

**Rocky Mountain BEST Board of Directors
 (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology)
 HRCA Eastridge, 9568 South University Blvd, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129
 Thursday, 16 June 2011 @ 9 PM**

MINUTES

Kathy Geise		Carolyn Bauer	y
Tim Bouvia	y	Lois Walton	y
Jose Lopez	y		
Guests -		Guests -	
Dick Tumlinson	y	Rick Dinsmore	y
Judy Tumlinson	y	Chuck Powell	y
Raina Shields	y		

We had a combined Board and Steering Team Meeting. The Steering Team meeting was from 7-9pm and the Board meeting followed. The Steering Team Meeting Minutes are contained in a separate document.

Jose called the meeting to order (in Kathy’s behalf) at 9:00.

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Approval of the 3/24/2011 Board meeting minutes was not discussed, so it is tabled to next meeting

2. Committee – Related discussions

- **Game Committee / Kit Subcommittee – Rick Dinsmore** explained that he is now on the BEST national kit committee and explained VEX’s policy for 2011 and beyond regarding damage done to returnable kits. Many items were damaged by teams and replaced for free this year (under a very liberal warranty). In the future VEX will repair / replace items under a more normal warranty process. They will repair / replace items that have been damaged if every kit is covered by a \$125 warranty. We discussed how this should be implemented and wondered whether it is a hub expense or a damage deposit paid for by the teams. Carolyn will email George Blanks to ask about how BRI is suggesting hubs handle the \$125 /kit cost.
- **Post meeting note:** Since this is a kit issue, Larry Gewax responded. He indicated it should be a hub expense, since BEST is “free to teams”.

Additionally, the Board believes we should have a robust kit policy and will need board approval to make it final.

- **Grants & Grant Status.** Raina Shields gave a presentation on grants and a listing of grants she thinks might be good choices for us. The first potential grant is an El Pomar grant submittal due 7/31/2011. This grant looks like a good potential for a 1 year grant. Raina needs updated info from us for the grant submittal and will need info / updates as she works through the draft.

She will work on the draft and will ask for additional info / updates as needed. Please reply to her with updated info when she requests it. We also anticipate receiving our official Strategy documentation from Raina when it is completed.

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3. NEXT MEETING (DATE and LOCATION) --

We agreed to continue to use Eastridge as a meeting location until we find a better location.

Upcoming Board Meeting:

- Typically these will be Quarterly on the 4th Thursday @ 7pm
- The next quarterly meeting will be after Kickoff (September)

Upcoming Steering Team Meeting:

- Typically these will be monthly on the 2nd Thursday @ 7pm.
- July meeting is **Thursday, July 14, 7-9pm, @ HRCA Eastridge**, 9568 South University Blvd, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126
- August meeting is **Thursday, August 11, 7-9pm, @ HRCA Eastridge**, 9568 South University Blvd, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

The meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Bauer
Secretary, Rocky Mountain BEST