

Buccaneer Region Board of Directors  
Meeting – April 11, 2016 – Brunswick, GA.

In attendance: Don Johnson, Larry Buell, Ted Migchelbrink, Fred Clark, Lee Stanley, Derrick Taylor, Mike King, Lincoln Buell, Chris Ronson, Sr., John Ingram, Tom Thompson

Guests: Jack Abbott, Sheryl Williams (phone), David Williams (phone)

Call to order: 19:05 by Don Johnson

### **Solo Reports**

#### Jacksonville Solo:

Don said Chris White sent him an email update on the Jacksonville Solo events. (info from email shown below)

Since the last board meeting, held our first 3 solo events of the year. Feb was at Amelia Island with 57 drivers, March was at The FIRM with 97 drivers, and April was back at Amelia Island with 50 drivers. Our next event will be the North v South shootout with Coastal at Roebing Road in May.

Lots of new drivers showing up, and we've reinstated the Novice walk. We now have it as an option as an early course worker spot.

Some key senior club members are active in the North Florida Subaru Group and the Jax 86s club. They're driving the influx of new Subaru and Toyota drivers showing up to participate. Almost all drivers at our events are pre-registering and prepaying on MSR. Very few on site walk ups.

#### Savannah Solo:

Derrick spoke about the new version of the timing software. He wants to test it before using for an event to minimize any negative impact on the event. The last event was in March and resulted in a lot of new memberships. They are helping with a Tire Rack Street Survival event with Porsche Club of America (PCA). More volunteers could be used at these non-autocross events.

Mike King spoke on the Starting Line event being run by SCCA National. There are only 7 entrants, but since this is the first event of this type in the area, its success cannot be measured by the number of participants for just one event. Derrick is the only volunteer from the Buccaneer Region. Jonathon Roberts and Mike King are instructors at the event. Mike said that a guy from Jacksonville posted an article on Facebook praising the whole program.

Note: There was some discussion on these night events and any potential negative reactions from the residents near Roebing Road. Running events in the evening is authorized, but has not been done in the past and will represent a change to the residents close to the track. Sound will be monitored during the event.

**Treasurer Report:**

Ted handed out a copy of the statement from the SunTrust account and the SunTrust investment account.

**Race Chair Report:**

Sheryl Williams phoned in. As of April 11, there were 112 entries for the Jim Start SARRC/SECS race on April 23-24. She said there were a few complaints about the higher entry fee. There was some discussion on this. Action Item: Tom will send email to Don with the cost for the double race at Carolina Motorsports Park the end of March that was run by the Carolina Region. (Note: email sent, cost was \$410 to run both Saturday and Sunday races).

The company that produces the plaques for the trophies requires 50% down. Sheryl will get with Ted to have a check drafted for payment. She also mentioned that a pace car driver was needed. Chris Ronson, Sr. has experience driving the pace car and he volunteered to drive it for both Saturday and Sunday races.

Fred asked if we made or lost money at the Drivers School in February. Ted said he is working on the numbers from the event to get a final result.

There was discussion on the Jim Stark race including the entry fee and the number of stewards that are signed up for the event. Action Item: Linc Buell will work with Sherrie on the number of stewards and workers for the event. If we have more stewards than needed, one option is to have them work one of the other specialties.

**New Business:**

David Williams working on upgrading the timing at Roebing Road to the "X2 System". He is waiting for a formal quote for the upgrade. Don has the email with the prices.

**Track Manager Report:**

Jack said we are very busy at the track with 25 days booked in April.

He offered some suggestions to reduce the cost of running the track at events.

1. We are currently paying \$65 each per month for 12 Port-a-jons (\$10,140 per year). Jack said if we build permanent facilities for some of the corner stations, we could save money, while at the same time offering better facilities for some of the workers. He handed out a proposal from Jordan's Septic & Grading of Brooklet, Ga for the installation of two small septic systems for the corner stations at each end of the track. The cost of \$3,000 for each system (\$6,000 total) would include the installation of a 500 gallon tank and 100 feet of drain field with all necessary plumbing to complete the systems and leach each of them ready to be attached to a bathroom. Jack said he could have some of the track maintenance staff construct the building for each toilet facility. He identified some Port-a-jons that would need to stay (Tech, Grid and Turn 5). Action Item: Jack will contact Tony to determine if there is any price change if we reduce the number of Port-a-jons that he services.

2. Jack also mentioned enclosing the Tech Shed. The cost to do this would be \$2,100. He also suggested possibility of constructing garages that could be rented for events. They would basically be a concrete pad with a roof like a number of other tracks have in the southeast.

Jack said "Track Night" is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13. Gates open at 3:00pm. Lee Stanley and Mike King will be there for the event. Don Johnson said he would be there until 5:00pm. The participants get 3 20-minute sessions for \$150. Heyward Wagner and Jennifer McAbee from SCCA National would be there. Jennifer has asked about a 2<sup>nd</sup> event in May, possibly May 12<sup>th</sup>. Ted asked about sound control. Mike said the event is over at 8:00pm. Action Item: Mike will ask Jennifer what controls they are going to have on sound.

### **Old Business**

- Bylaws – Don passed out copies of the revised Bylaws. An email or postcard will be sent to members for approval of the changes.
- Don mentioned that there are only 67 licensed club racers in the Buccaneer Region out of 450 members.
- Bob Horansky has agreed to run the Time Trials at Roebling Road again this year. It will be held on Nov 19-20, which is one week later than the 2015 event.

### **New Business**

- Drivers' school format – discussion continued on ways to enhance the Drivers School held in February to encourage more participation. Don talked to Toni Creighton earlier. Any changes would need to ensure that the required 3 hours of track time are available for the students. Options discussed included adding a one day regional race to the end of the school. Another option would be to have a PDX event held in conjunction with the school.
- Don received an email from the National Office that a \$3,000 grant was available for 2016 events. He received an email from Jim Creighton saying that we are allowed to apply this grant towards 2017 events.

### **Next meeting**

- June ??, 2016 at TBD.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Larry Buell and seconded by ??????. Meeting adjourned at 21:00.