

## Aquidneck Island Robotics (AIR) 4-H Club Meeting

22 September 2009

Attendees: Richard Blight, Andrew DeSousa, Sandi Gabriel, Kevin Goodell, Brad Kulis, Joseph Menassa, David Nugent, Jamie Ryan, Greg Sanford, Mark Seidman, Linda Ujifusa, Sue Violet, Michael Violet, Mike Violet, Robert Zeuge

Meeting called to order: 6:40pm

- Motion to pass minutes from 15 September 2009 meeting
  - Motion approved unanimously

### Committee Reports

- Open House
  - Major success
  - Captain Byman was present with his son
  - 140 people total came through to view the open house
    - Majority was middle school-aged kids
    - Translates to plenty of kids for FLL and FTC
  - No need to write a press release
  - We need safety glasses and a photo release sign at any future events
  - There will be a sign-up meeting for all three robots on 09/30 at 6:30pm in the UCTOC.
- Harvest Fair
  - 3 October 2009 – 4 October 2009 from 9am to 5pm both days
  - Hex bug and bake sale
  - FTC robot
  - Gary is the lead and will ask for help during AM and PM shifts
- Escobar Farm
  - Hex bug sale
  - Gary will ask for help during AM and PM shifts
  - Rick and Nick will setup
- River Rage
  - 31 October 2009 in Manchester, NH from 8am-4pm
  - Need students and adult volunteers to sign up as soon as possible
  - Contact Rob or Rick to sign up to attend
  - We will use this event to brand us
  - NUWC will print flyers for us
  - We may practice on 10 October 2009 at the Nypro facility in Clinton, MA
- Scholarships
  - Most are for juniors and seniors
  - There are a lot and easy to get
  - Go to [www.usfirst.org/scholarships](http://www.usfirst.org/scholarships)
  - Mentors are here to help students with this
  - Don't wait until the last minute

- WPI allows one applicant per FRC and FTC team so we may need an application process. Interested students need to let Rob know by 10 October 2009.
- Parents Informational Meeting
  - Talk about expectations, travel, and expenses.
- FTC
  - Meetings are Sundays 9am-5pm and Mondays 6pm-9pm at Building 2 on Naval Station Newport.
  - Talk to Mike DeSousa about suggestions for the second team name..
- Polo Shirts
  - Last day to order is 6 October 2009.
  - The cost is \$22.50
  - See Rick for more details.
- FLL
  - Gary is the lead mentor and will send out information soon.
  - Training will be provided by Tom Kowalczyk.
  - All FLL meetings will take place at the UCTOC.
  - All FLL resources will be kept at the UCTOC.
- FRC Team Name Voting
  - Five names were narrowed down to the following five:
    - Seawolves
    - Air Strike
    - Rhode Rage
    - Rhode Runner
    - RI Destroyer
  - We need to brainstorm logos
  - Final vote will be on 29 September 2009.
- St. Philomena
  - Interested in a 5 week robotics program
  - We would use Vexplorer
  - There are already 15 students interested in such a workshop.
  - The money paid by St. Philomena's would go directly to AIR.
  - The next session starts during the first week of November
  - They are supposed to get back to us
- Portsmouth Abbey
  - Has some students interested in FTC
- Motion to close the meeting
  - Motion approved unanimously

Meeting called to close: 7:21PM

**Next AIR Meeting:** Tuesday, 9/29/09, 6:30pm at the Building 80 UCTOC