



Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting January 6, 2024—End of year In-person and Zoom Meeting

Present in-person: Don Johnson, Bill Dennis, Bob Horansky, Chris Ronson, Sr., Harvey Lewis, Larry Morgan, Rick Henschel, Jeff Utley, Kurt Breitingner, Nona Heinzen, Jack Abbott, Fred Clark and Phillip Cheshire

Present with Zoom: Karen Kern, Hans Bliss

Absent: Scott Reynolds, Kenny Lee and Craig Tomeo

Call to Order: 9:00 am. Don welcomed everyone to the end-of-year meeting in 2024 and thanked everyone for attending the meeting either in-person or via Zoom. He said this was his last meeting as Regional Executive.

JAX SOLO: Craig was not on the call. Don read the Jax Solo report provided by Craig. Don said that Craig has been doing a great job and thanked him for all he does. They have increased their bank account balance by selling hats, jackets and shirts, as well as the events, to get new much-needed equipment. Once they establish a schedule, the BOD will accept an application for a loan to help with their equipment.

Don said possible new venues are the FIRM and Gainesville Raceway. According to Phillip Cheshire with Road Rally, Gainesville is very expensive and the FIRM is not quite as expensive. Bill asked if there were any plans to co-host with Central Florida Region? Phillip Cheshire replied that CFR tends to split events so that attendance is a little bit lower than when Solo hosts. Harvey said he may have a contact source with the Gainesville Raceway. He has a neighbor that was a former rep for the Raceway. He will give him a call. Don said that would be great. Don said Craig's contact info is on the website. Don said Craig is also working on the local Technical College as well.

SAV SOLO: Kenny wasn't on the call today so Don read Kenny's report. Don said the Savannah Solo had their own challenges with sites. Hutchinson is still struggling with allowing us back in. The Club is only able to use about half of what they used to use. This will continue until the construction crews remove their materials sometime in the Spring. They are hoping to get the full site back in the Spring. Don said that he has read where they are going to be building a hotel to go with the Convention Center so we may lose half of the site again soon after getting it back. Don thanked Kenny for all he does.

ROAD RALLY REPORT: Philip Cheshire gave a report on their brand-new program. He said he did road rallies when he was younger and thought it might be a good fit. He got his Safety Steward's License and got started. They did their first event with a Poker Run and got a lot of feedback. The second event was a Time Speed Distance (TSD) Rally on Veteran's Day with three teams. They used a mobile application for participating so that he could see everyone. For the two events they netted about \$170. He's targeting four events this year with the possibility of six. He hosted an "Ask Me Anything" with Karen's help. The first thing he had to clarify was what the Rally was. He is really excited about it. Chris asked if Philip had access to all the emails for SCCA and Philip replied that they are working on that. Philip wants to nail down the course and then will have Karen

do a blast to advertise everything. Rick suggested Philip reach out to the PCA clubs to see if they were interested. Philip said he would do that. Don said that he and Laura had done two gimmick rallies—one in 2016 and one in 2017. They won the 2016 rally! Don said that it was a very interesting time! Philip said that until they get a good following they aren't going to do the gimmick rallies.

TRACK MANAGER REPORT: Jack began the Track Manager's Report by going over bank balances. Jack stated that they had closed out the Truist account. He said that Don, Nona and he went to Truist Bank and closed out the remaining accounts.

Jack then talked about the Infrastructure upgrade that they are trying to implement. He said that Bill could explain everything much better than he since Bill has a background in networking. Bill then explained what the Allegiance quote entailed and what he understood it to be. Bill said it is a comprehensive solution to the needs of the track. Bill said what we have at present is an ad-hock system. Having a competent company would be beneficial.

Bill pointed out that Flagtronics is not part of the current infrastructure project. Larry said he didn't think Flagtronics was necessary right now. This infrastructure project is for the operation of the track only, at this point. Chris said that the infrastructure is important and that the Flagtronics implementation would put us ahead of the game so that when it is required, we'll be ready. Jack said that as far as the expense of the Flagtronics we have a donor that is willing to pick up a big part of the cost, as well as the annual software fee. Jack said that we could possibly get other group donors, too.

Don pointed out that the re-quote from Allegiance included cameras since our previous cameras had gone out. Harvey asked if the coverage was wired or wireless. Bill stated that there will always be a combination of wired and wireless. Bill pointed out that at present, the track pays for three separate networks—costing \$1100-\$1200 per month. With the upgrade, there will be one Comcast bill (greatly reduced from the \$11-1200) and one maintenance fee of \$250. Kurt asked about privacy and Bill said that the SSIDs will be password protected. Comcast will be the Internet service provider and Allegiance will maintain the network. The equipment will also be under warranty. Allegiance is the subject matter experts. Kurt motioned to approve moving forward with the Allegiance quote of \$28,532 to be paid for from the transfer money that had been set aside. Chris seconded the motion. Nona called for a vote and it was approved unanimously. Nona said she will apprise everyone to the progress when we know more.

Jack then talked about the HVAC unit in Thomas' house needing replacement. Jack provided two estimates. Harvey motioned to approve purchasing the unit for Thomas' house for up to \$7,900 using the transfer money, as well. Chris seconded the motion and Nona called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

The next subject on the Track Manager's report was our firefighting gear. Jack said one of our lead firefighters, Jeff Cotter, has worked out an arrangement where we will get new battery-operated tools from AMKUS annually in exchange for advertisement. We should be getting the tools by the end of January.

Jack then talked about a friend of the track's that wanted to donate money to install another bank of garages. They would be in the Turn 1 paddock area, in the middle area. The donor is willing to pay for the garage structure and the concrete. We will need to take down the trees and pay for the electrical work. Jack is getting quotes now for that. Everyone wants to visualize where they would be.

Jack then talked about the Flagtronics implementation. Jack had provided some information on Flagtronics beforehand. Bob said he thinks SCCA will make this system mandatory by 2025. According to what we have been told, the set-up cost for a track ranges from \$15,000-\$25,000, which includes professional installation.

Flagtronics has said that based on RRR's layout, the cost should be at the low end of the price range. Jack said that VDCA has indicated that they are willing to make a sizeable contribution should the track decide to move forward with Flagtronics. Jack said that VDCA would also consider participating in the annual software fee of \$999. Don said the next step would be to contact Flagtronics for an actual quote. Kurt asked if we might possibly have reduced Insurance premiums because we have the Flagtronics? No one knows at this point but it is possible. Kurt said the drivers like the idea of the device because they can be aware of an upcoming flag. Bob asked where it would mount? Kurt said somewhere in the line of sight. The device is about as big as a go-pro. Chris suggested Jack ask other groups about what they are doing in relationship to Flagtronics.

Chris stated that there are duplicate entries on the two QuickBooks accounts because the money market and former checking account are still in the track's QB. Nona said she would get with Brad again to get that cleared up. Don asked if there were any other items for the track. There were none. Don thanked Jack for all he does.

TREASURER REPORT: Chris then gave the balances in the Region's accounts. He went over the year-to-date reports. He talked about the investments that we have in place and how we want to proceed. He asked for any advice if any of the BOD members have some.

Bill asked about the SEDiv loan balance for this year. Chris explained that it was \$80,000 after the \$20,000 payment last year. After we make the payment this March, the balance will be \$60,000. Roebing Road will make the payment and Chris will make the entries for the reports. Don thanked Chris for all he does.

RACE CHAIR REPORT:

2024 School/Single SARRC --- Don said everything's lining up and he expects it to continue to fill in. Ken Blackburn is Chief Steward. He's doing it because he wants to not because he has to. Ken's been a real friend of the Buccaneer Region . Don said that he has done the background work but that he is no longer able to be the on-site Race Chair. Sara Snider has agreed to help with that. Don said that he would need to get with Chris to get the money for the trophies, etc. Bill said he wants to thank Don for all that he has done.

Jack asked if the schedule for the school was good. Don said that it was. Bill asked if the Driverz Cup group might be back in 2025. Don said no, he doesn't expect them to be back.

2024 Jim Stark Double SARRC— Bill stated that he is the Race Chair for the Jim Stark being held April 20-21,2024. Bill stated he will issue the official sanction request next week with our Executive Steward, Brad Davis. He said he had delayed issuing the request until he knew who the Chiefs were. He said there is good agreement between the stewards and the Chief Steward, Peter Olivola. The schedule is already laid out. There is something special this year. Normally we run SRF and SRF3 with small bore together but this year we're going to give them separate run groups. Assuming there's no carnage, this will jack up track time by about a half hour both Saturday and Sunday.

There will be an ad in the last issue of Sports Car in April and an ad in Grassroots Motorsports. Bill said he has asked Jeff Utley to handle the trophies. Jack said he can help with picking the trophies up, if needed. Bill asked if Jeff was going to handle sound again. Jeff said he doesn't have a choice, so yes, he will be doing sound. Bill feels confident in being ready for the Jim Stark.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election Status and Results—Don said that there were no nominations from outside of the current Board of Directors this year. Don then listed the members and their expiration dates:

NORTH(OUTSIDE/FL)	EXPIRATION
Jeff Utley	Dec 24
Don Johnson	Dec 24—Retiring
Bob Horansky	Dec 24
Chris Ronson	Dec 25—New Form submitted
Kurt Breitinger	Dec 24

SOUTH(WITHIN/FL)	EXPIRATION
Harvey Lewis	Dec 24
Larry Morgan	Dec 25—New form submitted
Bill Dennis	Dec 25—New form submitted
Rick Henschel	Dec 25---New form submitted

MEMBER AT LARGE	EXPIRATION
Scott Reynolds	Dec 23

Next the floor was opened for nominations for Regional Executive to take Don’s spot since he is retiring. Bill nominated Kurt Breitinger. Larry Morgan seconded the motion. Nona called for votes; votes were unanimous. Motion carries.

Chris Ronson nominated Pete Horansky for Member at Large. Harvey Lewis seconded the motion. Nona called for votes; votes were unanimous. Motion carries.

At that point Don turned the meeting over to Kurt. Kurt thanked Don for all he has done for the Region.

Chris Ronson nominated Bill Dennis for Assistant Region Executive. Harvey seconded the motion. Nona called for votes; votes were unanimous. Motion carries.

Kurt then asked the current board members if they wanted to continue in their present position. Everyone present confirmed that they would be continuing their positions. The duties and responsible parties are listed below:

RE.....Kurt Breitinger	Jax Solo.....Craig Tomeo
Assistant RE.....Bill Dennis	Sav Solo.....Kenny Lee
Treasurer.....Chris Ronson, Sr.	Rally.....Philip Cheshire
Secretary.....Nona Heinzen	Web Master/Membership Chair
Registrar.....Marianne GardnerKaren Kern
F&C Chief.....Larry Morgan	Emergency.....Skippy Boatright
Start.....Nancy Deloach, Chuck Stanley	Course Marshall.....Kat Buell
Grid.....Pete Horansky	Paddock Marshall.....????????
Tech.....Rick Henschel	
T&S.....Dan Dodson	

Bill Dennis nominated Fred Clark as the SARRC Representative. Fred stated that he will stay on as long as he possibly can but he has limited abilities due to medical conditions with his back. He said he would like to hand

it over to someone. Harvey Lewis volunteered if Fred will bring him up to speed on everything. Fred and Harvey are going to work on that. Kurt put the matter of the SARRC representative on the calendar for the next meeting.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

National Convention—The National Convention is online and is free. The dates are January 18-26, 2024.

SEDiv Convention—The SEDiv Convention is February 3-4, 2024, and is being held at the Sea Palms Resort in St. Simons, GA. Buccaneer Region will cover the cost for the CONVENTION FEE for BOD members or SOLO Chairs as in years past. Buccaneer Region will pay ONLY for the RE and Assistant RE's attendance to the convention and the breakfast. Chris stated that to be reimbursed by the Board, you would need to send him an email with the receipts and he will issue a check.

NEW BUSINESS—Bob Horansky asked about what happened about discussion on enclosing Tech. Jack said they moved one of the Coke machines to give more room for tables. Jack said they had looked at possibly putting slide doors up but when they are open, they will be sticking out. That would affect how the go-karts enter the area. Jack said they can look at options to help with wind and possible blowing rain.

Next meeting—The next meeting would fall on Monday, February 5. We will follow up via email to confirm the next meeting date and time.

Larry motioned to adjourn.

Chris seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 am