

Aquidneck Island Robotics (AIR) 4-H Club Meeting

4 August 2009

Attendees: Rick Blight, Katie Small, Thomas Dolan, Jeff Waegelin, Kevin Goodell, Mark Seidman, Mike DeSousa, Gary Gabriel, Brad Kulis, Mike Violet, Michael Violet, Jamie Bova, Rob Zeuge, Joe Menassa, Tom Buckley, Greg Sanford.

Meeting called to order: 6:40pm

Committee Reports

- Golf Tournament
 - Golf Tournament set as #1 priority. At present count 6 golfers and 5 diners were registered.
 - Gary asked when the final commitment was needed for the golf tournament to happen and the answer was by August 13th.
 - Members were asked to sign up any potential participants by gathering name, address, phone and email addresses.
 - Facebook invites sent out have yielded some maybes.
 - The 120 letters were sent out last week. No contact has been made as a result.
 - Member were asked to volunteer to make follow up visits to the businesses contacted by mail.
 - Members were asked to contact Joe Menassa/Tom Dolan to update the spreadsheet with any contact and all donations.
 - Polo Shirts for AIR will be order in time for the golf tournament.
 - A vote taken on shirt color was defeated by the majority for the color of tan with the AIR logo.
 - A vote taken on shirt color was defeated for navy blue colored shirt with the AIR logo.
 - A vote taken on shirt color was unanimously passed for gray shirts with the AIR logo.
 - Cost was estimated at \$25.00
 - Jamie Bova will register the raffle for the Tournament with the State Police. She will download the form from the website and will be in charge of the \$5.00 fee.

Old Business

- Membership
 - Dues are due September 1st.
 - \$25 per student/mentor
 - \$15 per parent/guardian
 - Cash, Paypal on the website, and check payable to Aquidneck Island Robotics will be accepted as payment.

- Insurance for the student members will be submitted by the first week of September, a letter will be mailed to the club leader once enrollment is complete.
- Bylaws
 - An introduction to the club bylaws given by Jeff Waegelin.
 - Interim BOD (board of directors) will make available the tentative set of By-laws on the AIR website.
 - Basic organization structure was discussed.
 - All bylaw comments from member must be sent to rick@air4h.org by the 17th of August for discussion at the 18th meeting.
 - Bylaws are to be complete for presentation by the September 1 meeting.
- Annual Meeting
 - All members interested in holding positions, contact rick@air4h.org.

New Business

- New Member Orientation Plans
 - Rob Zeuge expressed interest in hosting a mentor orientation at his home.
 - Rick Blight expressed interest in attending all orientations that are held throughout the fall.
 - More Volunteers are needed for these activities.
- Master Contact List
 - Discussion had on the master contact list as well as email list was left at that these two lists being the responsibility of the Secretary of the club, which at this time is TBA.
- Email Lists
 - Mike DeSousa, Mark Seidman, and Rick Blight will come up with plan for email list.
- Fundraising/Demos
 - Upcoming Fundraiser discussion placed emphasis on the importance of the Golf Tournament and that concentration be center on this event rather than split on too many different fund raising ideas. Ideas raised included:
 - Car Washes- Rob will be contacting Nick Toppa through the Maher Center.
 - Gary will be contacting Lori Clarke about the Corn Maze at Escobar Farm.
 - Gary will also be looking into information for the Big E fair.
 - Joe Menassa is looking into a bake sale at the Newport CVS.
 - Sue Violet (though not in attendance) previous mentioned a number of ideas that she has done with similar groups.
 - Tom Buckley also offered the suggestion of a Guitar Hero tournament where participants would “donate” each time a song is performed.
 - Also mentioned were the Applebee’s pancake breakfast and a bowl-a- thon.
 - At this time the club wished to commit to one fund raiser a month.

- The top of Hex Bugs was looked at again, with regard to how the club would afford the expense with no seed money available. Private donations may need to be made.
 - \$165 a case will purchase the 30 bugs.
 - Gary has offered to purchase Hex Bug food and spot the club funds for one case.
 - Hex bugs would be sold that the Escobar Corn Maze for \$10. A minimum of 5 cases would be needed for this event.
- Recruitment and Handbook Committees
 - The recruitment and handbook committees are to be formed by Aug 11th. All interested persons should contact rick@air4h.org by August 9th to be considered for these committees.
- Grants has been submitted to Rhode Island 4H by Rick Blight.
 - Joe is working on CVS Grant
 - Brad Kulis will be working on Raytheon Grant
 - Rick will work on JCPenny Grants
 - Tom Dolan is working on UDEP.
 - Rob will be working on BAE.

Meeting called to close: 7:55PM

Next Golf Tournament Meeting: Thursday, 8/6/09, 7pm at Building 2

Next AIR Meeting: Tuesday, 8/11/09, 6:30pm at Building 2.