



Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting June 5, 2023—Zoom meeting

Present with Zoom: Don Johnson, Bill Dennis, Bob Horansky, Chris Ronson, Sr, Harvey Lewis, Kurt Breitingner, Kenny Lee, Jack Abbott and Nona Heinzen

Absent: Scott Reynolds, Larry Morgan, Jeff Utley and Craig Tomeo

Guests: Fred Clark

Call to Order: 7:05 pm. Don thanked everyone for attending tonight. Don stated that we have a quorum.

JAX SOLO: Craig was not present but Don gave an accounting. They had their #5 event at the FIRM and had just under 100 participants. They have event #6 scheduled for July 22 at Amelia which will be their last event at Amelia due to the condition of the runway. Don said that Craig said he has received preliminary permission to use the FSCJ North Campus Law Enforcement training center in 2024. Craig has also reached out to Gainesville Raceway to use their parking lot. Don asked Ron if he had had any luck with his contact at Whitehouse and Ron said that he has not been able to meet with him yet but is still working on it. Don thanked Ron for his efforts on Whitehouse.

SAV SOLO: Kenny stated that since their last report in April, they've had events #3 & 4 at RRR and Hutchinson Island, respectively. They had 77 and 44 drivers for event #3 and #4 and the net was \$1,134.03 and \$457.05, respectively. He said everything went smoothly and they were able to treat the participants with a bonus run for each event. He said there was a coolant-related incident at Hutchinson Island, where it was deemed unsafe to continue for the rest of the day without hours of cleanup with supplies that they didn't have to complete the task.

He then gave the checking account balances. He said they won't have an event in June as Hutchinson Island is booked on the weekends that Kenny is available to chair an event. He has reached out to set up an event for July. Don thanked Kenny for his efforts.

TRACK MANAGER REPORT: Jack began the Track Manager's Report by going over bank balances. He gave the amounts of the transfers for March, April & May but said they haven't transferred any of the money over to the money market due to the numerous expenditures that they have made for the roofs and berm work.

Jack said both the bushhog and the tractor are working well. He said they've cut the whole property three times so far. He then talked about the upcoming SCCA track inspection. He said they pushed the tires back from turns 6 and 7 and were able to get a track hoe and dump truck to use that enabled us to use our dirt to make the berm all the way around. He said they dug out about 150 loads across from the turn 6 station. He stated that they will be working on turn 3 tires and berm in the coming weeks so that by June 28 they would be finished. He said they have backfilled all the way around the track and trimmed trees.

He said that he had emailed pictures of the work projects that had been done to all the board members. He explained about the roofs that had been replaced due to leaks or missing shingles. He said they had replaced the plexiglass on the 2nd floor of the Timing Tower. He said the other one was filmy and you couldn't see through it. He said they also raised up Turn 9 station for better visibility. Don said he had discussed the work we were doing with Paul Gauzens and that Paul feels that we will pass the inspection with what we've done.

Bill asked how the TrackBond was holding up. Jack said it wasn't pebbling but that it will need more TrackBond applied. He said that he and Don had discussed having an independent person come in and compare paving samples. Bill said we'll talk about it at the next meeting. Jack agreed.

He then gave the upcoming events: Peachtree BMW, Pan American Superbikes, Evolve GT and then SCCA SEDiv.

TREASURER REPORT: Chris then gave the report on the Balance Sheet. He talked about the transfer to Vanguard CD. He said it must be renewed each month and they will monitor it.

Bill Dennis motioned that we vote to keep the Jim Stark as it is since it is successful. Chris seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

RACE CHAIR REPORT: 2023 Jim Stark Double SARRC--Bill said that the Jim Stark was successful. The track looked wonderful and Bill thanked Jack, Nona, Thomas and David. He stated that the Stark family was present with about 20 members. Bill is expecting the family to be back next year. We received an observer's report and the results were glowing. Bill said there is no reason to change the way we are doing things since it's successful. Bill stated that we were finished up before 4pm. He said there is room for discussion on how to take advantage of this extra time. Maybe give folks extra time to run or maybe add run group(s). He said that adding a run group would add entrants. He said we have plenty of time to decide.

