



Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting June 12, 2024—Zoom meeting

Present with Zoom: Kurt Breitingner, Bill Dennis, Harvey Lewis, Rick Henschel, Pete Horansky, Kenny Lee, and Jack Abbott. There is a quorum present.

Absent: Craig Tomeo, Bob Horansky, Chris Ronson, Sr., Larry Morgan and Nona Heinzen

Call to Order: 7:05 pm. Kurt thanked everyone for attending tonight.

JAX SOLO: Craig was not on the call. Kurt provided Craig's report to everyone. JAX Solo has their 4th event on June 8th at the FIRM. They had 99 drivers participate. They have also booked their 5th event at the FIRM in August. Craig also provided the bank balance.

SAV SOLO: Kenny said they had their event #3 at Roebing Road and their 4th at Hutchinson Island on April 27th and May 25th, respectively. They had 103 drivers at RRR and 39 drivers at Hutchinson Island. Kenny also gave the bank balance and provided a breakdown of expenditures.

Kenny stated that he was informed that June 29th is the only available weekend in June but has not received the paperwork to bind as of the meeting. Kurt asked Kenny if Hutchinson was still giving last minute notice of availability and Kenny replied yes. They don't usually give more than three weeks' notice.

Bill asked Kenny how they were transporting equipment. Kenny explained that they can store the Buccaneer Region owned trailer at Hutchinson and that they use a Member's truck to transport the trailer.

TRACK MANAGER REPORT: Jack began the Track Manager's Report by going over bank balances. He then gave an accounting of the Transfer amounts since the last meeting.

He then spoke about the loss of Jeff Utley. He said that he will be missed. Jack said there is a person who is a SCCA member that is interested in becoming a Board member. Kurt asked for a motion to nominate Shan Doles for a Member-at-Large position on the BOD. Harvey nominated Shane and Bill seconded the motion. Kurt called for a vote and all were YEAS.... Motion carried for nomination. Kurt said he would contact Shane regarding what is next.

He said they had been busy since the last meeting on April 2, 2024. He said they have had a few more events in April after the Jim Stark. Then May began with WERA, N2 Motorsports and a few smaller groups. The third week of May they had an interesting group called the Gold Rush Rally Grand Prix. It was an event that originated in Boston and traveled to many places and ended in Boca Raton. Then after the Gold Rush Rally, Bob Woodman, Hooked on Driving, Peachtree BMW, Track Rats, Mercedes Benz of Buckhead and Nate Kern.

Jack said that he had received a quote on removing the trees at Turn 9. The guy said he would remove the trees for the lumber that he will get—no cost to the track. Jack said that after the tree removal, they can give the racers another 50-100 ft more for run-off. Bill asked if the stump removal would be included in the removal. Jack said he will check back with the guy to be sure it is included.

Jack asked the BOD about purchasing a Buffalo Turbine Mega Blower for blowing/cleaning the track. The cost is \$13,779 + tax. He said the 1985 Ford tractor has some issues with power steering and transmission and also needs new tires. He said it is very hard to find parts for any repairs that we do. This new blower would hook to a pickup, golf cart, etc. It has a rotating nozzle. Jack said he's talked to several other tracks that have this machine and they say that the MEGA is the way to go.

Another piece of equipment that he is interested in purchasing is a FOD razor mat (made in the USA) or FOD BOSS track sweeper (made in Australia). You would also pull these behind various vehicles like the Mega Blower. It picks up all the debris into a tray that you dump.

Harvey said he has looked at the items and he is in favor of them. Harvey said there might be a problem with the one made in Australia as far as warranty is concerned and that the shipping fees are higher. Kurt called for a motion for Jack to purchase the MEGA Blower and the FOD razor (made in USA). Harvey motioned and bill seconded the motion. All were in favor.... Motion carries.

Jack then gave an update on the Firetruck. He said he spoke with his contact at JC Lewis and that the truck was 70 days out. When it arrives at the dealership, the donor will meet with Jack at the dealership and pay for it. The specifics on the truck are F350 Dually Crew Cab with service compartments on sides of bed. We will have a 300-gal skid built to put into the bed area. Bill asked Jack to send an email with specifics on the truck and skid. Kurt asked who would mount the skid. Jack said it just bolts in and that we will take care of that when we get it.

Jack then spoke about the Jim Stark day for 2025 will fall on Easter weekend. He said we had received a letter from our EMS stating that they could not cover Easter weekend as they can barely cover the County's needs for that time. She said she had reviewed the coverage requested for the past 10 years and we have not requested coverage for Easter. She closed the letter with "We appreciate it if you will continue to close the track for this occasion."

There was discussion regarding where to move the Jim Stark considering the conflict. We would need to request a waiver from SCCA to move the date. Bill stated that VIR is not in our market. Bill suggested that Kurt contact the RE for NC Region and see if they will accept for us to move before the mid-year meeting.

Kurt then displayed the P&L and Balance Sheet for review.

TREASURER REPORT: Chris could not be present on the call but did provide reports. Kurt went over the reports that showed the net profits as: Road Rally \$115.05, School \$18,953.91 and Jim Stark \$ 16,591.87.

RACE CHAIR REPORT: Bill then spoke to the Jim Stark numbers. Income was \$48,968
- 32,376 Expenses
16,591 Profit

Bill said we had 140 cars sign up but only 114 cars showed up. He said the Observer's report gave a glowing review of most things. There was one suggestion that we re-word the schedule slightly so that people would know that there would be racing before lunch so that people that want to attend could be in the know.

Bill said another area that needed improvement was in our recruiting for F&C. He talked about the fact that we were short staffed 10 days out from the event with only 6 staffers + 1 flag chief. There was discussion as to what the minimum vs the normal staffing requirements were. With the minimum, we need at least 20. The breakdown is as follows:

9 stations minus #7 (obsolete)= 8 x 2= 16 + 2 additional for T4 = 18 + start and logger= 20 at minimum

The normal(GCR standard) is 28-30 with the breakdown being as follows:

With 3 people per station to cover Blue, Yellow & Responder – Corner Captain is negotiable

There was discussion as to the current pay vs increasing the pay to help recruit workers. There was discussion about the recruitment, handling of payment, etc. being transferred to Nona and Jack and then being billed back to the Region.

Jack has a list of people that he calls on for the flaggers and will continue to grow that list. Jack and Nona are agreeable.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: Track Internet Report- Bill said the internet was working well. It is working in the Classrooms and SOM, which made everyone happy. There were no complaints.

NEW BUSINESS: Sara Snider Remembrance – Kurt said no one has been able to get in touch with Sara’s daughter to arrange for the ceremony. We cannot do the ceremony without a recipient of the remembrance. We will continue to reach out to her.

Jeff Utley Remembrance—Bill asked for any ideas concerning a remembrance for Jeff. Jack said that maybe we could run a few laps at the Drivers School in February. Kurt suggested a plaque placed in the Sound booth. We will continue to work on ideas for it.

Kurt asked if anyone had anything else new. There were no replies for New Business except that on our staffing issues we have to do whatever we need to do to make it happen.

Bill then motioned for adjournment

Rick seconded the motion

All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm