

Aquidneck Island Robotics (AIR) 4-H Club Meeting

24 November 2009

Attendees: Katie Blight, Rick Blight, Brandon Bruneau, Thomas Dolan, Gary Gabriel, Kevin Goodell, Mary Ann Kossak, Brad Kulis, Brad Mello, Paige Pennypacker, Greg Sanford, Mark Seidman, Nick Toppa, Michael Violet, and Sue Violet

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

- Motion by Greg Sanford (2nd by Katie Blight) to approve minutes from 17 November 2009 meeting
 - Motion approved

Committee Reports

- FLL
 - Scrimmage December 5th at Building 80 from 12pm to 4pm.
 - Hoping to include Tom Kowalczyk's team and other local teams (including Gaudet Middle School)
 - Roger Williams scrimmage
 - Saturday, December 19th from 8am – 12pm at the ENG Building at RWU in Bristol, RI
 - Paige to register her team
 - Kevin Quinn's team didn't know about it (according to Sue Violet)
 - Parents to drive their children to the event
 - If you wish to volunteer, please notify Gary Gabriel (gary.m.gabriel@gmail.com)
- FTC
 - Working on the pickup and shooter; initial designs are performing very well
 - Extended hours this Saturday, November 28th, from 9am – 6pm
 - Delaware competition on February 6th, 2010
- FRC
 - Kickoff for the 2010 season is Saturday, January 9th
 - The team will meet at the Building 80 UCTOC at 9am in preparation for the 10am live broadcast via NASA TV from Manchester, NH
 - Brainstorming sessions will follow the broadcast
 - Sunday, January 10th will be the first official meeting of the 6-week build season
 - Recruitment session on Thursday, December 3rd 6:30pm at Building 80, followed by brief meeting (if allowable) at Building 2 to see the FRC workspace
 - Rob to lead; power point presentation like the last recruitment session
 - Need video and pictures (Brad action item)
 - Second Event Decision
 - Tuesday, December 8th

- Attendance mandatory!
- Treasurer
 - No changes to the account since the last meeting
- Secretary
 - None

Fundraising

- Calendar raffle tickets must be sold by November 30th
 - Turn money into Sue Violet
- Car wash on December 12th at the Maher Center on Aquidneck Ave in Middletown
 - Start at 9:30am and end at 2pm
 - Attendance will be taken

Recruitment

- See December 3rd FRC recruitment above in the FRC section.
- FRC recruitment notice sent out to 4-H community
 - Already one response inquiring about mentoring
- FRC recruitment flyers dropped off at Rogers HS
 - Put in science department head's mailbox

Public Relations

- Press release newspaper for FRC recruitment
 - Rick work with Paige to contact the Newport Daily News

Travel

- Radisson in NH
 - 20 double rooms unconfirmed
 - \$104/night + tax
 - \$8/night for parking
- Omni in ATL must book through Steele Meetings Group
- Embassy Suites had availability but pricier (included breakfast)
- Flights?

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Good of the Club

- Polo shirts – for those who have not picked theirs up yet, contact Gary ASAP
- FLL t-shirt order to be placed soon

- Fleece jacket orders to be taken soon
- Website changes
 - Incorporating FRC, FTC, FLL
 - Talk to Phil Thow (per Gary)
- Medical insurance went through on November 30th
- Every member and volunteer form that was turned in by November 1st has been submitted to RI 4-H.
- Gary's safety presentation getting updated
 - Send it to Tom Dolan to send to NUWC safety for approval
- College applications
 - URI Early Action Deadline is now December 1st and not December 15th
 - Need to apply by then in order to get the Centennial Scholarship

- Motion by Greg Sanford (2nd by Brad Mello) to close the meeting
 - Motion approved

Meeting called to close: 7:25PM

Next AIR Meeting: Tuesday, 12/01/2009; 6:30 pm at the Building 80 UCTOC