

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

10 November 2009

Attendees: Bridgette Blight, Katie Blight, Rick Blight, Andrew DeSousa, Mike DeSousa, Thomas Dolan, Robert Grzechowiak, Gary Gabriel, Kevin Gilstrap, Kyle Kossak, Joseph Menassa, Dylan Morin, Dave Nugent, Jamie Ryan, Greg Sanford, Mark Seidman, 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Violet) to approve minutes from 03 November 2009 meeting
  - Motion approved unanimously

### Committee Reports

- FLL
  - Gary finding out if there can be fundraisers at the RI FLL tournament
  - Teams moving along
  - Reality hitting now...realize that only 5 weeks left before the tournament
  - Field setup in the UCTOC
  - December 5<sup>th</sup> scrimmage day for all teams
  - Joe to come to some meetings to take photos
  - One mother in the Kiwanis...Gary to talk to them
- FTC
  - Very productive meetings over the weekend
  - Some Super Saturday meetings coming up: Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Engineering notebook is coming along
  - Revising/Refreshing the logo; updated shirts
  - Delaware Championship Jan 30; MA Feb 27; RI March 6
  - RI is same day as BAE; so unless there are enough students, we may not attend
- FRC
  - Kickoff is January 9<sup>th</sup>
  - One group going to Kickoff; second group meeting at the UCTOC to watch on NASA TV
  - Start every day meetings beginning on Sunday Jan 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Fundraising on-going
  - Thank you letter to Gael Force; everyone at the meeting signed
  - Building 2: clean up sessions in December
- Treasurer
  - Generate financial history
  - \$2932 in current bank account
  - \$4000 due in from JC Penny (\$2500) and Raytheon (\$1500)
- Secretary

- None

#### Old Business

- None

#### New Business

- None

#### Fundraising

- Sell the raffle tickets!
  - Get the raffle art on the website
- Newport County Fund
  - Rifoundation.org
  - Average grant amount last year was \$6800
  - Monies can go towards anything
  - 2010 form is not out yet
  - First Monday of March due date (3/1/10)
- Car wash
  - Could use some shimmies; the more the better; if you have any bring them
  - Maher Center
    - 910 Aquidneck Ave
  - November 14<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:30am setup; 10am start
  - If raining, do not come!
  - Friday night at 6pm; post on the website and send out an email
  - Selling Hex Bugs for \$10 a piece

#### Recruitment

- Everyone recruited before Kickoff
- Any ideas for final recruitment push
- Current students talk to all their friends
- Poster/demo at Tiverton (Mike D)/Portsmouth (Mike D)/MET School (Rob)/Rogers
- General 4-H clubs in the area
- The older FLL students ought to participate in FRC too

#### Public Relations

- Rick sent out the River Rage press release
- Event calendar on the Newport Daily News by Wed at 3pm for Friday paper
- December 5<sup>th</sup> event for FLL

#### Travel

- Radisson for NH
  - AAA group rate is about \$100 a night plus parking costs
  - Getting a target number and locking up ~20 rooms

#### Good of the Club

- Website; get people involved in future meetings
- Grant committee? Subcommittee of the Fundraising committee
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- Motion by Greg Sanford (2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike DeSousa) to close the meeting
  - Motion approved unanimously

Meeting called to close: 07:15PM

**Next AIR Meeting:** Tuesday, 11/17/09, 6:30 pm at the Building 80 UCTOC