

Aquidneck Island Robotics (AIR) 4-H Club Meeting

03 November 2009

Attendees: Katie Blight, Rick Blight, Thomas Buckley, Andrew DeSousa, Mike DeSousa, Thomas Dolan, Gary Gabriel, Sandy Gabriel, Kevin Gilstrap, Brad Mello, Dylan Morin, Dylan Rodriguez, Thomas Schindler, Paul Souza, Karen Toppa, Nick Toppa, Mike Violet, Michael Violet, Sue Violet, Robert Zeuge

Meeting called to order: 6:35 pm

- Motion by Rob Zeuge (2nd by Michael Violet) to approve minutes from 27 October 2009 meeting
 - Motion approved unanimously

Committee Reports

- FLL
 - Teams are meeting
 - Thursday: 4:30pm-6pm (Gary's team)
 - Friday: 4:30pm-6pm (Paige's team)
 - Sunday: 12pm-3pm; subject to change (Kevin Quinn's team)
 - Rest of NUWC items are in
 - Wooden playing fields are completed
 - Looking for sponsorships
 - Kids motivated and excited
 - Meetings are
 - FRC students are welcome to attend to help
 - Sell Hex Bugs at the RI FLL?
- FTC
 - Working on the robot; prototypes
- FRC
 - Building 2 cleanup
 - Organizational meeting at Building 2 after it's cleaned up
 - Safety meeting sometime in late November or early December
 - Update the Safety SOPs
 - Contact through Nick Toppa looking to get information on getting a receipt for donation
 - Grants
 - JC Penny/4-H grant given to FRC: \$2500
 - Raytheon grant: find out on Friday the results
 - Citizen's Bank grant
 - Stop and Shop grant: need the 501(c)3 certificate
- Treasurer
 - None
- Secretary
 - Get your AIR and 4-H forms in to me!

- Fundraising
 - Sign up for the committee
 - Car wash
 - November 14th, 2009
 - Maher Center
 - 16 people signed up
 - 10am – 2pm open
 - Get there at 9:30am to organize an assembly line system
 - Wash 4 cars at a time
 - Sell calendars and Hex Bugs
 - If rain, will look into set up another date
 - Send out an email about the car wash
 - Calendar
 - \$10 a calendar (ticket)
 - All the money is due by November 30th at the LATEST
 - Checks made out to “Aquidneck Island Robotics”
 - \$1300 is paid out, so need to sell at least 130 calendars to break even
 - All money earned is 50/50 split: 50% to AIR and 50% to the FRC/FTC student or to the FLL program
 - Sell calendars throughout November and the drawings will be in December
 - Email, call, website to announce the winners
 - People under 18-years-old can sell but cannot claim a prize (this is an official raffle through the RI State Police).
 - Checks will be sent out in January
- Recruitment
 - Sign up for the committee
 - More information next week
- Public Relations
 - Sign up for the committee
 - Press release on River Rage and on the car wash fundraiser
 - Rick Blight has the PR form in digital format
 - Email to Nick’s contact at WADK
 - Get on the community calendar
- Travel
 - Sign up for the committee
 - Start looking at the hotels for the BAE regional
 - Get out to the parents the preliminary costs of the regional (hotel + food)

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Good of the Club

- Shirts
 - Those who ordered Air polo shirts, contact Sandy Gabriel at 849-2172. Shirts are \$22.50
 - If you want an AIR fleece, roughly \$30; dark grey or black
 - FLL shirts
 - Get a (fill-in-the-blank) colored t-shirt with AIR logo embroidered on and then they can use iron-on or other for individual team logo
- River Rage Recap
 - Thank-you letter to Gael Force for using their robot; Rob to write up and bring to next meeting for everyone to sign
 - AIR Strike earned a participation award
 - The team finished two matches away from playing in the finals
 - The other teams got to know us as a new team: Team 78, AIR Strike
 - Everyone had a great time
 - Several compliments from other teams about our professionalism
- Motion by Tom Buckley (2nd by Paul Souza) to close the meeting
 - Motion approved unanimously

Meeting called to close: 7:08PM

Next AIR Meeting: Tuesday, 11/10/2009, 6:30 pm at the Building 80 UCTOC