

Aquidneck Island Robotics (AIR) 4-H Club Meeting

29 September 2009

Attendees: Richard Blight, Thomas Buckley, Andrew DeSousa, Michael DeSousa, Thomas Frank, Gary Gabriel, Kevin Gilstrap, Kevin Goodell, Mary Ann Kossak, Kyle Kossak, Brad Mello, Joseph Menassa, Dylan Morin, David Nugent, Dylan Rodriguez, Jamie Ryan, Greg Sanford, Mark Seidman, Paul Souza, Karen Toppa, Nick Toppa, Linda Ujifusa, Sue Violet, Mike Violet, Robert Zeuge

Meeting called to order: 6:40pm

Committee Reports

- Harvest Fair
 - 3 October 2009 – 4 October 2009 from 9am to 5pm both days
 - Hex bug and bake sale
 - Contact Gary at 401-626-6393 to drop off baked goods
 - FTC robot
 - Schedule to be emailed out.
 - Saturday setup will begin at 9:30am
- Escobar Farm
 - Hex bug sale
 - 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 be practicing on 10 October 2009 at the Nypro facility in Clinton, MA
- Scholarships
 - Will be sending out a Scholarship information sheet via the listserv very soon.
 - Go to www.usfirst.org/scholarships
 - Gary has a contact in Newport who is a guidance counselor and would be willing to help anyone who needs extra help.
 - 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.
- Polo Shirts
 - Last day to order is 6 October 2009.
 - The cost is \$22.50
 - See Rick for more details.
- FLL
 - Informational and signup meeting on Wednesday, September 30th in the UCTOC.

- FRC Team Name Voting
 - Final vote on FRC team name:
 - AIR Strike is the winner!
 - Think of logos, graphics, themes, cheers, robot names, etc to go along with AIR Strike.
 - Remember that NUWC plays an important role in missile technology about submarines. The Tomahawk missile was developed here and is still in fleet use today.
 - Final vote will be on 29 September 2009.
- Grants
 - BAE awarded AIR a \$1,000 grant for our FRC team! This requires us to attend the BAE Granite State Regional (which we were planning to already) and include BAE Systems in our team name and logo on the robot.
 - CVS grant application for \$500 was sent out last week.
- Fundraising
 - Time to start thinking of different fundraising ideas
 - Car wash and Bowlathon sometime in October, November, or December
 - Club member attendance is highly encouraged as the majority of the proceeds will go towards defraying the costs of travel
- FRC Team Meeting
 - Will be deciding on a date very soon to organize the FRC team together before River Rage
 - Stay tuned for more details!
- Motion by Robert Zeuge (2nd by Michael DeSousa) to close the meeting
 - Motion approved unanimously

Meeting called to close: 7:12PM

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