

Aquidneck Island Robotics (AIR) 4-H Club Meeting

01 September 2009

Attendees: Rick Blight, Jamie Bova, Brandon Bruneau, Thomas Buckley, Andrew Collins, Michael Collins, Anna DeSousa, Andrew DeSousa, Mike DeSousa, Thomas Dolan, Pat Fagan, Thomas Frank, Kevin Goodell, Kyle Kossak, Mary Ann Kossak, Brad Kulis, Brad Mello, Paula Mello, Joe Menassa, Dylan Morin, Justin Ouellette, Ray Penza, Paige Pennypacker, Dylan Rodriguez, Susan Rodriguez, Elizabeth Rosa, Jamie Ryan, Dawn Sanford, Greg Sanford, Mark Seidman, Katie Small, Matt Tobin, Karen Toppa, Nick Toppa, Linda Ujifusa, Mike Violet, Michael Violet, Sue Violet, Jeff Waegelin, Robert Zeuge

Meeting called to order: 6:55pm

- Robert Zeuge motioned (Michael DeSousa second) to approve 25 August 2009 Minutes
 - Motion approved unanimously

Committee Reports

- Golf Tournament
 - September, 13th 2009 at Laurel Lane Golf Course, West Kingston RI
 - Dinner will be served at 6:30pm.
 - 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.
 - Final numbers and money due on Thursday, September 03, 2009.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Board of Director's Voting
 - Nominations (write-in's on the ballot)
 - Mike Violet nominates (Joe Menassa second) Sue Violet
 - Nick Toppa nominates (Mike DeSousa second) Karen Toppa
 - Thomas Frank motions (Jeff Waegelin seconds) to close nominations
 - Motion approved
 - BOD Voting Results
 - 2-Year Term
 - Rick Blight
 - Thomas Dolan
 - Gary Gabriel
 - Sue Violet
 - 1-Year Term

- Mike DeSousa
- Joe Menassa
- Robert Zeuge
- Student Leader Position Voting Results
 - Dylan Rodriguez – President
 - Jamie Ryan – Treasurer
 - Dylan Morin - Secretary

Good of the Club

- Awards
 - Rick Blight hand out RI State House awards to the FTC team for the 2008-2009 season.
- Grants
 - NDEP/FIRST Grant
 - The National Defense Education Program awarded AIR with two grants
 - FLL: \$1500 for registration, kit, field, and extra sensors
 - FRC: \$6500 for registration and \$1000 in tools
 - JC Penny/4-H Grant
 - The JC Penny grant awarded AIR with \$1500 for FTC registration.
 - BAE Grant
 - Sending in an application this week.
 - If awarded, grant will be \$3500
 - igus Grant
 - \$250 donation to AIR through the Young Engineer Support (YES) program
 - This donation will be used to pay for our upcoming off-season event River Rage.
- FIRST Decision on the Team Number
 - Citing new policy, FIRST awarded Team 121 to the Middletown High School
 - AIR will receive its new FRC team number when we sign up for our first regional in October
 - That number will be an unused number somewhere between 1 and 200, since our rookie year is considered to be 1996.
- Open House
 - September 19th, 2009 from 10am to 3pm in the Undersea Collaboration and Technical Outreach Center (UCTOC) in the basement of Building 80
 - FRC/FTC/FLL(?) demos
 - Recruitment for students and adult volunteers
 - Will use the two TV's already there to display photos and video
 - Nick Toppa to volunteer a P/A system
 - Suggestion made to make it have a “science fair” feel to it with stations situated around the room to facilitate mingling.
 - Email to be sent to all government and contractors at NUWC/NAVSTA
 - Need someone to work on press release to local media outlets

- WADK (1540AM)
 - NBC Channel 10 community center
 - Linda Ujifusa can post in Portsmouth
- CVS Bake Sale
 - September 12th from 11am to 3pm at the Middletown and Newport locations
 - Weather-dependent
 - Sell Hex Bugs, hand out recruitment flyers
 - Tom Dolan to contact NUWC graphics department about AIR and 4-H signage
 - Brad Mello to design
- River Rage
 - AIR is signed up
 - Will bring be using Team 126 Gael Force's backup robot
 - Will be planning a date to visit Nypro the week before to practice driving
- Calendar of Events
 - FTC National Kickoff – September 12th
 - FTC RI Kickoff in October
 - River Rage – October 31st in Manchester, NH
- Car Wash
 - Nick Toppa talking with Maher Center about having a car was in the coming months
 - 4-H insurance covers events like this
- 4-H Adult Volunteer Training
 - Rick Blight setting up a date with RI 4-H
 - Looking to have it in Building 80
- AIR Polo Shirts
 - \$22.50 owed to AIR as soon as possible for those who ordered shirts.
- Thomas Frank motion (Mike DeSousa second) to close the meeting
 - Motion approved unanimously

Meeting called to close: 7:56PM

Next AIR Meeting: Tuesday, 9/08/09, 6:30pm at the Building 80 UCTOC