

Twin Cities Maker Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2011 at Hack Factory, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attendees

Attendees: Michael, Brandon, Bob, Wayne

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Bob Poate

Agenda

- Elections
- Minne Maker Faire
- Members meeting quorum (legal update)
- Stock members discount on classes

Business.

- Elections - 2 open seats, at-large positions. Openings were posted in the forum. We have 2 candidates, Riley and Karin. Jude suggested delay of another month, believes that people were unaware, and that there should be more candidates. Voting is ultimately board decision. After discussion, Jude withdrew his suggestion, but believes board is not aware of opinions of populace.
- Makerbot too loud to hold meeting; board moved downstairs. People (in Family Room and Shop) were informed, but only John (Shop Manager), Kelly and a guest went down for the meeting.
- By-laws (including board voting protocols) were adopted from Hack Factory Minnesota when HFM merged with TCM. Discussion of staggered elections (for the 3 year terms) caused by previous resignations. Lawyers are working on updating by-laws, so those will probably be changing this year.
- Riley's election talk. Karin's election talk. Both expressed enthusiasm and interest.
- Wayne question for nominees - What do you think the board should be doing? type question. Karin's response - Board should take care of business, but board should have a united front with a distinct purpose even though members may be going in a hundred different directions. Riley agreed; need consistent

vision, make things possible for members.

- John's question - What do you want to champion ("ulterior motive")? Riley - Wants to see more diversity in projects and skills. Wants and believes in communication, wants to build consensus, to reach everybody. Karin - Space planning, space needs sprucing up and rearranging, space is underutilized. Wants to combine arts, science and engineering. Wants to bring in her office experience, organizational things. Public relations.
- Wayne question - What about for motivating the entire organization, not just the board? Karin - Bring in more art and creativity to tech/electronics/computer types, bring them more in to the art realm. Riley - Agrees. We're getting new people all the time checking things out. Make sure there's something new and different without disenfranchising current members.
- Michael - What's our mission statement? (Make, share, learn.) Both came very close.
- Brandon asked about opening nominations to the floor. That was done upstairs; no one was interested.
- Voting by unanimous declaration. A vote was taken by all present members (Wayne, Michael, Brandon, John, Kelly, Riley, Karin and Bob) (although only board vote was required). Unanimous votes by members. Board confirmed vote. Karin and Riley are now at-large board members.
- By-laws revamp. Quorum for General Membership meeting, the once a year meeting where board will be elected. Minnesota state law recommends 3 members or 10% of the membership, which ever is greater. Karin made a motion that 8 (paid, per Brandon) members or 10% of the membership, whichever is greater, including proxies should suffice. Much discussion.
- Minne Maker Faire. JTBarclay - number of people who replied to offer to display will fit in space. Tim Kaiser is interested in coming back. Savage Aural Hotbed is interested, although they may be just interested in showing their instruments during the day and not playing at night. Discussion. Beer keg only at night, and only if donated. Potential sale of artwork - deal with individually, but 10% of gross sale goes to TCM. Much discussion about art signage. Have a discount for members joining up at Minne Maker Faire? Last year there was a 50% discount for members joining for 6 months at MMF. There were no takers last year. As booth space is JTBarclay's responsibility, Wayne made a motion to form a committee to arrange TCM activities at MMF. Resolution passed. Riley is chair of committee, Wayne and Karin are on it, and will seek other members to be on it as well. Wayne will create a board on the forums for MMF TCM board participating committee.
- Michael created a document for events for Google calendar. Brandon will set up

and show Karin how to run it.

- Stock member discounts. Currently 1/3 to 1/2 of people taking class get \$5 member discount for being TCM members. To provide incentive for non-members to become members, Michael proposed members get a \$5 discount on classes costing up to \$50, and \$10 off classes costing from \$50 - \$100. This discount would come out of the TCM portion of the proceeds, since enticing new members will create a more solid fiscal base. Motion passed.
- Karin - motioned that we have a rule (not by-law) that all active members have an active phone, email, real name and photo on file, with the exception of those who object for religious or philosophical reasons. Motion passed.
- Space planning downstairs before Minne Maker Faire. Karin wants to paint basement; needs to speak to Barry. Already done. Barry's going to talk to owner about window and sill. Karin also wants to install mosaic in basement. Okayed as long as it doesn't negatively impact space in other way.
- Brandon
 - Meeting minutes need to be on the Wiki within a week. Minutes not being seen in a timely fashion.
 - Agenda release to general membership several days before the board meeting. Could do a permissioned Wiki post with agenda listed.
 - Board meetings same night as open meeting night kind of at cross purposes. Hard to have a meeting with outsiders present. Michael explained history of meeting night choice - to give potential members the opportunity to see what was going on, when we didn't yet have a shop.
- Jude expressed concern about transparency issues, and board responsibilities versus officer responsibilities.

Next Meeting

- April 13

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- To be determined.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.