

Los Angeles Robotics Semi-Annual Board Meeting

January 3, 2023, 7:00 PM Pacific

(Zoom Video)

Members present: LeRoy Nelson, Terry Wells, Kip Louttit, Joe Petito, Stephen Stein, Tony Young, Amanda Sullivan, Anita Nelson, David Brinza

Members absent: Tarek Shraibati, Eileen Kahn.

A quorum was present.

0. Convened 7:05 pm
1. Review and approve Minutes of **LARobotics May Board Meeting**
<http://larobotics.org/BoardMeetings.html>
 - a. Minutes as amended by LeRoy approved by consensus
2. Committee Reports – Activities for previous 6 months and plans for next 6 months:
 - a. Audit
 - 1) LNelson – Tarek spot checked all the books for this year and couldn't find any issues this year.
 - 2) LNelson – found and fixed a \$200 error between posting the financials and submitting taxes. The tax submission is correct.
 - b. Nelson Team Grants
 - 1) LNelson – 103 team grants this year; 26 new teams got fields & robot sets; 26 additional teams got robot sets; 71 revived teams got field upgrades and NiMH and Li-ion robot batteries; 125 returning teams got Li-ion robot batteries; 10 leagues with 240 teams participating; LAUSD has 272 teams out of 622 SoCal teams; incl dormant schools – sponsored 514 teams at 319 schools since 2015.
 - 2) 4 state championships again this year. 1st 2 weekends in March.
 - 3) No way to arrange championships or most tournaments to be LAUSD-only. Can have leagues and invitational tournaments to create limited pairings.
 - 4) Problem with availability of equipment. LeRoy pre-ordered in the 2nd half of last fiscal year. We might need to do this again.
 - c. SCRRF
 - 1) JPetito - No activity this year
 - 2) DBrinza – was planning to work with Burbank SD. Didn't get on calendar until Nov. Did present the whole FIRST program. Generated a lot of interest. Someone is looking into FLL.
 - a) Team 980 got space at BHS in old auto shop.
 - b) Didn't get any conversations going about off-season events due to financial constraints in the district.
 - 3) JPetito – working to form a consortium of FRC teams in the West/Central/South Bay to host scrimmages
 - a) Scrimmage format helps limit costs
 - b) Want to focus on underserved teams
 - d. Special Projects (includes Scholarships)
 - 1) ASullivan – Eileen is in and out with limited time.
 - 2) Could not get into contact with family re: John Santos scholarship. We're holding \$4,250 and are looking for recipients. Suggest to document failed contact attempts before moving forward. Eileen has the email chain. LeRoy will forward a copy to Amanda.
 - e. Website
 - 1) Just LeRoy updating the site. He will post anything as needed.

3. Treasurer Reports
 - a. Review and approve **Financial Reports**
<http://larobotics.org/FinancialReports.html>
 - 1) Approved by consensus pending correction of the \$200 error
 - b. Review **Federal Tax Return** and **State Tax Return**
<http://larobotics.org/TaxReturns-Filings.html>
 - 1) Private foundation tax returns are quite convoluted.
 - 2) Approved by consensus
 - c. Key balances
 - 1) SCRRF \$17,736
 - 2) Team grants \$10,167
 - 3) Other: \$5,754 (\$4,250 is scholarship)
 - 4) 1% of team grant income is processing fee for insurance
4. Review and approve **Scholarship Awards?**
 - a. Nothing to approve
5. Review and amend **Bylaws?**
 - a. <http://larobotics.org/CorporateDocuments.html>
 - b. LNelson – Never got around to rewriting Purpose/Mission section of Bylaws.
 - c. Version of bylaws was not the version that should have been filed
 - d. This is a good time to update them since they need to resubmitted to the state anyway
 - e. The one on the website is the one sent to the state but does not contain the desired updates.
 - f. Should be done by May this year if we have important changes.
 - g. Tony will take a crack at it.
 - h. KLouttit – Check verbiage of bylaws to make sure you don't commit to do something you can't back up.
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
 - 1) will.i.am / i.am.angel foundation's FTC program in LAUSD had a tough year. Hoping for more participation this year.
 - 2) ASullivan – Have 180 SoCal FTC teams in 12 leagues; champs 3/11
7. *RECF* Programs: *VEX IQ, VRC, VEX U, VEX AI, RAD*
 - a. Tarek is spending most of his time starting teams in other countries.
 - b. VRC is a much bigger program in SoCal than FTC.
8. New Business
 - a. No new business
9. Adjourn
 - a. Adjourn 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Wells

Pre-meeting Email Correspondence

From: laroboticsboard@googlegroups.com <laroboticsboard@googlegroups.com> **On Behalf Of** leroy@larobotics.org
Sent: Monday, January 2, 2023 16:35
To: 'LARobotics Board' <LARoboticsBoard@googlegroups.com>
Subject: RE: LA Robotics January 3 Board Meeting Agenda

Financial Reports for the **First Half of Fiscal Year 2022: 07-01-2022 through 12-31-2022** are now posted and available for review at the website listed below. Financial Reports for the First Half are usually not available for review until our May meeting, so reviewing them now has low priority.

Financial Reports for **Fiscal Year 2021: 07-01-2021 through 06-30-2022** need to be reviewed **and approved** at our meeting tomorrow.

LeRoy

From: laroboticsboard@googlegroups.com <laroboticsboard@googlegroups.com> **On Behalf Of** leroy@larobotics.org
Sent: Friday, December 30, 2022 12:34
To: 'LARobotics Board' <LARoboticsBoard@googlegroups.com>
Subject: RE: LA Robotics January 3 Board Meeting Agenda

Draft FY 2021 tax returns are now posted and available for review at the website listed below.

Form 990-PF was MUCH harder to complete than Form 990-EZ. Form 990-PF must be filed electronically, so I used TaxCut to prepare the return. TaxCut was not much help, it skipped several lines and sections that I needed, and it produced ugly schedules with lots of blank lines. It omitted several required schedules, so I added them at the end. Unfortunately, TurboTax does not support Form 990.

Officers and Directors are listed on Form 990-PF Part VII, which continues in the last schedule generated by TaxCut. Nonprofit tax returns are available online, so I used the corporate address for everyone. The average hours per week are my best guess of time spent on LARobotics in FY 2021.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions or questions. I look forward to seeing you all on Zoom on Tuesday at 7 PM.

LeRoy

P.S. Here is the missing link for the Minutes of **LARobotics May Board Meeting:**
larobotics.org/BoardMeetings.html

From: laroboticsboard@googlegroups.com <laroboticsboard@googlegroups.com> **On Behalf Of**
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Sent: Sunday, December 11, 2022 17:28

To: LA Robotics Board <LARoboticsBoard@googlegroups.com>

Subject: LA Robotics January 3 Board Meeting Agenda

LA Robotics Board Members:

Please review the agenda below and let me know (by reply all) if you would like any changes. Thank you.

Tony Young
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