

Aquidneck Island Robotics (AIR) 4-H Club Meeting

08 September 2009

Attendees: Rick Blight, Thomas Buckley, Rick Casey, Andrew DeSousa, Michael DeSousa, Thomas Dolan, Pat Fagan, Kevin Goodell, Kyle Kossak, Brad Kulis, Brad Mello, Dylan Morin, Paige Pennypacker, Tyler Robello, Dylan Rodriguez, Jamie Ryan, Greg Sanford, Mark Seidman, Katherine Small, Karen Toppa, Nick Toppa, Linda Ujifusa, Mike Violet, Michael Violet, Sue Violet, Robert Zeuge

Meeting called to order: 6:40pm

- Robert Zeuge motioned (Michael DeSousa second) to approve 01 September 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.
 - Final tally: 24 golfers and 59 diners
 - 4:30pm set up with Rick Blight at the LL banquet hall
 - Volunteers to setup include the Violet and the Kossak families
 - Raffle is all set and there will be approximately 7-9 items to be raffled off

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Good of the Club

- CVS Bake Sale
 - September 12th from 10:45am to 3:15pm at the Middletown and Newport locations
 - Baked goods will be sold for a donation of \$1 or more
 - Hex Bugs will be sold at \$10 a piece
 - Hand out recruitment flyers; open house flyers, and business cards
 - If on the baking list, please either drop off baked goods at the Violet's house or bring to event
 - Violet Family
178 Meadow Lane
Middletown, RI 02842
(behind Chaves Garden on East Main road)
 - Karen Toppa has tables and chairs

- Open House
 - September 19th, 2009 from 10am to 3pm in the Undersea Collaboration and Technical Outreach Center (UCTOC) in the basement of Building 80
 - For volunteers, hours are from 9am to 4pm
 - The press release in Saturday's Newport Daily News gave time and location for the open house
 - 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
 - Will be making a map of the room with designated stations for FRC/FTC/FLL
 - Email to be sent to all government and contractors at NUWC/NAVSTA
 - People/places to contact
 - Local chambers of commerce
 - Thompson Middle School – Sue Violet
 - Newport HS Track/Football coach – Andrew DeSousa
 - Portsmouth HS – Michael DeSousa
 - Portsmouth Abbey and St. Georges – Rob Zeuge
 - Tiverton HS – Tom Buckley and Greg Sanford
 - Kellie DiPalma/MHS principal – Brad Kulis
 - All hands email – Tom Dolan
 - Local TV stations
 - Action items
 - Rick to make Open House and Open House Press Release flyers
 - Paige to inquire about advertisement in the Newport Daily News
 - Begin creating PR database with contacts at each outlet
- Harvest Fair/Corn Maze
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 - October 3rd and 4th at the Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown
 - Purpose will be to promote team, recruit members, and sell Hexbugs
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- FRC Rebranding
 - Submit your ideas this week and next week
 - Rob: Rhode Runner
 - Joe: The Seawolves
 - Sue Violet: Strike Force; AIR Commandos
 - Linda: AIR Strike
 - Brad: Rhode Island Destroyers; Rogue Wave Riders; Bad Dog
 - Rick: Navy SEALs
 - Ray Penza: Rhode Kill; Rhode Block (FLL); Rhode Trip; Rhode Hog
 - Mike Violet: Nukes of Hazzard\

- FTC
 - Season starts this Saturday, September 12th, 2009
 - Game will be announced online starting at 5pm
 - Mike DeSousa to send out email with a time and place to watch
- Donations
 - The following donations were made in the last week to AIR
 - \$250 from John Mittendorf
 - \$100 from the parents of Mark Seidman
 - \$100 from Linda Ujifusa
- BOD
 - For those who may have questions to ask the BOD, please send emails here:
 - BOD@lists.air4h.org
- Fall Project
 - Do to time, resources, and schedule, Rob Zeuge suggested to push over a major project until next off season
 - In the meantime, a smaller project involving VEX or FTC parts would be feasible

- Rick Casey motion (Mike DeSousa second) to close the meeting
 - Motion approved unanimously

Meeting called to close: 7:25PM

Next AIR Meeting: Tuesday, 9/015/09, 6:30pm at the Building 80 UCTOC