

LA Robotics Board Meeting Minutes: September 6, 2017

Attendees:

- Amanda
- Eileen
- Tarek
- LeRoy
- Joe
- Alicia
- Terry
- Dave

A quorum was present

Convened 7:00pm

Agenda:

1. Review and approve Minutes of May 10, 2017 LARobotics Board Meeting (attached).
 - a. LeRoy already added his amendments.
 - b. Minutes approved by consensus.
2. Review and approve Financial Reports for FY 2016 through 06/30/17 (attached). Since the 04/30/17 interim financial reports, we had significant new income and expenses for
 - a. Overwatch Cooler Master Invitational 2017 (\$25K invoices, \$1.25K retained by LA Robotics)
 - b. Nelson Team Grants (\$44K donations, \$20.5K expenses, \$2.2K retained by LA Robotics, of which \$1K was used to pay half of liability insurance premium)
 - c. Brinza (audit) reviewed and approves of updates since 4/30/2017. No additional questions or comments.
 - d. Financial reports approved by consensus.
3. Review Federal and State Tax Returns for FY 2016 (attached), which are due November 15, 2017. Check the board member hours per week on page 2 of IRS Form 990-EZ.
 - a. Reviewed. Hours for some directors updated. No additional issues.
4. Discuss and approve SCRRF Scholarships for 2018. We have been offering three \$1,000 scholarships.
 - a. Proposal to leave it at 3 scholarships.
 - b. Proposal to investigate possibility of increasing amount. Will review towards the end of the year when more financials are available (post fall event)
 - c. Approved: keep 3 @ \$1000.
 - d. Motion to allow scholarship committee (Joe, Dave, Eileen), in consultation with the treasurer to increase the \$ amount up to a limit of \$1500 each. Approved by consensus.
5. Reports of Committees – Activities for previous 4 months and plans for next 8 months:
 - a. Audit
 - i. Reviewed financial statements as posted. Focused on changes since interim (4/30/2017). Totals all appear to match internally and are consistent with Tax forms. No discrepancies found.
 - ii. Discussion of how bank reports get into Quicken. Are downloaded and imported automatically. Descriptions are added by hand.

- b. FLL
 - i. Tony not available tonight. FLL going strong in LA. Tournaments already filling up.
 - c. FTC
 - i. Having kickoff this Saturday at Monrovia HS. Season starts 1st week November. Currently at 125 teams. Just opened OC league. Looking to open Pomona league. Up to 12 leagues. Averaging 14 teams/league (16 team cap).
 - d. SCRRF Fall Classic
 - i. Could not locate facility in northern LA area. Did not get enough lead time after Valencia fell through. Could not put enough bits together for our chosen date. Will skip for this year.
 - ii. Dana Point HS is looking to host "Showdown at the Shore" on 10/28. Fall Classic committee members will be helping them as possible.
 - e. SCRRF Fall Workshops & Kit Bot Build
 - i. Eileen approached Milken for workshops. Milken was non-committal so moved on to Team 4 Element as hosts.
 - ii Foshay will be hosting Kit Bot Build Day after kickoff. Not exactly sure which day.
 - f. SCRRF Scrimmage
 - i. Chris will lead (but is not available tonight).
 - g. SCRRF Scholarships
 - i. No additional comments. See above.
 - h. SCRRF Special Events: Overwatch Cooler Master Invitational, Aerospace Games
 - i. Cooler Master went really well. First place went to 1138. Anticipating >\$2K for LAR.
 - ii. Aerospace games went really well for students that showed up. David printed T shirts. Will publicize earlier next year. Was great exposure for LAR and HS robotics. Eileen has received some contacts for mentors. Need more handouts for the event.
 - i. Social Media
 - i. Eileen posts a lot of different things (Eclipse, NASA, etc). Will post anything we can send her. Possibility to create an LAR Instagram.
 - j. VEX Programs, including Nelson Team Grants
 - i. Nelson Team Grants: Done 64 team grants so far this season. Overachieved on goal of 50. Started 3rd league in the SF valley. Starting 2-3 new leagues in Los Angeles.
 - ii. Tarek: Lots of new teams this year. 2000 teams in Cal. 120-130 events. Bulk of teams in SoCal. Great school district support due to curriculum (Gateway, PLTW and others).
 - k. Website
 - a. Updated for summer games. Posted about Fall Classic/S@S and workshops as info becomes available. Will update board of directors.
6. Other items
- a. Joe: Showdown at the Shore.
 - i. LAR could offer to manage registrations and offer budget advice.
 - ii. Motion to have Fall Classic committee assist the Dana Point team for their upcoming event including registration processing and paying expenses up to the amount collected. We will collect \$5 per team as fee. Approved by consensus.
7. Adjourned 8:26pm