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## Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting March 4, 2025—Zoom meeting

Present with Zoom: Kurt Breitinger, Bill Dennis, Bob Horansky, Chris Ronson, Sr., Harvey Lewis, Larry Morgan, Chris Schneider, Pete Horansky, Shane Doles, Kenny Lee, Karen Kern, Jack Abbott and Nona Heinzen. There is a quorum present.

Absent: Craig Tomeo and Phillip Cheshire

Call to Order: 7:02 pm. Kurt thanked everyone for attending tonight.

**JAX SOLO:** Craig said that JAX Solo held their 1st event of 2025 on 2/22/2025 at the Gainesville Airport. They had 94 drivers squeeze into the space and had a very successful event. He said their next event will be at the FIRM on 3/15.

He stated that they will be participating in the SEDiv Solo competition and the 3/15 event is our event that will be part of the points for it. He said they were able to use their new box truck and are super appreciative of the Region for the support. He said they have submitted the 1st payment for the loan. He then gave the checking account balance.

Harvey mentioned that there are some changes Craig should be informed about. Harvey said the FAA is changing things which means JAX Solo will have a shortened course. Craig was not on the call at this point.

**SAV SOLO:** Kenny said that they had their first event at Hutchinson Island on February 1 and had 39 drivers. He said the event netted \$233.89. Kenny stated that they had purchased some new comes that cost \$1,075.00. He said they were looking forward to their next event on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Roebing Road. Kenny said the event on March 27 will qualify for the championship events.

**RALLY REPORT:** Phillip said that the last rally report provided had them doing a lot more this year than they could actually accomplish. He said they had sent Karen the updated schedule and the road rally page has their projected schedule for this year with 4 events. He said their first event was the day after the SEDiv convention where we started and ended from the Sea Palms hotel. The idea behind this road rally was to give participants an idea as to how easy it is to put on a road rally even on a small island like Saint Simons. He said they ended up with 10 teams, 3 of which comprised of SCCA national staff. The rally app fees were waived so they ended up making about \$25 from the event.

Their next road rally will be the May the 4th Be With You Road Rally Episode II: Attack of the Clocks - where they are trying to replicate and exceed the success of last year's May the 4th Be With You Road Rally. He said they are going all out again, door prizes, attendee welcome gifts, event specific trophies, and possibly an appearance by the 501st Legion. He said they hope to see some of y'all out there.

**TRACK MANAGER REPORT:** Jack began the report with bank balances given. Jack said the SEDiv payment had been made and had cleared the bank. He said since their last meeting they have had multiple events and have been busy.

Jack said the new firetruck has all the emergency lighting on it now. The new skid delivery has been pushed out to April 17. He said they have been working hard on getting pricing from Todd Padgett Homes, who carries the home that Chris found to replace Thomas' house. He said when they had more information, they will update everyone.

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Kurt then presented the financial statements to everyone and asked if there were any questions. No one had questions.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Kurt then presented the Treasurer's reports and Chris narrated. He said they paid \$17K in stipend payments and \$10K for Roebing Road. The receipts that are coming from MSR are \$40,738.88 and the first loan payment of \$840 was received. Chris asked if there were any questions—there were none. Bill thanked Chris. Chris said he would send out an updated report once the monies from MSR post.

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

**Drivers School and SARRC—Race Chair Report** Kurt presented the Financial Report with the breakdown of income vs expenses for the Drivers School and explained each. Overall, the net was \$2,284 even with the doubling of the stipends for the workers and the decreased entries for students. There were 29 student entries and 99 SARRC race entries. Kurt said there might be a few things they could change for added income for next year. Bob said we met the expectations of putting on the school. Bill said the Drivers School and SARRC are working as intended and that we shouldn't change anything. Kurt said everyone he gave stipends to was appreciative of the increase.

Kurt said he had a conversation with the new head of the Driverz Cup and they would like to be incorporated into the School next year. Bill said that in his conversations with Don when he was Race Chair for the last time, Don said that he and Greg Bruns could not come to terms with the agreement of fees so that a new person might be able to work something out. Kurt said that was the consensus of the conversation and that something might be able to happen. Harvey asked that we put a stipulation on car counts with them so that we don't lose money. Kurt said that we would definitely have something in place for that so we don't lose money.

Kurt then gave the floor to Bill regarding the **Solo Mash-up/Club Racing Experience**. Bill explained that a Club Racing Experience is like a TNia. Bill said the nice thing about CRE is that it can lead to a novice permit. Bill's question to Kenny is instead of having a one-day solo, we have a solo one day and a time trial and CRE on another day--- and entice the participants to work one day and play the other day. The participants that want a FREE solo would work another day. It doesn't require that they work. Bill would like Kenny to broach the subject with his folks to see if they might be interested. Kenny explained that not everyone is from Savannah so that might be an issue. Bill asked how much Kenny charges for a SOLO--- Kenny said \$50 for members. If they need a weekend membership, it would be \$65 (\$50+\$15 for weekend mbsp). Bill doesn't believe it's feasible to do this in 2025 but it can happen in 2026.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Naming Proposal for February SARRC Race-** Currently we have no name for the February SARRC race. Would we like to name it for Don Johnson, Ted Michelbrink or someone else?

Chris made a motion for naming the February SARRC for Don Johnson, Shane seconded. No one opposed the motion. Motion to name the February SARRC for Don Johnson passed.

**State of Thomas' House at RRR-** Chris made the motion to replace Thomas' house rather than repair due to the costs. Harvey seconded the motion. No one opposed the motion. Motion to purchase a new home passed.

Kurt asked Chris about financing for the purchase. Chris said he has spoken to the bank and there's no problem with that part. Chris asked if we want to finance it or purchase it with cash. Harvey said financing. Bill asked for Chris to do an analysis of what this will do to our paving fund if we pay cash. Chris asked if he could do some more research with the bank and get back to everyone. Chris will email everyone what he finds out and they can do an email vote.

Bill had a question for Nona. Does Thomas and his family have a place to stay while all of this is happening. Jack then spoke up and explained what they had in mind. Bill asked if Thomas and family would live on site while this is happening. Jack said yes.

**T&S Chief Replacement Ideas-** Dan Dodson will not be able to fulfill the Timing & Scoring position and we are looking for a replacement for next year. Nona suggested Spencer Jeffers as a possible replacement. Jack said that Spencer has

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some job offers since he's graduating from College in May so he might not be a good replacement long term. Hopefully, we'll get a few candidates for the replacement.

Chris then motioned for adjournment

Harvey seconded the motion

All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm