

LA Robotics Board Meeting Minutes: 10/24/2018

Attendees:

- LeRoy Nelson
- Joe Petito
- Terry Wells
- Amanda Sullivan
- Alicia Skilton
- Eileen Kahn
- Dave Brinza

A quorum was present

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

1. Review and approve [Minutes of May 24, 2018 LARobotics Board meeting](#).
Approved by consensus
2. Review Board Roster. For internal use only.
Revisions to be sent to LeRoy. Otherwise approved.
3. Committee Reports – Activities for previous 6 months and plans for next 6 months:
 - a. Audit: Financial Reports and Records for FY 2017 reviewed by Tarek on July 11
 - Brinza has not reviewed yet. Will send an email by 11/2 with any corrections. Reports otherwise approved contingent on Dave's final approval.
 - b. Nelson Team Grants:
 - 2018: 132 awards, 16 withdrew; 6 new leagues, 5 old leagues merged into 3 larger leagues
 - 2019 goal: 60 awards; 3 new leagues
 - LeRoy won Volunteer of the Year at VEX Worlds for NTG work.
 - c. SCRRF
 - Fall Classic went well despite challenges with scoring and team count.
 - Spring Scrimmage dates are reserved at VHS.
 - May need to be some evolution of SCRRF events if we could change the time or venue to balance events and audience around LA.
 - Hawkins HS is a possibility to be explored.
 - SCRRF will discuss further offline.
 - d. Special Projects
 - Beach Blitz is also providing workshops too close to VHS. It would be better to do something further away.
 - Eileen is looking around for sources of funds and additional corporate/media partnerships.
 - e. Website
 - Maintaining. Lots of updates for NTG and Fall Classic.
 - Program pages need to be updated with current challenges. Alicia will address.
4. Treasurer Reports
 - a. Key balances as of 10/21/18:
 - Checking=\$13,483.85, PayPal=\$5,076.04, Credit Card=-\$2,288.46

- Receivable=\$10,972.68 (\$10K Cartoon Network director's donation, \$722.68 Obama Academy, \$250 Team 5285 Scrimmage)
 - Payable=-\$4,022.74 (NTG Use Tax)
 - Total=\$23,221.37
 - NTG=\$6,406.41, SCRRF=\$12,772.57, Other=\$4,042.39 (Insurance, Website)
 - b. Review and approve [Financial Reports for FY 2017 through 06/30/18](#).
 - Reports approved contingent on final review by Dave Brinza. Due by 11/2.
 - c. Review [federal tax return](#) and [state tax return](#) for FY 2017, which are due November 15, 2018. Check the board member hours per week on page 2 of IRS Form 990-EZ.
 - Returns approved contingent on final review by Dave Brinza. Due by 11/2.
5. Review and Approve SCRRF Team Scholarships/Grants for 2019.
- Proposal to create 4 team grants of \$500 each addressing each program: FLL, FTC, FRC, VEX.
 - Counter proposal to allocate \$3000 total with division to be decided later.
 - Revised proposal: \$500 each to FLL, FTC, VEX. \$1500 to FRC (3 @ \$500)
 - Eileen will work up grant application.
6. Program Reports – Activities for previous 6 months and plans for next 6 months:
- a. FLL
 - Tony resigned from the Board on 10/22.
 - 384 teams. 17 Qualifying events.
 - b. FTC
 - Amanda did a kickoff at Monrovia HS with 1000+ students.
 - Events are starting up next weekend (11/3-4).
 - LA champs on 3/9.
 - ~150 teams in LA region.
 - 12 leagues
 - New Ventura league.
 - Events posted on *FIRST* site.
 - c. VEX Programs
 - Continues to grow. Big problems this year because can't get equipment. Production delays impacting both VRC and VEX IQ. Kits on 8 week backorder. No shortage of people who want to start teams. Growth impeded due to lack of equipment.

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Terry Wells