**Minutes: 04/20/10**

**Tampa Bay RAS Chapter Minutes: 04/20/2010**

**ATTENDEES**

RAS MEMBERS: George Schott (Chair), Hermann Amaya, James Anderson, Sean Denny , Peter Grotsky , Ken Fiallos, Paul Ramos, Alex Yu

STUDENTS: Chris Kujawa, Chris Willingham,  Dina Kujawa, Ethan Luster ,

GUESTS: Emily Hancock, Terri Willingham, Elizabeth Vincourek, Clyde Hancock, Richard Sanchez, Timothy Doolittle

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM at Whiskey Joes on the Courtney Campbell Causeway.

George Schott requested everyone briefly introduce themselves to the group

George Schott mentioned the March minutes did not get distributed on line and a motion was made to accept the March 2010 minutes.

Terri Willingham introduced Team Duct Tape to the group. They are the Florida State champions of the First Tech Challenge (FTC) competition and recently returned from the World Championship held in Atlanta Georgia. Terri and her team showed us pictures and videos of the competitions, described the construction and challenges they faced in designing there robot and provided us a live demonstration. Additional information can be found at their team website – www.teamducttape.com Hermann Amaya (RAS Chapter member) gave a presentation titled: How to Pollinate and Grow Orchids – A Preliminary Approach to Process Automation. His presentation included an overview of the germination process and how an automated process could benefit the Orchid industry.

George Schott mentioned that RAS offices are still available to be filled: Treasurer, Membership Coordinator and Publicity Coordinator. Members are being sought to fill those positions. Nominations are being accepted.

Several suggestions have been made for projects by the group and George Schott suggested that perhaps we pursue multiple projects with a Project Manager assigned to each project.

Teri Willingham mentioned that MOSI will be hosting “CoolTek” in June and we might be able to get a table to help advertise the RAS Chapter. Please forward any and all project suggestions, concerns or comments to George Schott.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 PM Next meeting scheduled for 18 May 2010 @ 6:30pm Whiskey Joe’s on the Courtney Campbell Causeway Minutes recorded by: Paul Ramos