

# BBHHS Robotics Boosters

## Meeting Minutes



20 March 2024 / 5:30 PM / High School Room 027

### Attendees

High School Parents/Advisors: Scott McCreery, Heather Rakestraw, Paul Koch, Rachel Jones, Craig Kowatch, Brian Zukauckas, MeLissa Bommarito, Heather Rowan, Heather Lambert-Shemo, Jack Molina, Marcia Filmer, Dawn Williams, Kris Sutton, Pam Bowler, Jenn McMillin, Karen Patton, Courtney Riddles, Rick Bowler, Jennifer Macesich, Shaun Filmer, Eric Chen, Elizabeth McMillin, Amy Pausche

Middle School Parents: Carolyn Manley, Scott MacRaidl, Amishi Kenia, Marvin Gamboa, Jennifer Daum, Wei Fan, Natalie Decker, Varija Yalamanchali / Myneni, Divya

Meeting Start 5:40

### President

1. Motion to approve minutes from January 24, 2024 meeting 1) Brian Zukauckas 2) Jack Molina. All approve.
2. Booster Business
  - A. Nominating Committee Needed - 1 Executive Committee member and 2 General Members are required according to the bylaws.
    1. Scott McCreery announced that he is stepping down as President due to Brinley being uncertain of her plans for Robotics next year.
    2. 2 year term limits in place for Secretary and Treasurer positions, which will both open available next year.
    3. Kris Sutton and Jenn McMillin have volunteered for the committee along with Scott McCreery.
  - B. Summer Camp - June 17-21 from 9:30-1:30
    1. Enrollment is open now for students in grades 5-8.
    2. This event raises approximately \$10,000 each year which can go toward robot parts and field elements.
    3. Student volunteers will be needed to mentor teams during the camp, approximately 20-25 HS students.
    4. 5-6 parent volunteers will also be needed through the week.

<https://www.bbhhsteched.com/summer-camp>

C. Sgt Clean Car Wash Fundraiser - Runs through April 12th

1. \$25 value car wash for \$15, 50% proceeds goes to Robotics Boosters

[https://www.fundraiser.vip/tickets/purchase/2024\\_robotics](https://www.fundraiser.vip/tickets/purchase/2024_robotics)

D. Year End Banquet - Discussion whether to rent Oak Grove Pavilion again or use a new venue. No interest in changing the location. Will have a potluck style dinner with dish assignments to be discussed closer to the event. Dates discussed and will check availability week of May 20.

E. Discussion to increase Booster contribution to Worlds from \$8,000 as budgeted to \$12,000.

1. Due to profitable fundraising beyond budget, there is an additional \$4,000 available that can help with the Worlds student fees. This would leave \$10,000 in the account to carry over to purchase parts for the start of next season as has been done in the years since Boosters was created.
2. Discussion whether there is any reason to not allow the World budget to increase to \$12,000 rather than \$8,000.
3. There has been a donation received from The Kennedy Group for \$1,000 and another is expected to come in as well to assist with Worlds expenses.
4. Motion to increase spending to \$12,000 1) Brian Zukauckas 2) MeLissa Bommarito. All in favor.

3. World's Information

A. Cost Estimates and Travel Decision - Options to drive or fly, MS and HS traveling together and separate, as well as driving one way and flying the other costs all were compared. Cost not significantly different between the options, so the decision was made for the HS and MS teams to travel separately with their tournament schedule by air. This will also allow the HS teams to be back for the AP testing schedule and the MS teams to not miss extra school days.

1. Included in the team cost is robot transportation. \$1,600 will be allowed to assist Jack Molina who will be hauling some items to Dallas along with Pete Jones who will be renting a cargo van to haul team equipment and robots. A field will be set up at the hotel on arrival to allow teams to work in the evenings. This amount was determined by what it would cost to fly the robots and tool cases with us at \$40-50 each. Beyond that, a field and carts along with other necessities will be able to go along with the teams.

B. Travel Details, Agendas, Links posted at Robotics Boosters website and also in the team Google Classroom which info to join can be found at the end of these minutes.

<https://www.bbhhsteched.com/worlds-info>

1. There will be a charter bus for team transportation in Dallas. There will not be extra room for families while in Dallas, as there are 46 students and coaches traveling and the bus holds 50.
2. Hotel is the same that the team stayed in last year, group rate of \$109 available through this link.

[https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/texas/hyatt-place-dallas-north-by-the-galleria/dfwzn?corp\\_id=G-BBHP](https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/texas/hyatt-place-dallas-north-by-the-galleria/dfwzn?corp_id=G-BBHP)

3. American Airlines for flights, see their rules for packing guidelines.
    - a. HS flight to Dallas coaches traveling - Mr Kowatch, Casey Kowatch, Mr McCreery, Nate Trybus
    - b. MS flight to Dallas Ms. Hyde and 3 parent chaperones
  4. Encourage students to pack in a carry-on rather than checking a suitcase. You will be charged the additional checked bag fee if you choose to do so.
  5. While in Texas, there are limited places that accept cash. Make sure your student has another form of payment like a credit card, gift card or digital wallet.
    - a. Breakfast is included with the hotel.
    - b. Lunches will be paid for by students in the convention center or nearby restaurants.
    - c. Dinners will be together as a team and paid for by students.
    - d. Include any additional spending money that you wish. Items are not cheap in the convention center and Worlds shirts from Fine Designs are costly as well.
  6. Medications for the trip will be prepared by Colleen Walsh, the school nurse. Students must follow district policies regarding medications. Contact the nurse with any questions [walshc@bbhcsd.org](mailto:walshc@bbhcsd.org)
  7. Upon arrival, the HS teams will set up the practice field at the hotel, then head to Lovejoy HS for scrimmage matches. A catered Tex-Mex meal will be shared while at the school.
  8. With the MS arrival, the teams will be able to join the HS in the Dome for the tournament and next year's game reveal.
  9. The MS and HS teams will have dinner out together at Terry Black's BBQ after the HS closing ceremonies.
  10. Earlier end of qualifying match days has allowed the chance to make dinner reservations possible this year.
  11. Itinerary will be emailed out and discussed in detail at the next meeting prior to the trip.
- C. Legal names required for Group Flight booking. Be sure that your student has their ID with them for air travel. Scott McCreery will confirm whether students without a State ID will need a copy of their birth certificate instead.

- D. First payment of \$600 due this evening as announced and balance due by the next meeting, likely April 3rd or 10th. The final balance will be announced after Hotel costs are confirmed.

**Vice President - none**

**Treasurer -**

- 1. Budget update provided and option to increase World's payment to \$12,000. Payments from Summer Camp enrollment have started coming in.

**Secretary -none**

**Advisors**

**Mr. Kowatch -**

- 1. Launch -
  - A. The event was a great success with many compliments coming in from teams, Coaches and REC staff.
  - B. There are improvements and changes planned for the event next year and we've been approved by VEX to host the Signature Event already.
  - C. Note that next year, the second home tournament and Launch will not be scheduled back to back.
  - D. We will continue to host the second home tournament, as it serves to give another chance at State qualification, provides MS teams with another tournament which can be limited and it's also the capstone project for the Robotics Honor Society.
  - E. Looking into new venues for Launch next year, please let us know if you have any ideas or any connection to Case Western.

Meeting End at 6:05

\*Google Classroom - Enter Class Code: len7kn6

This QR Code will take you to the Robotics Boosters website:

