

Los Angeles Robotics Semi-Annual Board Meeting

November 8, 2023, 8:30 PM Pacific via Zoom

Members present: Tony Young, Stephen Stein, LeRoy Nelson, Terry Wells, Anita Nelson, Joe Petito,
Tarek Shraibati.

Members absent: Kip Louttit.

A quorum was present.

1. Convened at 8:32 PM
2. Review and approve Minutes of LARobotics May Board meeting.
Board Meeting Minutes are available online at larobotics.org/BoardMeetings.html.
Minutes approved by consensus.
3. Committee Reports – Activities for previous 6 months and plans for next 6 months:
 - a. **Audit.**
Tarek Shraibati and Stephen Stein reviewed the financial records on November 7.
 - b. **Nelson Team Grants** for LAUSD VEX IQ Robotics Competition (VIQRC).
48 team grants approved. One rejected. One school failed to register any teams.
15 new schools started teams. 41 additional teams. 21 dormant teams restarted.
12 leagues. 1 league went independent. 4 So Cal Championships approved for March 2024.
LAUSD approved coach stipends again in 2024. Smaller league and championship host stipends were well received in 2023. We plan to offer them again in 2024.
Stipends approved by consensus.
 - c. **SCRRF**
Should have a conversation about disbanding and disbursing remaining funds.
Committee will present a proposal at the May 2024 meeting.
 - d. **John Santos Memorial Scholarships.**
\$750 scholarships were paid to 7 students as approved in May.
 - e. **Website**
Continue required and requested updates and maintenance.
4. Treasurer Reports
 - a. Review and approve **Financial Reports.**
Financial Reports are available online at larobotics.org/FinancialReports.html.
Reports approved by consensus.
 - b. Review **Federal tax return** and **State tax return.**
Tax returns are available online at larobotics.org/TaxReturns-Filings.html.
We qualify as a public charity again, so we are filing IRS Form 990 instead of 990-PF.
 - c. Key balances as of 11/7/23.
Checking: \$34K + PayPal: \$2K - Credit Cards: \$7K = Total: \$29K = NTG: \$12K + SCRRF: \$17K.
5. Program Reports – Activities for previous 6 months and plans for next 6 months not covered in Committee Reports:
 - a. *FIRST* Programs: FLL, FTC, FRC

- b. RECF Programs: VIQRC, VRC, VEX U, VEX FAC, Online Challenges, Aerial Drone Competition, Bell AVR Competition.

California is back up to pre-covid numbers. Overall is also back up. Lots of events. Professional staff serving SoCal is changing for the better. Lots of teams in LAUSD. Added drones this year, moving into SoCal. Online Challenges expanded this year. Looking at a water partnership. Turned down BattleBots.

6. New Business

- a. Annual meeting in May – Wednesday, May 22 @ 7-9 PM via Zoom

7. Adjourned at 9:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Terry Wells