Bill then spoke about the numbers. He said the numbers were good but could have been better. He said we should have had 130 cars. We only had 112 to show up. The 'adjusted' income (after credit card fees) was \$46,400. The total expenses were around \$27-28,000. That leaves the net income of \$18-19,000. Bill said that he and Chris increased fees from \$ 395 to \$ 425 this year. He said that if they hadn't done that, they would have lost an additional \$ 3,000.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: Address 2024 scheduling of Jim Stark-- Bill then turned the floor back to Don regarding the Jim Stark for 2024. Fred Clark said he understands that Don is talking to Robin Ragaglia with CFR-SCCA and it's Fred's understanding that Robin is trying to take 'our' date again. Don confirmed that. Fred said that the date is ours and that the Central Florida Region needs to go somewhere else. Fred says we've had that date for a long time. Paul Gauzen's position is that it is not a SARRC race so the distance rules don't apply here. Bob Horansky says Paul has the authority to override the decision despite Paul saying he doesn't. Don said he reached back out to Robin and said that since CFR have 10 events on their schedule and we only have 2, could they move to another date. Don has made that suggestion and is hoping he will hear back soon. Fred said that this is not the first time they've tried to do it. Harvey asked if it is possible to change the bylaws? Don said that Paul had said we would need to change the bylaws to do it. Bob said we should dig in to have our date remain. Fred said that they are pushing the agenda. Don said he would talk to Paul again. Bob said if we need to change the bylaws, get moving now. Sharon Rollow said she has been doing the schedule for 30 years and she said that we have moved the weekend on an occasion or two but Don cannot remember not having it on the third weekend. Don is continuing to try to work with Robin and her RE in favor of us keeping our weekend. Bill suggested we use not having a Drivers School if we don't get to keep our date. Bill Dennis

motioned that we vote to keep the Jim Stark on the date on the third week of April as it is successful. Chris seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Fred then spoke about the SIC. Fred said that other members wanted to move the event around. Fred told them that they could not do that. He said there was also discussion about the Stark event date. He said that Robin and the RE seemed keen on working it out. Don thanked Fred.

NEW BUSINESS: Tech Shed improvements--Don then handed the floor over to Ron regarding the Tech area. Ron described the research he has done while attending two events regarding the administrative end and where gear for Tech is stored, etc. Ron said he is in the process of scanning the logbook pages into PDFs. Ron asked Fred how long we needed to keep the paper records. Fred said that it is wise to keep them all. Ron said he wanted to make Tech work much better and streamline the processes. Ron wants to add to the tools we have. Fred said that SCCA started a program a few years ago about scanning the information but he had heard that the program had gone stale. Ron said he would check into that.

Ron downloaded the Tech Manual and found a list in the recommended tools section. Ron comprised a pricelist of these items. Ron said a lot of it makes sense but some of them do not. Fred said they found that building their own kit worked better because leaving it at the track didn't work. Ron said he had an idea of creating a Tech Shed for storage and functionality. He said his idea was to put the building right up next to the Tech Area. Ron said that he will put together the info for another meeting. He will get with Fred to determine what on the list is pertinent and what is not. Don said that sounds good. Ron said you can take the info from the integrator and build it into a spreadsheet. He said the only thing we would have to put in would be Car, Class and Minimum weight.

Ron said that one other issue we had discussed was the UPS. Chris said they had probably over 100 of them. He is putting together a list of what they have and their capacities. Ron said he's been getting the info on how much energy is used per device to determine how long the UPS battery will work.

Ron asked if there were any questions. Chris said he just wanted to thank Ron for doing this.

Don asked if there were any other new business. Harvey thanked Don for getting the track records rectified. Don said he and Dan are still working on that.

The next meeting date would be Monday, August 7, 2023. Don asked for a motion to adjourn. Ron motioned to adjourn and Bob seconded.

All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm