

Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting June 3, 2019-GTM

Present with GTM: Bill Dennis, Mark Eversoll, Mike King, Russ Stalvey, Tom Thompson, Larry Morgan, Jack Abbott, Bob Horansky, Cortland Bailey, Kenny Lee, Don Johnson and Nona Heinzen

Late Joiners: Chris Ronson and Karen Kern

Call to order: 7:07 PM, Don Johnson

Solo Reports

Savannah Solo-

Kenny emailed a report and Don shared online. Event #4 at Hutchinson Island had 62 participants and Event #5 at Roebing Road had 93. He said that normally the Roebing Road event at least breaks even but didn't this time. There are plans to increase price in 2020 starting with the Hutchinson Island events and effective immediately for the Roebing Road event in November. Don pointed out that our expenses have increased but the fees have not. Mike suggested that making one of the events a "Charity Event" could help by reducing the Sanction fees from around \$1200 to \$100-200.

Event #6 is scheduled for June 9 at Hutchinson Island and is forecasted for 60 drivers. Don thanked Kenny for a Great Job!

Jacksonville Solo

Cortland emailed a report and Don shared online. Jacksonville had their event on April 14 with relatively low attendance-59 drivers. They opted for another "mini-tour" split event style running a different course in the morning and afternoon. This was received pretty well and enjoyed by all in attendance.

The upcoming June 9th event has 26 entries, which is on par for the start of the week before the event. He anticipates seeing a steady increase as the date gets closer. They are planning to run a shorter day in order to beat the heat hoping to finish around 1 or 2 pm.

The next event after June 9th is the annual night event on August 10th which is lots of fun. Don thanked Cortland for a Great Job!

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Track Manager Report

1) Jack began his report with an update on the Garage rentals to date: \$23,820. More are being rented as people become aware that they are there. 2) Billboards/Signage: He has contacted several sign companies for quotes on the signage 3) Preferred Materials update: There is a meeting scheduled with Jack, 3 people from Preferred Materials and Bob Barnard with Bob Barnard Track Engineering on June 11 @ 9:30 am. 4) Armor Metals update: They paid Roebing Road \$3,470. Thanks to Mike King for all of his persistence! 5) We are presently trying to get price quotes on new radios. 6) Upcoming weekend events: Peachtree BMW, Mercedes Benz of Buckhead, Florida Motorcycle Road Racing Assoc (FMRRA) and SCCA with the Double SARRC at the end of June. Don gave bank balances. Don thanked Jack for all he does.

Treasurer's Report

Ted wasn't on GTM but he did send reports to Don which he displayed. If anyone has any questions for Ted, please send them to Don and he will forward to Ted. Don thanked Ted for all he does.

Race Chair Report

Registration is open for the Last Chance weekend.

Bob said that they had been looking at getting trophies. He contacted a local provider to get more of the plaques like we still have some of and the price has increased greatly—60 would cost around \$1,000. He reached out to an alternate company, Awards Unlimited in OK. He said they have a 7" trophy that we can have our logo or anything put onto it for \$12 each. His thought is to buy 40-50 for under \$400. If more are needed, we can get name and address of participant and mail the trophy to them. It will still be a less expensive option. He also said that in the Sups it states that you have to beat someone to be a winner so that should cut down on the number of trophies.

Don also discussed a reasonable increase in fees for the SVRA/SCCA school. Bob pointed out that there was no difference in the schools other than the price. Don suggested Bob put some recommendations together for the increase.

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Continuing Business

Bylaws/Operations Manual status- Larry had previously sent a copy of CFR's Manual to everyone. He stated that some portions of the Bylaws need to be put into an Operations Manual so that they are more manageable. Larry said that he could not find the current manual on the website but had requested it be posted there. Bob said that it is in the website in the "File Cabinet". Larry said that we need to at least reference the By-laws in "our" Operations Manual. He pointed out that the By-Laws need to be cleaned up. He submitted an Outline for the Operations Manual as requested. Larry made a motion to appoint a committee to create the By-Laws. Bill motioned to discuss at the end of June. Don suggested that Larry contact Chris (not yet on GTM) since Chris had worked on the By-Laws and to let him know about the meeting at the end of June. Larry motioned; Mark seconded. Mike suggested that a Committee be formed to explore creating the Operating Manual- Not the By-Laws. Don suggested: The By-Laws have been completed but haven't been released yet. Since we haven't submitted the By-Laws for a vote let the Committee look at By-Laws to help with the making of the Manual. Mike asked what was the hold up on sending the By-Laws out for vote. Don said that he was told to send them to Rick Myers for approval and Don has had no response from Rick. Don will contact Terri tonight to have her look over the By-Laws since Rick hasn't responded.

The Committee would consist of: Larry Morgan, Bill Dennis, Mark Eversoll, Chris Ronson, Jack Abbott, Mike King and Don Johnson. Russ motioned in favor of forming Committee; Bill seconded; as well as Mike and Mark.

Track Radios-Mark prefaced his information with the fact that he's been a HAM operator for 30+ years besides other numerous qualifications. He stated that we have had issues with our radios for some time. He has researched our radios/frequencies with the FCC Database. He said that we have two other entities that could be the problem within a 10-12 mile radius of the track. He found that there was another business that had been issued the same frequency as ours subsequent to ours being issued that could be causing interference. He offered some alternate mobile radio frequencies that we are able to legally use for an immediate resolution for the upcoming SARRC. He said it would behoove us to prepare a report to update our license. He asked us to give him a month to prepare the report. It is imperative that everyone be able to communicate!

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SIC for 2020 –Don said he was initially told that the reason for moving the SIC was due to the paving but later found out that it was in part due to Roebling Road not being able to change the schedule to suit them. Don asked Jack if he remembered the date that SIC has asked him for and Jack could not recall. Jack said he was told that they were going to Daytona. Don will find out what he needs to do to get SIC back to RRR. He will speak with Jim Creighton regarding SIC/RRR.

Monthly Newsletter- Bill is creating a Newsletter for better communication. Communication is key to all! He has already sent several “test” newsletters via email to the leadership. With communication overall participation will increase. As our leadership communicates more effectively with our membership, we will create more awareness, more interest, and more attendance at our events. Recruiting of membership and workers will follow naturally as a result.

The Newsletter will cover Buccaneer Region activities and its people/leadership. The content is the responsibility of the Leadership as they have already agreed to provide it. Bill will take the information provided and create the Newsletter. The first issue will be the July issue. Content deadline will be June 15 and the Newsletter will go out June 22 or 23rd. Karen asked if Bill could please send the emails that Bill had previously sent out so that she could review. Chris said the Newsletter was a terrific idea and Larry said it was great. Don also thanked Bill for his efforts and a great job. Multiple people also thanked Bill.

Don also commented that prior to his coming to the area, a former RE, Hyler Kraft, had separated finances for the regions and solo groups. Don’s understanding for Hyler’s doing this was that Hyler thought each region should be financially self-sufficient. But with the separation of finances came a lack of communication. He pointed out that what Bill is doing with this Newsletter is getting us back to communicating—a good thing!

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be a face to face in Brunswick. The date of August 12 is tentative. Chris will check to see if he can get the same room at the Sunrise Diner as before.

Larry motioned to adjourn; Chris seconded.

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