7:30 pm.

Jack said February is also a busy month. The track is looking forward to SCCA/SVRA coming this weekend. After SCCA/SVRA, they have AHRMA on the 20-23, multiple test groups and Championship Cup Series on 2/29-3/1. CCS is expecting 200+ motorcycles.



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Don asked if anyone had any questions for Jack and Michele asked if the January transfer had been made yet. Jack replied that it had not but would be within a week.

Larry then asked if Jack was happy with his contract and Jack replied that he and Don had not been able to get together yet but they were planning to on this Saturday at the SCCA event. Larry then stated that he needs track workers for the SCCA event but he thought maybe we need to extend the deadline for signing up to work. Don suggested that we give Larry the authority to hire whomever we need. Bob Horansky then motioned that the Board give the Flag Chief the authority to hire workers if needed within 5 days of the Event. Chris seconded. Bob DeLoach spoke up and said that as a reformed registrar that there was no need to extend the deadline for registration since anyone that wanted to register after the deadline could do so by contacting the registrar and work outside of the deadline. He said that there had never been anything “formal” for this and that it had worked well. Mark Eversoll asked if we could please move along on this issue and that he would need 1 person on turn 3 on Sunday afternoon. Larry replied that he could do what Mark was needing. Bob Horansky then withdrew the motion if all agreed to letting the Flag Chief do what was needed in regards to securing workers for an Event as had been done in the past for at least a decade. All were in favor.

Jack then asked again if anyone had any questions for him and there was no reply. Don thanked him for his efforts.

TREASURER’S REPORT-Michele Eversoll

Michele presented several comparisons of Balance Sheets for 2018/2019 and Profit and Loss’ for 2018/2019 showing the changes between the 2 years. The most notable change was the investment account from one year to the next. It lost money in 2018 but made money in 2019—not attributable to club activity. She also presented current balance sheet showing account balances and profit and loss for 2020. She asked if anyone had any questions for her.

Larry Morgan then asked who he gave the receipts to when he purchases water, etc for the events. Michele replied to give them to her. Don thanked Michele for her efforts.

RACE CHAIR REPORT-Sherry Williams (not on call)

The first order of business was the Driver School Status. Since Sherry wasn’t on the call, Bob Horansky gave the totals of 18 students and 9 Instructors. Bob confirmed that he had spoken with Sherry and that she and David would both be at this weekend’s event. Michele told Don that she would secure the worker gift fund for the SCCA/SVRA event.

The next business item was the New August event discussion. Bill and Bob led the discussion. Bill will be Race Chair for this event. Bill said that the date is on the Calendar and that no further progress had been made because none was needed at this time. Bill stated that he did want to get a committee of “vintage”



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people to recruit vintage cars/participants for the August event. He said he would like to see Chris and Harvey on this committee since they are Vintage people. He said there were several options for the August event:

SARRC w/ No Vintage

SARRC with Vintage

Or scrap this event until 2021—if we run vintage in 2020, we will be on our own since Mike Jackson/VDCA won't commit to 2020.

Chris offered to contact other Vintage groups but he needs pertinent information in order to do so. He needs costs, etc. He said his tact to enlist SVRA would be that the Aug event would be a low cost, warm up event for their fall races. We would just want SVRA to help us advertise the event.

Bob had concerns that we didn't have enough time to get all done that needs to be done. He said he didn't have a problem with the event being a SARRC event but he isn't sure about the Vintage portion. Don said that he believes that doing the combo is a good idea.

Bill asked if we could move forward and say that Bill will be the Chair for the August event and will take direction from Bob, with Harvey and Chris taking point. There was some discussion about having a face to face meeting versus a conference call and it was decided to be a conference call in the next 2 weeks. Bob invited Don to attend and set up the meeting. It was decided to be discussed further this weekend at SCCA/SVRA.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Track Re-paving plans- Don recapped the scope of the work and the costs per the quotes that we had received. Don reported that at the SEDIV meeting that the Executive committee approved a loan to Buccaneer Region in the amount of \$100,000- NO interest, with repayment in 5 years. The SEDIV Treasurer was directed to put together a loan agreement for this in the near future and send it to Don. Don said that our accountant, Brad Lucas, advised that if we do want to borrow money from a commercial source that the Track should suffice for collateral and that our Financials did not have to be audited. If the Lender were not satisfied with our financials, to go to another Lender. There was more discussion on whether to just do portions of the track instead of the what has been quoted. Don said that at the SEDIV Committee meeting it was suggested that the front straight didn't need to be repaved. Chris asked if Jack could get the quotes revised? From the Entry of Turn 1 to the Exit of turn 9. Jack said that he could do that. Don said that he did reach out to another company that had been suggested to check with and that they were not interested in the job. Michele asked that since it was such a considerably large job, did it make sense NOT to do the entire job rather than just part of it? She said it did not make sense to her not to do the whole project. Jack said that if the front straight were taken out, that the Chicane would still need to be done. He explained that almost all of our Test and Tunes use the Chicane. Don told him to include the Chicane when he gets the revised bids. Jack said they could ride out this



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weekend and take a look at what is needed. It was agreed that the available Board Members would meet on Sunday at lunch to ride out and look at the track before contacting the paving contractor.

Arved pointed out that while work was being done, the track would be without income. Chris explained that with the Polymers that we were planning to use, our down time would be around 2 weeks. Don then asked Jack to do a comparative for the Loss of Income for the proposed downtime with the Polymer versus the downtime of an 8-10-week period. Jack agreed he would put together a comparative that included the cost of the re-paving and the income lost during down time—total effective cost.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob revisited the issue of worker retention and suggested that we might need to think about increasing our entry fees to cover the cost of hiring workers. Mark said he was completely in agreement with Bob on hiring whomever we needed instead of asking for volunteers. Larry then asked for more explanation on the numbers. Arved asked when the last time we increased rates was. Bob answered that they had raised the Driver's fee this weekend. Larry said that he had mixed feelings about it all. He said that he felt that a volunteer should do it for the love of the job! There was more discussion of the matter with no different outcome. Don said he would speak with Tom and Kenny for possible workers or help in securing workers. Don muted everyone to say that he was wrapping this meeting up. Don said he will take more responsibility in trying to get help in cost sharing of the workers.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2020 at the Sunrise Diner in Brunswick.

Chris motioned; Kenny seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

9:08 PM

ADDENDUM TO MEETING-JAX SOLO

Tom gave an update of the bank balances. Then he recapped their events. Their first event on January 25th was a huge success. They had no major incidents, had a big turnout for Amelia with 69 drivers, and lots of happy racers. Their push to find new drivers has been working! They had nine novice drivers.

Their second event on February 9th was held at Amelia also. They had a record turnout of 79 drivers for Amelia—with 15 novice drivers!



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Their next event is on March 1st, and will be a Mini tour style event. Three runs in the morning, change the course a little and three runs after lunch. They are doing this format to help their drivers get ready for the Dixie Tour in a few weeks. Their 4th event will be held at the Firm on April 19th . This will be a joint event with Dixie region in a 4-event series. It is also a Jax Solo charity event to help Children burn victims.

Jax Solo Leadership:

Dean Crook has taken over as treasurer for Jason Haynes.