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KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

October 19, 2015

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**LOCATION: Kingman Airport Authority Conference Room
7000 Flightline Drive, Kingman, AZ**

October 19, 2015 MEETING SUMMARY

I. Welcome: John Hansen extended a warm welcome to all in attendance. Attendees were:

John Hansen	Laron Inc.
Kenneth Dean	Lomanco, Inc.
Jeff McKnight	I-Corp Arizona, Inc.
Dolly Moore	Laron Inc.
Jen Miles	Mohave County Workforce Development
Gary Jeppsen	City of Kingman
Bob Riley	KAA
Jean Goujon	Allied Forces Temp Services
Joe Throneberry	Labor Systems
Harley Pettit	Commissioner - City of Kingman
Tom Beller	1-Call Staffing
Scott Brackett	Brackett Aero Filters
Carl Hays	M-14P
Liza Noland	Ignite Brand Marketing
Dan Lara	MCC
Lynne Petersen	UESAZ
Yvonne Woytovich	Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
John Holmes	NACFD
Chad Cardiff	Action Barricade
Bob Walton	Elwood Staffing / Mohave County Fair Association
Deborah Skomski	McKee Foods
Jeremy Keating	Mohave County Airport Authority
Laura Hansen	River Cities United Way
Jeff Cook	Cook Controls, Inc.
Jody Schanaman	Kingman Robotics Team 60
Lisa Black	Management & Training Corporation (MTC)

II. Presentation: Kingman FIRST Robotics Team (Team 60) Jody Schanaman, a veteran mentor and a group of students representing the Team 60 Robotics group addressed the attendees explaining the concept of the FIRST Robotics program and the need to have their own building

built as they have lost the access to the spaces they have previously used for the manufacture and development of their robots. The group shared a proposal from a local company to build them a 40' x 50' pre-engineered steel building on an existing lot near KHS. Team 60 indicated that they have raised \$50K but need twice that to make the building a reality. Appeal was made to the KAMMA members to help support the group's cause and help offer the students the opportunity to experience the exhilaration of engineering, manufacturing and ultimately competing with machines that they create.

John Hansen explained to the group what a great opportunity this program provides for our students and how it brings exposure to engineering and science and offers options for students as they advance their education. These students get a huge jump start at becoming key players in the manufacturing community later as they advance in their studies. John encouraged all members to consider donating to the cause.

Team 60 handed out donation forms to the group for personal donations. It was noted that there is building fund account at Mohave State Bank that donors can utilize to help fund the group's efforts.

III. The September 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Financial Report: KAMMA Treasurer Kenny Dean reported the bank balances of:

Beginning Balance (Through 9/29/2015):	\$10,252.28
Ending Balance (Through 10/21/2015):	\$10,452.28

One deposit was made in the amount of \$200 (membership dues). It was noted that there would be the repayment check of \$3,750 written to the City in December as planned.

V. Old Business:

- a. **Kingman's America's Best City (ABC) Grant – KAMMA Focus Group:** Yvonne Woytovich extended sincere gratitude to the KAMMA Board for the time spent in participating in the October 15th Focus Group Meeting held at the Kingman Police Department. Yvonne stated that the Chamber's goal is to create a comprehensive vision for Kingman moving into the future. November 6th is the deadline for the Community Revitalization Plan. At that time 15 communities will be chosen to advance to the next round of the contest and three people from each community will be selected to go to the ABC Prize Summit in South Carolina. At the end of the Summit eight communities will get \$100K to implement an 11 month plan for their respective cities. It was noted that the Chamber has reached out and hired consultants to help prepare and be more impartial.

John Hansen reminded the group; *"Even if we don't win, the work toward the plan can only improve our community"*

- b. **LEAP Apprenticeship: New Cohort:** Jen Miles reporting for Mary Mendola indicated to the group that there will be an orientation in December with a First Quarter 2016 start up. Jen expressed the genuine need for employers to consider

participation in this valuable resource. The program needs 6 employers to commit a student into the apprenticeship.

John Hansen encouraged all members to consider the opportunity.

The LEAP Apprenticeship (Laron Expanded Apprenticeship Program) offers training in Machinist, Welding and Millwright skill sets. An official Journeyman card is earned upon completion of the (4) year program. Costs are approximately \$100/month for administrative fees and \$10 per hour of classroom instruction estimated at a total of 120 hours equaling \$1200 total. The apprentice will acquire the OSHA 30 as well as MSHA training in the program.

