

# TSA RAM Meeting

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## Officers Present:

Phil Hayes- President  
Allison Mclaughlin- Vice President  
Liza Atillasoy- Secretary  
Jessica Herrmann- Reporter  
Dhurv Pillai- Treasurer  
Ines Tebas- Sergeant-at-Arms  
Mr. Lehman- Advisor  
Ms. Christine Kiley- Advisor

## Officers Not Present:

Hunter Landau- Historian  
Ms. Marie Occhiogrosso- Advisor  
Mr. Justin Occhiogrosso- Advisor

## Returning Members Present:

Tyler Schecter  
Drew Krane  
Adam Glassman  
Jacob Ashman

First on the agenda was Wednesday's Vex and TSA informational meeting. Ms. Kiley wanted people participating in after school sports to be able to come in before the meeting started and leave their contact information on a sign-up sheet. Drew volunteered to make it.

The contact information people should leave on the sheet:  
name, email, advisory room and teacher, phone number

Mr. Lehman wanted to have an informational flyer to hand to people unable to stay at the meeting. Phil said that instead, we should give out permission slips. Phil also said that we should charge \$25 for regional and club funds so parents and students signing up know about the commitment they are making. Jacob strongly disliked this but, the officers agreed and also decided that the \$25 should be due two weeks after Wednesday's meeting (October first).

Next, Mr. Lehman asked the officers how they wanted to present information to the incoming members about TSA on Wednesday. Everyone agreed that a once-a-week meeting should be mandatory. Jacob brought up the point that it might scare potential members off if you told them there was a mandatory once a week meeting. Tyler and Phil said that this shouldn't be a problem when getting people to join because Science Olympiad had more of a commitment for their club (meeting everyday after school) as opposed to TSA who only holds meetings once a week. Jessi, Liza and Ally brought up the point that this was how you distinguished the dedicated members from the ones not willing to put in effort. Dhruv said that it really wasn't important when Harriton TSA met, we could decide later during the year but the majority of club members present disagreed, saying they'd want to know how often a club met when joining. Overall, the officers decided that a meeting every Wednesday was mandatory but if members had to miss a meeting due to a conflict they could come in to work during RAM. Mr. Lehman also wanted to make it known to new members that RAM was always available for extra meetings and work periods. "Make it clear that we can be flexible with members who have other commitments".

Ines gave the idea of calling the meetings after school and RAM periods, "work sessions" instead of meetings as to not make members feel intimidated. Majority of members present agreed to this.

Mr. Lehman wanted to know if the officers felt comfortable presenting information without something to read off of on Wednesday. Majority of us did not, so making a power point was suggested. Ms. Kiley said it was important to not overload people with information- make it short and sweet. Unclear who volunteered to make one..

#### POINTS TO PUT ON POWERPOINT:

- something for everyone
- hands-on work
- stick through the tough work and you'll be rewarded in the end
- mandatory weekly meeting
- need to be willing to make an effort

### Unfinished business from last meeting:

Last week the officer meeting ended before we could come to a conclusion about some topics. Liza read the unfinished business minutes from last week's officer meeting.

First on the agenda was if members should report to advisors or officer about attendance. Ally and Ms. Kiley said that advisors should keep track of people coming in- officers shouldn't have to be responsible for that. Everyone agreed. School ended at that note and the meeting was declared over.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-mandatory show and tell meeting?

-mandatory Wednesday meeting maybe make this our show and tell meeting for officers and advisors? Or make another meeting?

-Jacob said make an optional meeting once a week and a mandatory one

*Recorded by Liza Atillasoy, Harriton TSA Secretary*