



MMRA Members Meeting 11-3-2010
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Connie Smith, Stan Crain, Ken Dudek, Jean-Ann Webster, Holly Osantowski, Ellen Crain, Kim Weber, Joe Weber, Jeffery White, Pat Major, Marc Wheeler, Brandi Bolinger, Clinton Bolinger, Denise Denis, Dan Echlin, Gary Familian, RaaShawn Hunter, Michelle Hunter

Called to order at 6:34pm

Review of meeting minutes from last meeting

Motion to accept by Connie smith, seconded by Clinton bolinger

Accepted by the membership unanimously

Updates:

Gary Familian, thanks for joining us!

1. Charitable Gaming License - Connie smith reporting: went to the town meeting where the president resides, and we were approved to continue. The papers were sent to the gaming license committee who has requested additional documentation. Connie is in the process of compiling the requested paperwork.

2. Alro Steel Sponsorship - Pat Major and Ken Dudek reporting: Ken talked with the marketing director, who handles charitable donations, and talked to Mr Glick, the owner of Alro Steel. Information was sent to him, and Ken is waiting for a response.

Old Business:

1. Back to the bricks demonstration - the demonstration went well, many teams were represented. Ben Roof was very happy to donate the demonstration area. If the Membership is interested in participating next year, Ellen is willing to discuss the details with the appropriate people.

2. Kettering Kickoff Competition - thank you to all of the teams who sent volunteers to work the concessions. The MMRA raised 1052.08 through concessions.

New Business:

1. Ellen is compiling a sponsorship packet for the MMRA. Ellen is going to forward this information to Brandi for distribution, and approval of the membership. The board will meet to develop a packet for membership review.

2. Team 397 has temporarily folded.

3. Welcome new members, team 3450, from Classical Academy of Flint.

4. Gary Familian has come across an opportunity to raise funds for the MMRA through community foundations, which are places that were originally created so that people of means had a place to donate funds, which will be distributed by the foundation. Teams should check their local area and see if there are community funds available. Gary is willing to create contacts and maintain communication with these organizations to gather funds for the MMRA. Contact Gary with any information that your team gathers.

5. Ken Dudek reporting:

a) Ken spoke to a Parent from Davison at Back to the Bricks. A team was started at Davison High School because of it. Way to go!

b) Portage Lake Yacht Club has an opportunity to allow us to do a fundraising event at their facility. Ken will gather more information and details

6. Gary is proposing that we develop a fundraising committee, comprised of people who are interested in organizing fund raisers. Gary is offering to chair of this committee, and so anyone who is interested in helping should contact Gary (gfamilian@att.net).

7. Ellen will be needing volunteers for the Kettering District competition in March. Please inform your teams that we will be needing volunteers on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

8. Dan Echlin talked to Dan Schmier at All-Star Travel, who has offered his services at no cost. Contact Mr. Schemer at 810-230-8045 for more information.

9. FIRST in Michigan still has funds available to veterans for starting new teams. Contact Pat Major with any questions.

10 Robolytics would like to invite all of the teams in the MMRA to attend a demonstration at the Summerset Apple store on Saturday, December 4 from 7am to 9am. The demonstration will show off a new robot controller that uses an iDevice (iPod touch, iPad, or iPhone). At this demonstration, all attendees will receive a discount coupon for the iPod Touch and iPad. Please contact Brandi Bolinger for more information

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 15 at Carman-Ainsworth High School.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Clinton Bolinger, seconded by Connie Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.