

# MINUTES

## SL Robotics Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2015

President David Ascher called the meeting to order at 8:00pm

### Booster Board Members In attendance

David Ascher - President

Kim Ascher – Vice President

Manny Novilla- Treasurer

Mr. Weber- Team Coach

April Foytek – Secretary

Janet Nurnberger – Competition and Travel Coordinator (Newly Elected)

### New Business

- President Ascher welcomed all the parents in attendance.
- The current board was introduced.
- Bylaws were handed out.
  - Changes were presented.
    - Article 3 section IV item e was changed from “Volunteer Coordinator” to “Build Season Food Coordinator.”
    - Article 3 section IV item e subsection i was changed to “Organize food needs for build season activities at school.”
    - Article 3 section IV item f was added to say
      - F. “Competition and Travel Coordinator.”
      - Subsection i “Coordinate travel needs and competition support.”
      - Subsection ii “Authorize the expenditure of Booster funds.”
  - Changes were motioned by Judy Cook. Seconded by Todd Winter. All were in favor. No Nays. Motion Passed and amended bylaws adopted.
- Officers were voted on.
  - Added Janet Nurnberger as the Competition and Travel Coordinator.
    - Motioned by Carl Grolle, Seconded by Judy Cook. All in favor, no Nays, motion was passed.
- Treasurers report
  - Manny Novilla reported that \$675 was raised at the Pumpkinfest. This was run by parent volunteer Julie Childress and students. Julie did a fantastic job decorating and running the booth and her efforts were greatly appreciated.
  - Manny estimates there is currently about \$2300 in the booster fund.
  - Manny is tracking individual student fundraising amounts and at any time parents are welcome to contact him for information or updates.
  - In addition to the Robotics booster account, Manny also tracks the Robotics account through the school. This account is a 501C3 account and allows for contributors to claim a tax deduction.
  - Recapped that the sponsorship funds required by each student this year will be \$500. These funds are used for the cost to build the robot, 1 travel competition, and entry fees for all competitions. **The deadline for students to have raised these funds and be considered a team member in good standing is December 7<sup>th</sup>.**
  - There is also a \$100 participation fee. This fee covers team shirts, team building meetings, and occasional food costs.
  - Manny will present a more detailed financial statement at the next booster meeting on **December 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- Volunteers
  - Newsletter organizer. 4-6 page newsletter, 4x per year. There is a template and students write the articles.
    - Alejandra Keast volunteered. (Thank you!)

- Website Organizer. Wix based. Done with assistance of students.
      - Jon Mikola volunteered. (Thank you!)
      - T-Shirt coordinator. Janet Nurnberger volunteered for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. (Thank you again!)
    - Future volunteer needs
      - Pumpkifest coordinator – (This is a potential need, if Julie cannot volunteer again. She was not present and we did not want to speak for her, however we would LOVE to have her again. )
      - Volunteers for competitions
      - Meals at the school during build season
      - Banquet coordinator
      - First Lego League outreach
  - Future Calendar events
    - Sponsor and Team membership Fees/Forms **due December 7.**
    - Critical Parent Booster Meeting, **Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**
    - Build Kick-Off January 9<sup>th</sup> – more information to follow.
    - Districts – TBD
    - States – Grand Rapids April 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>
    - Worlds – St. Louis. MO April 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Incidental Thoughts
    - Travel, Transportation, and Food –
      - Parents need to be aware of the potential out of pocket expenses. While one district competition travel for the student will be included in the sponsorship fees, States and Worlds travel is not. If students attend, which is optional, they will travel with a parent/guardian and stay with them at a hotel. This is two nights for states and three-four nights for Worlds. Generally Districts and States are Thursday late afternoon through Saturday evening and for Worlds Wednesday night through Saturday evening late. In this case families often elect to stay an additional night and travel home on Sunday. In the event of the district competition in which travel for the student is included, often parents choose to attend which is at their expense as well.
    - Time
      - Parents need to be aware that once build season starts students attend Robotics M, W, from 6:00-9 & F from 2:30-9. The season lasts until either early April or late April depending on whether the team qualifies for States or Worlds. However, there are meetings and events in the “off season” throughout the spring, summer and fall as well.
  - Mr. Asher thanked the parents and closed the meeting.

**Next Meeting – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 7:00pm**

**Links:**

Booster Bylaws, Kick off information, Registration Forms  
<http://www.theflyingtoasters.org/#!/parent-resources/c1i5d>

Sponsorship Information  
<http://www.theflyingtoasters.org/#!/team-sponsorship-info/c4n8>