

**Team OTTO #1746 General Membership Booster Club Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2016****1. Welcome & Introduction**

Marty Comella, president, called the meeting to order and welcomed student team members and parents.

Attendance included five board members – Marty Comella, Don Roe, Traci Priego, Anurag Saxena, and Jon Lillie – and eleven potential members. The secretary will maintain the attendee sign-up sheets. A consolidated list is included with these minutes.

Attendees were directed to complete the Membership Application and submit a check for annual dues by December 5. The membership application can be found under the “Booster” section on [www.team1746.com](http://www.team1746.com).

**2. Overview of Booster Club, Role & Mission**

Marty Comella, president, presented the meeting agenda and introduced the club’s board members to the audience.

Don Roe, vice president, outlined the mission of the booster club to support the FCHS FIRST Robotics program and its goal to build pride in the participants and school sponsors as well as create community and student support for the team.

**3. STEM Requirements & FIRST Overview**

Jon Lillie, FRC coach, explained how participation in FRC satisfies competition STEM requirements when student team members attend 50% of practice sessions and two FRC regular season tournaments. Mr. Lillie also described the FIRST organization and its benefits to students.

**4. Fees & Budget**

Anurag Saxena, treasurer, presented the 2017 budget along with membership fees and privileges. The estimated 2017 budget is \$41,650. Membership fees, sponsorships, and fundraising will fund the budget. Student memberships will be \$200; Alumni \$25; and Community \$50. Annual fees are due December 5.

**5. Competition Schedule**

Traci Priego, secretary, communicated the 2017 practice and competition schedules. Student members will meet Tuesdays & Thursdays starting in January. Team OTTO plans to participate in two district competitions (Gainesville & Columbus) and hopes to qualify for the district (Athens) and world (Houston) championships. All competition dates are listed

on [www.team1746.com](http://www.team1746.com). Students were directed to connect with Mr. Lillie regarding the competitions they wanted to attend.

**6. Volunteer Opportunities**

Traci Priego explained parents can support Team OTTO through several volunteer opportunities such as transporting team members to competitions, serving as chaperones, providing dinners during practice season, and soliciting donations or fundraising.

**7. Team Info & Contacts**

Traci Priego highlighted the team's website, [www.team1746.com](http://www.team1746.com), which houses team related information. Parents were encouraged to subscribe to the team's calendar. All booster club related information is found in the Booster section.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Traci Priego*

Traci Priego, secretary