Meeting opened at 11:10 a.m.

Scott Main opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending and introduced Chuck Merritt as the Chairperson.

The minutes from February 18, 2010 meeting were approved. Two advisory meetings a year were discussed, one would be a big advisory meeting like this one and then a second piggyback one combined with the service and parts meeting.

Don Schultz, the Interim Director, has retired and Bob Biesiedzinski is the new Interim Director until December 31, 2010. We are looking for ways to fund a permanent Director. The idea of 5 instructors forming a board and sharing the role until the interim position is filled has been brought up.

Class update – Just graduated students in August. The GM program will have four brand new students. We will have a class size of 12 for Winter. There are some graduates who are looking for current employment. Eight are coming in for the winter quarter and we are limiting the cap to 12.
Training Progress/Graduation - There is a challenge this last time around. There is regular training and web based (4 hours – 40 of them). Some students have internet problems, either not owning a computer or having to go to libraries to access them. We need hard wired computers right now to help alleviate this problem. Is there a way for instructors to look at training parts for student?

Scott passed out profit sheet. What are the tool requirements from stores? Students are responsible for starter kit. Some dealerships cover tuition. The Super Tech award contribution is $200 per dealer. Dealer support here has been fantastic. MDI’s – only two (2)

The trend is going different lately. It is hard to find the farm boy. The work ethics are different, along with their nonexistent drive and their young age (average age around 23) is making it harder to work with them.

A maximum of 2 and no more are coming from SCC’s GST program.

Vehicle availability is more of an issue as to hybrid training.

NATEF – This is a 5 year program and ours expires in 2012. This year we need to get recertified. We will need dealers to come in to help with certification.

Scott asked if we can sustain two simultaneous programs. The majority said “Yes”. We are graduating 23 new students a years with 20% class time and 80% on hands. In the summer, it is easier for students to find employment. They are checking driving background records for up to 8 years back. A variety of duties is the way to go.

Final note: It was agreed that $200 would go towards the Super Tech award per dealership.

Next meeting April 21, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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