

WELDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 27, 2000

Members Present: Dale Wennberg and Ron Palm

The minutes of the last meeting were excepted as presented.

We discussed enrollment and placement. Dale asked if the high school program was a good feeder for full time students. Dennis said the high school program has been good feeder program. Placement has been excellent.

Dennis asked the members for ideas on equipment he should pursue. Dale suggested we replace the CNC cutting outfit that isn't working correctly any more. Discussion followed on trying to up grade the one we have or look at something different. Ron suggested we look at Water Jet Cutting as another option.

We discussed the idea of an internship that would take place during the summer. Members thought the idea was fine providing there was no liability to the school. We talked about 3 or 4 credits. Dennis gave the members examples of a couple contracts other programs use.

We talked about the course content and whether we should add a second year. Dale felt the students should be polled and see how they felt about this idea. Another question was would a second year require another instructor. We discussed the idea of offering more electives and students could make it 3 semesters or what ever worked for them. Ron felt the Robotic classes should be required.

The meeting ended at 9:10 pm.

Dennis Wilkens