

Semi-Annual LARobotics Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020. [Zoom video meeting](#)

Attendees: Joe Petito, Terry Wells, Chris Husmann, Tarek Shraibati, LeRoy Nelson, Tony Ayad ([audio only](#)), David Brinza, Eileen Kahn

A quorum was present Meeting convened at 7:03pm

1. Review and approve [Minutes of May 14, 2020 LARobotics Board meeting](#).
Approved by consensus
2. Review Board Roster (attached). For internal use only.
Individuals have submitted updates to LeRoy via email.
3. Committee Reports – Activities for previous 6 months and plans for next 6 months:
 - a. Audit
Tarek chatted with LeRoy. No issues were identified.
 - b. FLL
2020: ~60 Teams, 2 Virtual Qualifying Tournaments 11/21-22, 1 Virtual Championship Tournament 12/12
Change processing fee back to 5% given the reduced number of teams.
Practice tournaments went very well with the home-grown hub.
2021: Transfer program responsibility and account balances to *FIRST* California Robotics after Tony retires.
 - c. Nelson Team Grants:
2020 goal: 2 new State Championships 3/7-8; 60 new schools, 90 new teams; 3 new leagues, 1 revived league; 12 coach workshops
2020 actual: 2 new State Championships; Google Buddy VEX IQ Team Grants due 12/2;
Probably no new schools, teams, leagues or workshops for LAUSD
2021: TBD
 - d. SCRRF:
2020: Kit-Bot Build, Scrimmage; [no Fall Classic or Workshops](#).
2021: [No Kit-Bot Build, Scrimmage or Fall Classic](#)
 - e. Special Projects:
[2020: No FRC Team Grants](#)
[2021: TBD](#)
 - f. Website:
2020: LeRoy updated 2020-2021 games for all programs
[2021: Send update requests to LeRoy](#)
4. Treasurer Reports
 - a. Review and approve [Financial Reports for FY 2019 through 06/30/20](#).
Tarek recommends to accept the financial statements as submitted. [Dave reviewed SCRRF reports and agrees](#).
Approved by consensus.

- b. Review [Federal tax return](#) and [State tax return](#) for FY 2019, which are due November 15, 2020. Check the board member hours per week on page 2 of the Federal tax return.
Three members requested changes.
 - c. Our liability insurance costs were reduced by removing all live events as proposed at the last Board meeting.
 - d. We came close to needing to file as a **Private Foundation** instead of a **Public Charity** because **LeRoy's** NTG donations and Tony's FLL account startup loan represented 66.6% of our total revenues. This percentage was 65.9% in FY 2018. The max for a Public Charity is 66.67%. That should not be a problem for FY 2020, because **LeRoy** may not make any NTG donations. Tony's loan to FLL was recently repaid.
 - e. Key balances as of 10/31/20:
LARobotics Checking=\$29,425, PayPal=\$1,044, Credit Card= -\$14
FLL Checking=\$5,571 , PayPal=\$1,649
Invoices: 0, Receivable=\$0, Payable=-\$41 (Use Tax)
Total=\$37,633
FLL=\$7,121, NTG=\$11,945, SCRRF=\$17,649, Other=\$820
5. Review and Approve FRC Team Grant proposal for 2021, if any.
No proposals at this time. Will defer this topic to the May meeting.
6. Program Reports – Activities for previous 6 months and plans for next 6 months not covered in Committee Reports:
- a. *FIRST* Programs: FLL, FTC, FRC
No additional activity to report.
 - b. RECF Programs: VEX IQ, VRC, VEX U, VEX AI, RAD, **VRAD**, **VEX GO**
VRC and VEX IQ skills events have been running across the state in private businesses. New virtual remote aerial drone program (VRAD) requires python programming. RECF is doing outreach and promoting remote activities. RAD program is showing growth. VEX AI **for high school and college** has piloted and is showing a lot of promise. New **VEX GO** program **for primary grades** rolled out this month.
7. New Business
8. Many FRC teams are doing individual workshops. We should encourage teams to make them public and share with teams that aren't doing it. FRC "Share and Learn" program could mesh with this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Minutes respectfully submitted by Terry Wells. **Additions by LeRoy Nelson**