

MINUTES

SL Robotics Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2015

President David Ascher called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Booster Board Members In attendance

David Ascher - President
Kim Ascher – Vice President
Manny Novilla- Treasurer
Mr. Weber- Team Coach
April Foytek - Secretary

New Business

- President Ascher welcomed all the parents in attendance.
- Videos were shown created by Bryce Bizer and Lucas Burkowski reflecting the 2015 season.
- President Ascher distributed current balance sheet, and a packet created by Mr. Weber that includes a tentative schedule of upcoming known calendar items throughout June of 2016.
 - President Ascher informed the parents of an exercise the students did in which they reflected on what they liked /did not like about the season. Some items the kids liked were the size of the team, meeting like-minded kids, and support in the stands. The kids wanted to see an improvement in communication, build time and training. They are hoping to have more clearly defined sub teams and also would like the meetings to not run so late.
- Mr. Weber reviewed the packet that he handed out
 - Page 1 is the calendar as of right now.
 - Page 2 reflects an idea that the team developed for nametags. They would include badges that reflect the students / mentors skills and levels of achievement.
 - Page 3 is a sample volunteer sign up form.
 - Page 4-12 is a sample packet from Lightning Robotics that they hand out to students/parents/mentors each year. We reviewed their policies and we may adopt some of them.
- Mr. Novilla reviewed the finance sheet.
 - Next year we are anticipating a jump from 37 team members to 60. We may need to raise the students fundraising goal to \$1000 per student.
 - We may try to budget for travel to states and worlds and keep the district competitions local.
- Mr. Ascher had the parents break out into groups like the kids had done, to discuss improvements they would like to see next year. Some items presented were
 1. Early comprehensive communication to parents clearly outlining the potential time and money commitment. It needs to be articulated that the team runs all year Sept to June and is 3 days per week during build season and 2 days per week outside of build season. The students are expected to fundraise and there are additional travel expenses.
 2. Better utilize remind 101.
 3. Have the first parent meeting very early in the school year.
 4. Have a parents bonding night.
 5. Discuss a scholarship to be handled privately by Mr. Weber in the event there is a student that wants to participate that cannot afford to do so.
 6. Start fundraising much earlier.
 7. Create an online parent forum.
 8. Create more avenues for sponsor recognition/use of sponsor logos.
 9. Invite sponsors to events/banquet.
 10. Involve more team members in competitions vs. most of team staying in stands.
 11. Utilize Sign Up Genius more.

12. Distribute a roster of students, parents.
13. Create sponsorship levels.

Next Meeting - Not yet determined

Attachments – Calendar and Mr. Weber Packet

*Add to calendar

June 5th – Team, parent and mentor pool party at Aschers

July 25th and 26th Maker Faire in Detroit.