Twin Cities Maker Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2012 at Hack Factory, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attendees

Attendees: Wayne, Dave, Brandon, Bob, Michael, Jude, Karin, Riley, Vince, George

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Agenda

- Old Business
  - Reading of the previous meeting minutes
  - Weapons Policy update from Attorneys
  - Potential PR Minion - Riley
  - 501 (c) 3 update - David
  - Budget Meeting date
  - Consumables policy - Karin and John S.
  - Updated Equipment Form - John S.
  - Minne Maker Faire Update
  - Member General Meeting and elections for 2012
    - Agenda - Elections and other things.
  - Lease - should be voted on in March
  - Family memberships
- New Business
  - Replacement for John S.
  - Upcoming events - Karin
  - Make Day at Science Museum

- Avoid making noise, smell, or inhalation problem on Wednesday nights

- Task someone with taking care of reminder notices for calendar events

- Brandon - talked to a new person at the state and we may not owe sales tax.

Old Business

- Reviewed previous months' minutes.

- Weapons policy - no one is aware of any problem by not having a ban in place, but there is a little more digging to be done. Even with 501 (c) 3 status we wouldn't need one.

- New PR Minion. Andy's girlfriend is stopping by Wednesdsay, will be doing curation and organization. She also does it professionally.

- 501 (c) 3 update - David. Outside of cashing our check, there is no new news.

- Budget Meeting date. Will schedule after Minne Maker Faire. We are still tracking numbers. We will be calculating with yearly budget.

- Consumables policy - Karin and John S. Nothing new.

- Updated Equipment Form - John S. Nothing new

- Maker Faire Update. We have 27 committed for booths. Preview night for "Agony & Ecstasy of Steve Jobs" on evening before Minne Faire - okay with board? Yes. Harriet Island Brewing has committed to bringing product. Another organization has committed one case. Should have gotten the paperwork from MAKE but haven't yet. Posters have been printed. We have some swag from DigiKey. Jude will require confirmation of everyone by end of next week. Looking for 45 people to display. We have 2 food vendors - 2 taco carts. Vega Distribution does not want to sign off on closing the street at the end of the block. Jude has few current minions but has a number for the day of the Faire.

  - Member General Meeting and Elections for 2012. Scott, Becca and Brandon have put their names in the hat for the election. Since Scott is running we should get a new ballot counter. Asked Vince; he accepted. A call for minions for Minne Faire (and other events) should be put in the cover letter for the General Meeting. Send out mail by this Friday.

    - Agenda - Elections.

    - Discussion to vote on change of name at General Meeting: Leave as Hack Factory doing business as Twin Cities Maker (leave things the way they are); leave business name as Hack Factory and operational name to Hack Factory;

or change both to Twin Cities Maker. Jude wants the member list if we vote on this. Vince would like to have this publicly announced and discussed. Discussed; this will not on the agenda for this meeing. We will have a special members meeting June 30 to vote on what our organization's official name will be for the future. This will give plenty of time for members to discuss this.

- Annual Financial Report

- Lease. Should we stay at current space or find a new one? Searches for a new space haven't found anything as usable at a similar cost. We should really have around 9 months preparation to move, and nothing has been found so we will be renewing our lease for another year. It's also nice that electrical and heat are paid for, and that we have 3-phase electricity. We need to ask for the new lease, but it's not due until May.

- Family Membership. Michael talked with Bob E. We need to redo the Membership form, and we can give the primary member a permanent designated guest membership. Only one voting membership for the Family, primary member is the voting member. Want to make sure we get the phrasing right on the membership paperwork. Household Guest can be changed once per year (should not be changed rapidly).

New Business

- Replacement for John S., Shop Manager. Talked to Jeff, and he wants to be Shop Manager. When do we want this to happen? Should have an overlap of a month or so. Jeff could start at the beginning of April and John could resign fully at the beginning of May. Co-heads as of April 1. Approved John designating his replacement.

- Upcoming events - Karin. Welding and Arduino classes. Chris and John will be having a wood class. Wanted to earmark proceeds for woodshop to help pay for new table saw when John leaves. Michael suggested we could have a temporary over-ride to allow this. Approved. Riley reported on Marscon. Talked to many people. Ben Huset is interested in having TCM at other cons, including Minicon over Easter weekend. Riley will take point on it. Minicon does not have comp badges, as Marscon does. Vince wants to put on a Bridgeport class on Saturday, May 5 from 9 - 2 PM, with about 5 people, and possibly every month. Looking for advice on how much to charge, overall price point $50 - $60, depending on material cost. Michael will tentatively assist in teaching. Vince would like Michael to help in creating a sylabus for Bridgeport class. Locksport - Locksport International vs. Tool. Apparently there is a Locksport International Minneapolis (that may be defunct) that meets here on Locksport night. Michael may wind up taking over that chapter.

- Make Day at Science Museum. Still looking for dates. The person at the Science Museum is currently on vacation.
- Avoid making noise, smell, or inhalation problem on Wednesday nights. We don't want to scare off potential new members with unusually noisy projects and tools, or with materials which are unsafe or unpleasant to inhale without special respirators.
- Brandon - talked to a new person at the state, and we may not owe sales tax. He's waiting to hear final answer.

Next Meeting

- April 9

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- To be determined.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned.