

BBHHS Robotics Boosters

Meeting Minutes



18 May, 2023 / 6:00 PM / High School Room 027

Attendees

Scott McCreery, Jackie Caputo, Paul Koch, Rachel Jones, Craig Kowatch, Beth Marsh, Brian Zukauckas, Melissa Bommarito, Sue Flis, Pete Jones, Jack Molina, Kris Sutton, Amy Pausche, Yan Yerace, Jenn McMillin, Pam Bowler

Meeting began at 6:07

President

1. Approval of minutes from 3/5/23 meeting. Motion- 1st Craig Kowatch, 2nd Brian Zukauckas, all in favor.
2. Special Thanks to Lincoln Electric
 - a. A gift of \$5,000 to the Robotics Boosters Account with a requirement to be spent on the students directly.
 - b. Motion made by Scott to spend the \$5,000 now towards the parts budget to be available pre-season. Additional funds available in the budget. 2nd by Beth Marsh. All in favor of using gift toward parts now.
3. Summer Camp update
 - a. Currently there are 92 enrolled. \$10,500 has been received at this point.
 - b. To be held June 26-30 from 9:00 to 1:30. The last day of camp will be a mini tournament.
 - c. Still looking for parent and student volunteers
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7qmwY20_o_J1dFitHriTYq9vwZGVdtjg90ouhJPQDSsdfFA/viewform?usp=sf_link
4. Banquet Wednesday, May 31st at Oak Grove Picnic Area 5:00
 - a. Suggested main entree to be catered and paid for by attendees at estimated \$5-10 per person. Families will sign up to bring sides and desserts. Volunteers will get prices quoted and report to Scott by Monday 5/22. Decision will be made from there.
 - b. Look for a Sign up Genius for sides and desserts.
5. Nomination of Officers for the 2023-2024 Robotics Season
 - a. Slate of Officers presented
 - i. President: Scott McCreery
 - ii. Vice President: Heather Rakestraw
 - iii. Treasurer: Paul Koch
 - iv. Secretary: Rachel Jones

- b. Floor open to additional nominations or volunteers, none noted. Motion by Amy Pausche 1st and Brian Zukauckas 2nd to approve Slate as presented. All in favor.
 - c. Thanks to Jackie Caputo who is stepping down from the VP position for next year, you will be missed. The work that you have done with the 24 Days of Raffles this year really made a difference for our Team. Your generosity in offering your home for the beginning of the year Team gathering was appreciated by all. Best of luck to Gabby in her adventures next year.
- 6. Vote on field elements purchase
 - a. Plan to purchase elements for 5 fields to be less than \$2,000 and money available in budget.
 - b. Motion made to open an offer for families to purchase field elements along with the team order to be eligible for the discounted rate. 1st Jackie Caputo, 2nd Chris Sutton, All approve with Jack Molina noted to abstain.

Vice President - no report

Treasurer

1. Budget update - Worlds Expense \$41,948.36 total - \$26, 978.68 student contribution = \$14, 969.68 Boosters Expenditure including Joseph & Joseph contribution to Worlds.
2. Tournament Fees / Field Elements - field elements to be purchased as discussed.
3. Donations this year - Ken Ganley Ford, Joseph & Joseph, Lincoln Electric = \$10,000
4. YTD \$14,000 Revenues over Expenses, more Summer Camp fees to be collected and \$1,100 for Camper T-shirts not yet paid.

Secretary - no report

Advisors

Mr. Kowatch -

1. District has approved purchases totaling about \$18,000 for equipment through curriculum funds : 3 new portable fields, a metal cutting bandsaw, permanent risers for the Middle School fields, new monitors for the fields, new motors and pneumatics, plastic benders
2. Next year's tournament registration will open up this week. Signature Events will open first on 5/19. Teams limited to registering for 2 Signature Events , by hosting a Signature Event, we will be able to register for 3.
 - a. Kalahari will have a limit of 6 teams again this year.

- b. Competing at Signature Events helps teams to be better prepared for higher stakes tournaments like States and Worlds.
3. Regular tournaments will open up when the system is available, there will be new events this year.
4. Team will not compete in League this year due to transportation costs which were about \$6,000 last year.
5. Carpooling may be used for local meets in order to reduce transportation costs as well.
6. Our new Signature Event that we are hosting this year is Launch on 2/16-2/17
<https://www.robotevents.com/robot-competitions/vex-robotics-competition/RE-VRC-23-1498.html#general-info>
 - a. To be held at Great Lakes Science Center - we will need many volunteers to make this event a success, clear your calendars now!
 - b. Concessions will be managed by GLSC
 - c. We have secured the venue for half the cost.
 - d. Team registration will be \$355 which falls in the average range with other events.
 - e. We will have slots for 80 teams, 6 of which will be ours.
 - f. We are looking for STEM Grants and Sponsorships now - Please reach out to Craig Kowatch, Scott McCreery, Amy Pausche or Beth Marsh if you have any leads or ideas on businesses that may be interested. There will be global branding opportunities with this event. There is a wide range of sponsorship levels. * Early sponsorships make funds available now rather than last minute.

New Business

1. Rachel suggests that we prepare media releases that are sent out to local news outlets and administration in order to have correct information and news printed about our teams in the upcoming season. There are many things to be shared and celebrated within our teams but the articles that are going out seem to be missing key information and a basic understanding of what our teams are all about.
- If there are any team members who have an interest in this idea, please reach out.

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