- c. **Website Update:** Dolly Moore shared with the group that the Board had agreed to assess the budget versus costs at the end of the 4th Quarter and prepare to make a decision after the first of the New Year.
- d. **Membership Update:** Dolly Moore reported that we have 36 paid members to date with 7 Government / Comp'd members for a total membership of 43. Action Barricade recently submitted their application for membership and payment was received from Ignite Brand Marketing for their 2016 dues.
- e. **Mechatronics Training Review:** The three day Mechatronics training session was completed last week with great success and very positive reviews from the companies sponsoring their workers in the training. MCC put on the class at cost to the participants with the mindset to expand this experience in the future. Cascades, Insteel and Laron had students in the class. The training was extremely useful and outstanding for all levels of skilled technicians. The Cascades group has intentions of sending all of their technicians to the training and is very interested in the more advanced classes that could be offered by MCC / UTS. It was noted that UTS does have the depth of resources to train many skill sets and looks ahead to work with MCC to bring this to our community.

John Hansen introduced Mr. Jeff Cook of Cook Controls who also has great depth of knowledge in programmable logic controls and recently moved his business to our area. Mr. Cook could be a great resource for the MCC programs in the future.

VI. New Business

- a. **Arizona Manufacturer's Month; Discussion of Activities and Events sponsored by RevAZ, a Program of the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA):** John Hansen passed out RevAZ's calendar of events showcasing Manufacturer's Month. Discussion included topics of major aerospace companies such as Boeing now outsourcing all manufacturing relative to their products. RevAZ is taking a very active stance to connect Arizona manufacturers with companies needing manufacturing resources and expand on what we can achieve here in Arizona.

- b. Lunch and Learn: / Championing Change, October 28th at the Mohave County Administration Building, Saguaro Room:** Jen Miles encouraged all to sign up and attend the Lunch and Learn to be held October 28th. The subject will be “Championing Change”. The program is hosted by the One Stop Career Center along with KAMMA and sponsored by RevAZ. Tom Beller of 1-Call Staffing offered donate lunch for the group. *Many thanks to Tom and his group for his generous donation.

- c. MCC Strategic Plan Regarding Manufacturing, Dan Lara:** Dan offered the attending group some interesting statistics about our region and appealed to the members to offer positive as well as negative influences for MCC to be aware of. Our area is the 5th poorest and the least educated with this area spending the least amount of money on education. Tuition at MCC is toward the bottom of the list relative to other community colleges within the state although tuition fees are 27% of family income in Mohave County but only 12% in Maricopa County. With the demographics being as challenging as they are the question is raised, *“How do we stimulate growth and expand the base of manufacturing here in our community?”* Good jobs will bring good people to the community or keep them there in many circumstances. MCC looks toward bringing a higher level of resource to our community to nurture the growth and depth of our work force.

- d. Interstate 40 arterial access to the Industrial Park:** John Hansen reminded the members of the target question; *“How do we advertise to all that Kingman is open for industrial business?”*

As John and the committee have been working diligently with local officials to promote the development of an industrial parkway specifically designed to service the Industrial Park it has become evident that the voice of the State Chamber of Commerce as well as the voice of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns must be harnessed to make an effective push toward the goal of making a new I-40 access a reality. It was noted that the Rattlesnake Wash project was 95% engineered and the land had been granted years back for the project. The energies must now be focused on how to get this project back in play for progress forward.

Yvonne Woytovich requested the prior meeting notes from John as she intended to have the Business and Government Committee at the Chamber work on the effort.

It was noted that there will be a Lunch and Learn with the Arizona Chamber of Commerce sponsored by McKee Foods Monday October 26th 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at the KRMC Hualapai Campus. It will be a round table to discuss local manufacturing / distribution issues that Kingman faces, infrastructure (roads) and education that could boost Arizona’s presence as a transportation / warehousing hub. It will be a great opportunity for individuals in the Kingman area to meet with the AZ Chamber members and to let them know that manufacturing and distribution is alive and well in Kingman. John encouraged all to attend as many of our legislators will be in attendance.

VII. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:

Monday, November 16, 2015

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Location: Ramada Kingman

3100 Andy Devine Avenue, Kingman, AZ

VIII. Adjourn: 2:53pm