

Twin Cities Maker Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2012 at Hack Factory, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attendees

Attendees: Karin, Dave, Brandon, Bob, Michael (Wayne notified Board he was hospitalized and unable to attend, Riley notified Board unable to attend because of family emergency)

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Agenda

- Old Business
 - Reading of the previous meeting minutes
 - Weapon (e.g.: Hand Gun) Policy
 - Potential PR Minion - Riley
 - 501 (c) 3 update - David
 - School Factory and Springboard for the Arts - Karin
 - Budget Meeting - determine schedule for next meeting
 - Consumables policy - Karin and John S.
 - Updated Equipment Form - John S.
 - Maker Faire Update and schedule for 2013
 - Member meeting/elections for 2012
 - Lease negotiations - new or current Board?
 - Schedule Quarterly Cleanups in conjunction with meetings
 - Potential TCM rebranding to Hack Factory discussion (table for now)
 - Having a monthly Member Meeting for feedback and updates - Scott

- New Business
 - Upcoming events - Karin

Old Business

- December meeting minutes read.
- Brandon noted that even though fees were changed at last meeting, automatic billing notices were sent out several hours thereafter, before changes could be made to the system. Members who paid for January from the automatically generated bill paid at the old rate. It was decided to let members who paid at old rate would not be charged for the difference.
- PR Minion. Riley unable to be at meeting because of family emergency. Tabled.
- 501 (c) 3 update. David took time off from work last week to complete papers. Brandon and Dave updated paperwork last week. Sheila at attorney's office out of office until January 17th; waiting for legal council to advise.
- School Factory & Springboard for the Arts. Strike from agenda pending 501 (c) 3 approval. Direct financial involvement will be irrelevant once TCM becomes an independent non-profit.
- Budget Meeting. Another meeting is scheduled for February. Gather monies spent on different areas of the shop to help in budget estimation before meeting on Thursday, February 2nd at 6:00.
- Consumable policy. Karin hasn't had a chance to get together with John (Shop Manager). Also need a new John, since he has accepted a position out of state.
- Minne Maker Faire 2012. Jude emailed out invites to past attendees. Christmas cards were unavailable in time, plus emailing attendees saved funds. April 14 is next Minne Maker Faire, January 14 is press release call for makers, spots will be closed at end of February. Planning on having Seward supply the food. Jude will look into licensing to see if beer can be sold, or donations accepted. Plan is still tentative, but would like to have tents outside, and have as much outside as possible. Jude wants to talk to landlord to find out how much of the back parking lot can be used. David would like to have one large tent as opposed to a number of smaller art show type tents. Discussed having food trucks cater the event. Profits for food sales at previous Faires was minimal, plus it tied up TCM staff time. Jude is also looking for an assistant or assistant to help run/plan the event.
- Rebranding TCM - table for now. A good time to cover it would be at next Annual Meeting.

New Business

- Weapon policy. Discussion on concealed carry. Michael will check with lawyers and Springboard on policies and advice.
- Member meeting/elections for 2012, and combining Quarterly Cleanups with a potluck and meetings. Monthly member meetings discussed. Believed that there would not be a very large turn-out if done monthly, so decided to be done quarterly. January 31 and March 31 are next Quarterly Cleanups, meetings, and potluck.
 - Would new Board or old Board negotiate the lease? Lease is up May 31, 2012. Discussed. Undecided at this point. It was decided that for financial reasons, it would be most practical to stay at current location for the time being. TCM doesn't have a credit history except with this landlord. However, our landlord will be approached regarding renewing the lease, perhaps month to month, stating that we would prefer to stay here, and also inquiring about other tenant's leases on the chance that if space became available, we might be able to move a portion of the shop to an adjacent location for expansion.
 - Also schedule next quarterly cleanup. Jude would like to schedule next year's Minne Maker Faire so that we can advertise at this year's Faire. Standard Quarterly Cleanups will be last weekends of June, September, January, and March.
 - Should next Annual Meeting be in March or June? June will be busy, kids out of school, March is coming up quickly, but it is believed more members can attend. Board will have lame duck members til June, new board members taking office then. New board members will start attending Board meetings in April, but don't start in their positions until June. New Board members will be elected in March, but Board Officers will not be chosen from elected Board members until June. The March Cleanup and Meeting day will have Cleanup during the day, then potluck around 5:30, then General Member meeting (30 - 60 minutes?) beginning around 6:00 after everyone has food, followed by the Annual Meeting. Dave suggested that Darren be asked if he would be interested in running the Member Meeting, as it would be preferable to have a non-Board member run it. Agenda for Annual Meeting will be covered off-line, approved at and publicized after next meeting in February.
- Upcoming Events. Karin - Hasn't added much lately. Karin will be fairly unavailable first week of February for son's surgery. Dave would like to encourage people to run classes, both for revenue generation and to have events at the space.
- PyStar. Python coding group. Free, anyone can join. Okay for them to have events at the Hack Factory.

- Make Day at Science Museum? Michael will check with them to see if it's happening again this year.
- Finances. Although we can't charge for Paypal to cover their fees, can we charge extra for all electronic transactions? No, an additional fee would have to be across the board, and rates were just raised last month. We received 6 or 7 annual memberships.

Next Meeting

- Currently set to February 14, but another date is being considered to not conflict with Valentine's Day.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- To be determined.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned.