**VIKotics Meeting – Rev. 2**

Date: March 26th– 3:30 – 5:15 PM Location: Ag Room, GPHS

**Attendees:** Aemon Sena, Cora Link, Gavin Anderson, Bradyn Arndt, Gage Adams, Ethan Lawson, Nathan Cloninger, Bryen Warren, Bradley Banks, Spaulding Vulliet

**Mentors:** Richard Link, Dave, Billin, Quentin Lynch, Robert Lopez, Jr.

**Purpose:** To have a discussion and reflection on our 2024 FRC season and discuss upcomng events, financial updates, and other items of discussion.

1. **Discussion & Reflection:** 
   1. **Team Chemistry:**
      1. Scouting – Started rough but Improved over the season. Scouting information did need to be in the pit yet shown and displayed in a manner that was easily deciphered by the drive team. Mr. Lynch discussed an approach to scouting that the team will consider for the 2025 season. Bryen W. suggested that the drive team own the scouting information. Given the team size, that could be a challenge.
      2. Pit communication could have been better. We did not follow the suggested approach but modified it yet it was still a challenge.
      3. Work Efficiency and Ethics: Inexperience led to inefficiency during build season. It was determined that we must communicate better to get work completed correctly and on time. The ability to instruct and teach also proved challenging for some team members. Training was suggested to assist the team in instructing younger team members. Attention to detail was also a challenge and inconsistent. Part of this was due to maturity and inexperience yet it did lead to unnecessary time spent trouble shooting issues.
   2. **Robot Design:**
      1. More sets of eyes on the design were suggested. Mr. Lopez iterated that we simply need to follow the design process that incorporates reviews after critical steps. Lack of discipline and time led to not following the process and therefore design issues.
      2. Mr. Lynch and the mentors suggested we ensure we CAD the proposed design to check for interference and tolerance stack up issues. The team did agree yet the team does not have the experience needed to do this efficiently. Mr. Lynch will provide CAD training this spring.
   3. **Feedback?**  The team had very little feedback, yet most was covered in the previous discussions.
   4. **Discord Use:** The team will use Discord to communicate and meet to discuss design and build tasks. Several formats were suggested. The team will try the suggested formats and see which works best. Additionally, Mr. Link will clean up our Discord use and we will make good, efficient use of Discord. There was too much non-value added information on Discord that the team had to wade through to get relevant team information.
2. **Meeting Time Updates for 2024 Spring Season:**

* Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday – 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

We will focus our time on training and education sessions, drive practice, business team improvements during our sessions. A list of training sessions has been created and presenters will be assigned. Mr. Billin will do programming/coding training on Tuesdays.

1. **Financial Update**
   1. We made $3,776.45 (net) from the Spaghetti Feed Dinner and Silent Auction last Thursday, March 21st. It was a great success yet there are improvements that can be made yet it was overall a great success.
   2. The team will write Thank You notes to the people and businesses that provided items for the auction as well as to the volunteers of the fundraiser. We also need to write some for our season sponsors.
   3. ASB VIKotics account: $9,957.17 (as of 03 April 2024-R. Lopez, Jr.)
   4. FIRSTWA booster account: $17,624.24 (as of 03 April 2024-R. Lopez, Jr.)
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