

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

06 October 2009

Attendees: Richard Blight, Brandon Bruneau, Andrew DeSousa, Michael DeSousa, Thomas Dolan, Gary Gabriel, Sandy Gabriel, Kevin Goodell, Brad Mello, Joseph Menassa, David Nugent, Gary Rahilly, Dylan Rodriguez, Jamie Ryan, Greg Sanford, Mark Seidman, Katherine Small, Paul Souza, Karen Toppa, Nick Toppa, Linda Ujifusa, Sue Violet, Michael Violet, Mike Violet, Robert Zeuge

Meeting called to order: 6:40pm

### Committee Reports

- Harvest Fair/Escobar Farm Corn Maze
  - Between the two events the club made \$375.
  - 33 Hexbugs were sold at the Harvest Fair and 8 were sold at the Corn Maze.
  - Bake sale at the Harvest Fair was not successful; recommended to skip bake sale at future Harvest Fairs.
  - Comments from volunteers was that two events on the same day was a stretch for resources and to next time limit to only one event.

### Old Business

- None

### New Business

- Gary Gabriel motions (Joe Menassa seconds) to have a calendar fundraiser for the month of November. Sue to take the lead and contact the State Lottery Commission to register the fundraiser.
  - Passed unanimously

### Good of the Club

- River Rage
  - 31 October 2009 in Manchester, NH from 8am-4pm
  - Students and adult volunteers need to sign up as soon as possible
  - Contact Rob or Rick to sign up to attend
  - We will be practicing this Saturday, 10 October 2009, at the Nypro facility in Clinton, MA from 12pm-3pm.
- Polo Shirts
  - Final numbers are in; will be calling in the order soon.
- AIR Strike Logo
  - Need ideas
  - Keep it simple; easily recognizable; 2-3 colors
  - Tie logo to NUWC
    - Submarine launching a missile

- FTC
  - Meetings are Sundays 1pm-5pm and on Mondays from 6pm-8:30pm
  - Currently building the new FTC field at Building 2.
- FRC Team Number
  - We are Team 78
  - Signed up currently for the BAE Granite State Regional and the Championship event in Atlanta.
- FLL
  - Meeting schedule:
    - Thursday – 4:30pm-6pm
    - Friday – 4:30pm-6pm
    - Sunday – Noon-3pm
  - 29 total students
  - FRC students needed to help as mentors to the FLL teams – important for Chairman's award!
  - NDEP paid one registration
  - AIR paid two registrations
  - RI competition registration for all 3 teams paid by AIR
  - Roger Williams University paying \$5,000 for 4 years (\$20,000 total) for each student on the winning team of the RI competition!
- AIR website
  - Need volunteers who would like to maintain the website
    - Mike DeSousa
    - Brad Mello
  - Current website is based on Wordpress
  - Current website also just for AIR; work can be done to make more websites for the FRC and FLL teams
    - ie. Team78.com
- FRC Team Meeting
  - Next Wednesday, 14 October 2009, in the UCTOC at 6:30pm.
  - Will discuss finer details of the River Rage off-season event.
  - Talk about recruiting at the high schools
  - Also discuss changes to Building 2 work spaces
  - Gauge student interest in the various areas of FRC
    - Mechanical
    - Electrical
    - Computer programming
    - Animation
    - Website
    - Spirit
  - Stay tuned for more details!
- Fundraising
  - Fundraising for travel expenses
  - Car wash scheduled for Saturday 14 November 2009
    - Attendance is mandatory in order for money raised to be allocated towards travel expenses

- Building 2
  - There will be a cleanup and reorganization of Building 2 starting in a few weeks.
  - Communication will be via email.
  - If you want to help out, please notify Joe Menassa.
  - Projects include organizing the FTC area and FRC areas
- Future Meetings
  - For future meetings, all meetings will begin promptly at 6:30pm.
  - Committee reports will consist of the 3 team leaders (FLL, FTC, FRC), soon to be appointed subcommittee chairs (ie. fundraising, travel), and the BOD secretary and treasure.
  
- Motion by Michael DeSousa (2<sup>nd</sup> by Katherine Small) to close the meeting
  - Motion approved unanimously

Meeting called to close: 7:18PM

**Next AIR Meeting:** Tuesday, 10/13/09, 6:30pm at the Building 80 UCTOC