

NASA Alumni League - Florida  
Board of Directors  
Radisson at the Port  
Approved Minutes  
May 20, 2014

**1. Call to Order:** In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the meeting was called to order by the Acting Chair, Secretary David Schechter at 10:50 AM. The Agenda is Attachment 1.

Directors present: Catherine Alexander, Bill Baulig, Connie Dobrin, Lin Giesler, Jim Johnson (T), Yvonne Parker, Norm Perry, Bill Riddle, David Schechter(S), and Manny Virata; and Chuck Taylor (ex-officio)

Members not present: George English, Al Koller (P), Enoch Moser, Marilyn Nelson, Rich Nelson (VP)

General Announcements:

Note 1: George Van Staden will be celebrating his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday, a birthday card is available to sign at the check-in table; and Ann Bolton's daughter passed away, and a sympathy card is available to sign at the check-in table.

Note 2: At the luncheon meeting, Frank Bryan announced that, in support of his Photo ID Project, a number of photos of early space workers have been loaded on the NAL FL website, under "Photo ID Project". Frank requested members review the photos to help ID the people.

Review of Agenda: "CCTS Support to robotics teams" was added to "New Business"

**2. Minutes:** A motion was made/seconded/passed to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014, meeting as submitted.

**3. Financial Reports:** (1) Copies of the Financial Report dated April 20, 2014 were submitted: As of May 6, 2014, the Checking Account balance was \$2,142.90 and the Savings Account balance was \$4,918.40. (2) A motion was made/seconded/passed to accept the Report for the record. Copies will be emailed to the members of the Board in lieu of being included with these minutes.

Note 1: The Acting Chair was asked to remind the members during the luncheon that the new chapter-wide membership renewal date of July 1, 2014, and to encourage renewal by paying the \$30.00 dues in June, recognizing the tradition of not meeting in July and August.

Note 2: The Treasurer requested that discussion of next year's budget be placed on the June Board Agenda. He also asked for Board members to submit budget requests to him as soon as possible.

**4. Old Business:**

Update on status of HQ Chapter: The President Al Koller has asked the Acting Chair to report that, in response to the request by Mal Peterson to identify knowledgeable, creditable people to advise him, Al had contacted each of those people recommended at last month's Board meeting (Jim Kennedy, Bob Sieck, Chuck Taylor, and Al Koller), and they each agreed to serve. Chuck Taylor will continue to coordinate our efforts with HQ. Chuck said he had talked briefly to Mal with no significant items to report. Our Treasurer requested that Chuck obtain the NAL federal tax exemption number from Mal.

Audit Committee: Action on this item was deferred to a future meeting.

## **5. New Business:**

Status of the June meeting: As the Program Chair, Rich Nelson asked that the Acting Chair announce the following speaker schedule:

The speaker for today's meeting will be Jeremy Parsons.

The speaker for the June 17 meeting is Jonathan Ward, Apollo/Saturn launch processing at KSC

Rich also mentioned that he is continuing to look for relief as Program Chair.

Status of the Membership Renewal Process: The Interim Membership Chair Lin Giesler reminded everyone of the new membership year starting 07/01/14 and the plan to encourage renewal at our next luncheon meeting 06/17/14. It was noted that an email sent out by the President advertised a free lunch for new members. After some discussion, a motion was made/seconded/ and passed unanimously to offer a free lunch ticket to any new member who joins at the 07/17/14 luncheon, the ticket is redeemable for any luncheon. Norm Perry noted that he had such tickets and volunteered to sign (validate) and distribute them at the meeting.

An announcement encouraging dues renewal and the "free lunch" opportunity for new members joining next month will be made at the luncheon today.

CCTS Robotics: Jim Johnson called the Board's attention to the email he had sent earlier this month with a letter from David Fleming, same subject (see Attachment 2). After some discussion, it was decided to defer a decision with respect to NAL FL funding support for this program and funding support for the Pink Team. These decisions could be made at the 06/17/14 Board meeting or at a specially called 2014-15 Budget meeting, if required/requested by the President or the Board.

## **6. Items from the Floor:**

Chuck Taylor suggested that the NAL FL have a special recognition for Ike Rigell. Further discussion of this idea was deferred to the next Board meeting, giving members a chance to consider options.

**7. Next Board meeting**: Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 1045 AM at Radisson at the Port

**8. Adjourn**: The meeting was adjourned by the Acting Chair at 11:30 AM.

Submitted by David Schechter, Secretary

**Agenda, NALFL Board Meeting, May 20, 2014  
Radisson Resort at the Port, Cape Canaveral, 10:45 a.m. ET**

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- 1. General Announcements; Review of Agenda**
  - 2. Minutes from the 04-15-2014 meeting (Schechter)**
  - 3. Financial Report as of April 30, 2014 (Johnson)**
  - 4. Old Business: Open actions from the 04-15-2014 meeting**
    - **Update on status of HQ Chapter (Taylor/Koller)**
  - 5. New Business:**
    - **Status of the June meeting (Schechter/R. Nelson)**
    - **Status of the membership renewal process (Giesler/Johnson)**
  - 6. Items from the Floor**
  - 7. Next Board Meeting – June 17, 2014, 10:45 a.m.**
  - 8. Adjourn**
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## Attachment 2

### CCTS Robotics

Dear Space Coast Robotics Supporter, At the latest Canaveral Council of Technical Societies meeting, it was decided to begin planning for a Third Annual Space Coast Robotics Day. I will again serve as General Chair of the event and primary point of contact. Due to limited human resources within CCTS to support this event, it is proposed that the general outline of the event be similar to past years without any major expansion of activities (for reference, I have included a summary of last year's event in a separate document). However, CCTS is hopeful that we may have outside partners who will assist with publicity and sponsorship generation (but this is not firmed up). Some expected changes to this year: .

I intend to contact Roosevelt Elementary to see if they will be available again to host the event. This will require a Brevard-Schools-affiliated team to team-up with on sponsoring the event, and I will need a volunteer in that regard. . It is hoped that FIRST LEGO League will again hold an Open Practice and Training sessions as in the past. . It has come to CCTS's attention that there are additional robotics teams in Brevard County (VEX) beyond the FIRST teams that participated in the first two years and we propose bringing them in to participate in the event in addition to the FIRST FRC and FTC teams from Brevard County. We will also continue to seek participation by collegiate teams (such as the Florida Tech NASA Botics team) as in the past. . It is hoped that we will again have 'spotlight' presentations by various High School/college teams, and that those teams that so participate will receive sponsorship funding. This year I may draft some more formal guidelines regarding the nature and content of these presentations to make sure that we have a more uniform quality of presentation. . The seminar series tried out in 2013 was not a success and will be discontinued.

What I need from you is the following: 1) A general statement of interest or lack of interest in your team/organization participating in the event this year. 2) Any feedback regarding the bullet points above, or any other input regarding the nature of the event as it affects your team or organization's participation. 3) Input

regarding acceptable dates for the event. The event will be held on a Saturday. Some dates I know to avoid are: Sept. 20 (Panther Prowl FIRST event at Florida Tech) and Oct. 4, which is the Melbourne Air Show. Thus, it seems to me that Saturday, Oct. 11 might be a good date, but please give me your input on whether that day is acceptable to you as well as information on which dates would not be good.

4) I need a volunteer team to work with me on facilities (must have a Brevard School employee able to sign off on the facility usage form as noted above). 5) We will need a volunteer team(s) to handle lunch concessions as in the past. This team should also assist with set-up on the evening before the event.

Thank you,

David Fleming

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