

AURA Exec Meeting Minutes
15/11/2011 10:30AM
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Present: Andrew Chen, Matthew Dyer, Michele Lee, Scott Goodhew, Cameron Edwards

Meeting opened: 10:40am

1. Motion to accept the minutes of the last exec meeting (28/08/2011) without correction.
Passed Unanimously.

2. Overview of recent expenditure - Andrew/Vincent

Purchased \$444.30 worth of motors and tank tread upgrade kits. Some extra dealextrime stuff (mainly cable ties). Assorted receipts for worlds payments and flights and insurance booked for those who have paid. We've received a couple of membership fees, encouraging everyone to pay membership fees early if possible. Should have about \$100 in club accounts right now.
Accepted Unanimously.

3. World Champs - Cameron

We have currently registered one team for World Champs, as we have 6 people confirmed attending - there are lots of probables, so we will register the second team when we get enough people.

Will check how many people are probables at today's meeting - final confirmation roughly mid-Jan. Maybe Jan 15.

Will discuss how many people we have available to work over the summer at today's strategy/design meeting; main limitation at the moment.

Rough Cost Estimations - Andrew estimating at the moment that the total trip will cost NZD\$3250-3500. If anyone wants to go to competition only, it's \$2750.

Volunteering - This is an option if we have lots of people; we can get some people to volunteer to help run the competition overall. They get free lunches and shirts and we get rep.

Accepted Unanimously.

4. AURA Scrimmage @ UoA, Sat Dec 10th

Food - Michele to organise (Can ask AUES or AUSA for borrowing a barbeque?), sausages, drinks, etc. Figure out some way of dealing with leftovers. Ask Home School for quantities.

Theme - Christmas Party to make it a little bit more fun. Christmas lights are non-functional decorations for the competition. Most creative use of christmas lights gets a prize.

Prizes - Cameron to organise, could negotiate with Kiwibots, do a 50/50 for prizes (Ask Chris Hamling), we can spend about \$50 of club money on it. Just fun things to keep people happy.

Notice to Teams - Andrew to organise, OGG for parking \$5 flat fee, signs and volunteers in the morning to people where to go, our phone numbers on the notice. Double check that Massey bringing sound equipment, check number of fields and goal objects, FIELD BOLTS.

Accepted Unanimously.

5. Mentoring - Matt

Helping at Scrimmages, keep it up! Encourage people to volunteer at these events and help teams at the events.

Make sure people are going (of concern: WGHS, OHS, Kristin, TGS)

Matt going to Onehunga, and Nathan to go to WGHS/TGS
Accepted Unanimously.

6. Kiwibots

Editing/Maintaining website - Michele to basically go through and fix/check grammar.
Explain uploading video policy - Can upload videos from major competitions, but not scrimmages unless explicit permission is given.
Planning for Nationals - can we help?
Accepted Unanimously.

7. Fundraising and Sponsorship - Michele

Great job so far! Promotional materials look great, now that it's all prepared, we can use it in lots of places. Try more companies, maybe smaller companies? Need to find out what the other engineering companies are, and try them as well.
Andrew can try organise a Laserforce fundraiser, can try Kiwibots in general, and also AURA social event.
Approach Mechanical Engineering Department, time it for beginning of December.
Youtube and website advertising - actually generating a small but decent amount of money at this stage, are there ways to convince random people to watch the video, click ads? Keep generating new content, which will keep people interested in our channel, and basically more videos = more views.
Accepted Unanimously.

8. Social events

LAN Party scheduled for December 3/4, but nowhere to hold it. See if anyone can host or has somewhere to host.
AURA watches the election results! November 26th - everyone can sleep over and then go to FLL the next day? Talk to people about possibly hosting this.
Accepted Unanimously.

9. MIT

Contact MIT, invite to social events? Work with them over the summer (they have a field!)
Invite/encourage MIT to come hang out at the scrimmage and volunteer.
- At this point (11:27am) Vincent Ardern entered the meeting (via Skype)
At the moment it looks like there will be Massey Albany, Auckland, MIT, maybe Canterbury, maybe AUT, maybe Massey Palmerston North competing at Nationals.
Accepted Unanimously.

10. Forum Posting

Common sense policy. Try not to troll too hard, leave the trolling for the troll accounts. If you're not sure, post it in Skype and then we'll weigh in on if it's appropriate or not.

11. Any other business

- Recruitment for next year - same as 2011; introduction evening after we get back from worlds, three workshops before end of semester. Keep similar scope to this year.

12. Vice-Chairperson Selection

Andrew nominated Vincent to be vice-chairperson, essentially backup chairperson in the event something happens to the chairperson that makes them unavailable.

Accepted Unanimously.

Meeting Closed 11:34am