

LA Robotics Board Meeting Minutes 2016-11-09

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

4:33 PM

Attendees:

- Terry Wells
- LeRoy Nelson
- Andy Crick
- David Brinza
- Alicia Skilton
- Joe Petito
- Chris Husmann

Agenda:

Call to order 7:03

1. Review and approve minutes of May 17, 2016 LARobotics Board meeting (attached).
 - Approved by consensus.
2. Review and approve minutes of October 11, 2016 LARobotics Special Board meeting (attached).
 - Discussion about maintaining mailing lists. Need to verify they are current.
 - Minutes approved by consensus.
3. Review and approve financial reports for FY 2015 through 06/30/16 (attached). Only a few transactions since the interim financial reports through 04/30/16.
 - Issue with checks that weren't cashed. Checks were a couple years old and this is crediting them back to the account.
 - Auditor (Brinza) approved the reports.
 - Andy had some comments: 5x\$250 items written off as event no-shows. Question if there's a different handling between writing of and canceling? LeRoy said that's just how he records invoices issued that were never paid. He doesn't have a specific attachment to the language as long as the incomplete transaction is recorded.
 - Additional question about grants.
 - Approved by consensus
4. Review federal and state tax returns for FY 2015 (attached), which are due November 15, 2016. Check the board member hours per week on page 2 of IRS Form 990-EZ.
 - Approved by auditor (Brinza)
 - Approved by consensus.
5. Approve three \$1,000 SCRRF Scholarships for 2017.
 - Joe made a proposal to increase the 3 scholarships to \$1500 each, but after the available finances were presented, retracted his proposal.
 - Dave made a proposal to increase the number of scholarships to 4 (@\$1000). Again the finances are a limiting factor. Proposal was retracted. Further discussion tabled to future meetings.
 - 3 @\$1000 approved by consensus

6. Reports of Committees – Activities for previous 6 months and plans for next 6 months:
- a. Audit - reported above
 - b. Botball - no report
 - c. Education STEM Research - no report
 - d. Educational Outreach - Joe: fall workshops are coming up. Alicia is organizing everything. Happening in about 1.5 weeks. Andy: Getting emails for new teams. Andy: Contacts from China want to come here for classes. May do summer classes on a variety of subjects. Possibility of fundraiser for LA Robotics. Andy: Created pneumatics workshop which will be presented at Fall workshops.
 - e. FLL - Terry: Qualifying tournaments were oversubscribed this year. Next year will be worse. Need venues for qualifiers. Andy: Chinese are interested in having their students come over here to compete informally with some of our FLL teams.
 - f. FTC - no report
 - g. Scholarships - Joe will publish scholarship applications after the Fall Workshops.
 - h. SCRRF - Andy: Everything is going great except for the competition with Beach Blitz. VHS will host the scrimmage again.
 - i. Social Media - no report
 - j. VEX Programs - LeRoy: 1500 teams. Up 33% so far, expecting to be up more. 144 events scheduled in California. 2/3 in SoCal. 101 single tournaments. 21 are leagues which meet 4 times. Events fill very quickly. Hard thing is finding enough events for teams. 1/4 of teams go to state champs.
Overview slides available on roboticseducation.org website.
 - k. Website - Host forced us to change to the new version of WebsiteBuilder, which broke the site. Alicia has converted the whole site to plain HTML and will maintain from there. Improvements are in the works.
 - l. Upcoming meeting on FRC districts for California - Will hold discussion following this meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Terry Wells