Twin Cities Maker Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2011 at Hack Factory, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attendees

Attendees: David (partial attendance), Michael, Brandon, Bob, Wayne (partial attendance)

Scribe

Bob Poate

- Standard meeting notes format used until now not used here because of partial unavailability of board members; it would be unclear who was attending if notes were not chronological.
- Began meeting without President.
- RollerGirls on Saturday. Need 2 people (free entrance) for Saturday night. Roller derby crowd is very DIY.
- President available. Disciplinary meeting. Reports of issues with a member were resolved as unfounded, cautionary warning given, to the satisfaction of the member and the board..
- Vice-President left.
- RollerGirls - continued. Dave and JTBarclay will attend derby, North Star Roller Girls. Convention Center, doors open at 5:00, runs from 6:00 - 9:00.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters auction. Discussed what type of membership and how many would be given. We'll be giving them 1 one-year membership with 12 guest passes, and 4 three-month memberships (each with 3 guest passes).
- Discussed monthly Letter To Members. With a few tweaks, it's okay to send to members with current key fobs.
- Timing of dues payments. Change to the 6th or 7th? It's a voting issue; with current rules, if members didn't pay by the first of a month they would be ineligible for voting that month. Brandon unsure if billing software can handle that. However, reminder software will start next month, so members will be less likely to forget about paying dues promptly.
- Implex.net - corporate membership for giving TC Maker 10 meg bidirectional?

Could be used for VOIP, hosting web server. They'd get their logo on our site, 2 key fobs, and a stack of membership applications. They'd need to track this themselves. $800 per month value. Separating donors from sponsors; sponsors are exchanging goods and services, they can't write things off.

- President had previously spoken with Vice-President. VP wants to do web and promotions or something similar. Unclear if he wants to remain on governing board.
- Brandon gave excotc.org flyer to Michael. EXCO (Experimental College) gives free classes. Do we want to to get involved, or do they want to have classes here? Discussed, shelved for now.
- Mini Maker Fair. JTBarclay is point person. Date set to April 9. John will be added to Google Doc. Given contacts from last year, book same number of tables.

Next Meeting

- February 9

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- To be determined.

Adjournment

The President adjourned the meeting.