



## **Buccaneer Region Board of Directors Meeting April 23, 2022—Zoom and In-person Meeting**

Present In-person: Don Johnson, Bill Dennis, Bob Horansky, Larry Morgan, Ron Ogletree, Kurt Breitingner, Jack Abbott and Nona Heinzen

Present with Zoom: Chris Ronson, Sr, Harvey Lewis, Jeff Utley, Kenny Lee and Karen Kern

Guests present: Tad Segars

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

**JAX SOLO-** Craig couldn't join us tonight. Don read his report. Craig said that they had had a great start to the year. He said they had four events so far: three at their new site at the St Mary's Airport and one at the Firm. Weather was a huge factor for event #1 and only attracted 45 brave drivers. The next three events averaged over 90 drivers each. Jax Solo has begun selling hats and t-shirts with a design approved by DJ to help raise money to replace aging equipment including their trailer and possibly their Suburban. He gave the bank account balance, which is up from last year. Craig is continuing to search for additional sites since St. Mary's may not be in play for much longer due to development and Fernandina Airport continues to reduce their usage. Don thanked Craig for doing a great job.

**SAV SOLO-** Kenny gave his report saying that since the last meeting in February they had their March event with 71 drivers. The net was \$1,176.75. He said all went well. He gave the checking account balance. Their next event is April 30 at Roebing Road Raceway. They have already reached their 100-driver cap. He said they were excited and looking forward to the event. Don thanked Kenny for all his work and said he was doing a great job.

**TRACK MANAGER REPORT-** Jack said they have been busy with lots of events. He said everyone is looking forward to the track being paved. He said the track is booked up until April 30. Then they start off with June 1<sup>st</sup> with Bob Woodman. Bob asked if he could be the first to run on the new pavement. He's planning to do a ribbon cutting, t-shirts and a good meal for his participants. He said that they only have four days in June that are not booked.

Jack said that one of the Stark children called last Spring and wanted to order a brick for his mother, Melinda Stark Robertson. The track ordered and paid for the brick but has been unsuccessful in reaching the son. Jack asked if the Region wanted to pay for the brick and we will place it. The cost was \$50.

Jack then gave the bank balances and said that they will be making another transfer at the end of April/first of May. As of now, it's looking like the transfer will be more than \$14,000. Don asked if there were any questions for Jack. Don thanked Jack.

**TREASURER-** Chris gave the balances of all the accounts and presented the Balance Sheet and P&L. The Region P&L showed a loss of \$2500 year-to-date due to buying the T&S equipment, general merchandise and a nearly \$9,000 investment loss in January and February before we closed the investment account. He said that the Drivers School's profit was \$13,491.65.

Don clarified that if we needed to take money from RRR and Buccaneer Region's operating accounts that we could safely take the accounts down to the levels previously discussed in the re-paving meeting. Chris agreed.

**RACE CHAIR REPORT/Jim Stark-** Bill gave an update on the Jim Stark. Bill said they had 138 entries but not everyone showed up. He talked about the new emergency vehicle radio procedures. Everyone is working hard to make it work and seems to be working well. We have a new Steward this weekend and that seems to be working well. He is expecting to make more than \$20,000 profit.

He said there was an issue with the trophies and asked Don to speak to that. Don said that they've had the same company doing the trophies for 10 years and haven't had any problems before. The volunteers handling giving out the trophies said there were some issues with the plaques this time. Don said it is a minor issue and they are managing it. The volunteers said that none of the drivers seemed to have a problem with the issue. Don said that he had noted new employees in the vendors' shop when he picked the trophies up. That may be part of the problem, but the vendor will make everything right, if asked. Don said we have 10 months to decide if we want to use the same vendor again.

#### **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

**Repaving-** Jack thanked Ron for the large track drawing with elevations that he provided. Ron said that going forward that he can go to Google Earth after the changes with the paving are made, scale it and graft it into the AutoCAD file for a presentation that is true to form. Ron said that he and Don have been talking about the next paving and ideas with funding acquisition and with different configurations that we might want to incorporate into the next paving project. Ron said that there are all sorts of ways to have foundation type organizations that collect money for projects, etc.

Ron said that with different configurations, we could conceivably make six different tracks rather than one. Steve Tye had already brought by diagrams with several different possible configurations.

Don talked about the last bid amount that we had been given was at \$1.36M. He said the next GA DOT asphalt index would be out just before we start the project. He said we should discuss this again before we actually start paving. APAC will start with repair work so the index will be out before the paving starts.

Harvey asked on what date will we know how much of the track we are paving. Don replied he hopes the index will be out before they start grinding. They should begin grinding Friday, May 6 or Monday, May 8. Bill said that work will commence before we make some decision. Jack said that where they are beginning it will be work that will be in the scope of what we can afford. In other words, they are starting at Turn 1. If we reduce the scope, it will be the straight away or the chicane. Bill asked if there was any risk that they would do any work that we couldn't afford? Don replied that we have been clear on our expectations and limits, and he feels confident that there is no risk of APAC doing work that we cannot afford. Where they are starting, in our worst-case scenario, would need to be accomplished anyway. Bill asked if they were working to our price point? Don replied yes. Bill asked what the price point is. Don replied \$1.5 million. Bill recommended that we make a final decision when the report comes out. Don is expecting the report to come out on May 4. Bill

suggested that we have a BOD meeting to discuss this issue only. Don asked Tad Segars if he would like to speak to the BOD. Tad thanked everyone and stated his plans for the property.

**Fuel Tank Replacement**- Kurt and Jack have been working with a couple different fuel companies. Kurt said that some of the offers we have been given are for fuel only—not the equipment. Jack called PBIR about possibly purchasing their equipment since they are shutting down. The guy told him he had to talk to someone else and Jack hasn't heard back from him. They are looking for that "sweetheart deal" that includes both the equipment and the fuel. They are working hard but the process is taking time. Don thanked both Jack and Kurt for all their efforts.

Don then asked for a motion to adjourn.

Bill motioned to adjourn and Bob seconds.

Motion was unanimous!

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm

