

# Twin Cities Maker Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at Hack Factory, Minneapolis, Minnesota

## Attendees

Attendees: Becca, Riley, Karin, Scott, Brandon, Bob, Jeff, Michael F., Wayne, Jude, Josh

## Scribe

Bob Poate

## Agenda

### Old Business

- Reading of previous months' minutes
- Security Cameras
- Fire Extinguishers
- New/additional space search
- NAMAC report
- Official press packet update, communications policy, survey
- Halloween
- Minne Maker Faire 2013

### New Business

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- David unavailable so Becca ran meeting.
- Minutes read and carried.
- Security cameras. Jude's been working, has new box. Electrician will be inspecting next week.
- Fire extinguishers. Jeff was okayed to spend whatever we need to recharge extinguishers whatever we need to make. We are currently at code for number and type of extinguishers.
- New space. No info yet. Add Brandon to list, so ad hoc committee is Brandon, Becca, Bob and Michael F.
- NAMAC report - Riley. Thanks to Scott, Becca, Pete, Alex, Michael F., Michael K,

Sam, Bil, Josh, Becky, Bianca, and Jacob. Aggie Ebrahim Bazaz, NAMAC's program and resource manager said we stole the show. Bringing Makers to space was extremely well received. Hank Shocklee, a founder of Public Enemy played some circuit bent instruments brought in by Beatrix\*JAR. Traffic to our area increased as word of us made it to the masses. TCM made a lot of contacts. Very exciting event. Small work stations where attendees could make something worked really well. From this experience Pete plans on building a smaller portable CNC. Discussed portable travel displays and travel case and tools that can be ready to go at a moment's notice. Riley has a list of business card contacts and will bring them in on Wednesday. Uprights and vinyl signs, one for table one for uprights - was not done for this but do we want to do this for future events? Yes. Get some of the work done tomorrow (Wednesday). It would be beneficial to us as an organization to attend similar events that connect us with other groups that are into making, creating, and educating.

- Official Press Packet Stuff. Michael - Press Packet is functionally done (template) but needs to be fleshed out more. Needs to talk with Jude long term fundraising goals. Michael will share as a Google doc.
- Halloween. Short meeting earlier. For Halloween night we will have Jack O'Lantern carving (bring-your-own-pumpkin), Halloween decorations, hay bails and corn shocks, vacuum forming masks and glue stuff on (glitter), candy to give out to children. \$40 candy budget - get at Costco or where ever, we don't need to get expensive candy at Walgreens. We will grill like normal, with Peter or Riley as Grillmeister. Becca is point person for Halloween event. Miscellaneous needs budget - have by next board meeting. Get plastic Jack O'Lantern, and pass it around at the open meetings; we may not need to get anything for the budget. Jeff will look for a pumpkin tomorrow.
- Minne Maker Fair. Jude - State Fair is probably a no-go. Buildings will still be full; rented out for storage, but they'll see what they can do. They probably have outdoors available but probably not inside. Jude has queried the St. Paul Mayors' office about using the Ford Plant; the showroom is still functional. Also contacted normal event centers including the River Center in St. Paul, Richfield Ice Arena. Budget is up for grabs since there are no hard numbers yet. Logistics costs will likely be higher but event costs lower. MMF also will be used for community outreach fundraising. (Organizations more likely to fund community outreach than individual events since community outreach becomes self sustaining.) Jude wants an email from everyone here for events that we would want to attend, and include a budget both for the event and swag for the event. Examples: Roller Derby, Handmade Music, Handmade Music Master Classes, Learning Festival, NAMAC, Cabaret, specialized classes. Try to explain budget and other numbers a little bit. Anybody with money contacts send those to Jude, and copy Michael F.; we don't want to hit up the same people/groups with more than one person. Also send Jude and Michael contacts of people we have been in contact with for previous events. If we need to have MMF at the Hack Factory, Jude has permission to use the parking lot behind the glass blowers' (elevator peoples' parking lot) for Power Wheels Racers.

## **New Business**

- Josh - The band Myrrh (viola and drum duo) wants to have a record release party at The Hack Factory, and wants to do other projects here. Their CD release party is the night

before quarterly cleanup. Jess with Myrrh - theremin, also wants to do sewing costume making on October 28, and wants to have 3 bands to play here. They'll need to let us know what they need us to bring: PA, stage, etc. They are also interested in some Spaghetti Western event by next January.

- Jimmy - CSE 1001 is a new engineering class at the U of M. Semester long 1 credit class and is required for all engineering students. Although the class is live right now, it's still being designed. First 4 weeks planning on what students will do. Project class, every incoming freshmen is required to take it. Type of projects: small wind generator kit, quad copter blades, solar electricity, housing projects for third world, GPS hive mind car updates, 850 kids will be in this class. Class has little support except for being on U of M roster, they don't have general purpose shop/lab space, only specific space for specific classes. Professor who runs it wants to outreach to Twin Cities Maker and has been invited to come to Wednesday's open house. May be able to make a deal on guest passes 48 hours; we already have 48 hour passes for \$10 if guest is sponsored in by TCM member. If it benefits U of M, maybe TCM could get credits from ReUse Center or something similar. Jimmy's email is lynch374@umn.edu. Should have board meet with professor after tour on Wednesday.
- Scott - On Wednesday after board meeting, have announcement (megaphone) of what went on at board meeting, especially "we need people for this or that other event." Jude - have a blog posting on what happened at the board meeting; Secretary will post.
- Jude - Augsburg College will be at The Hack Factory on September 20th for a found art class.
- Southeast Minneapolis Learning Carnival, September 29 from 1PM to 4PM at Van Cleve Park. Erin will be coming back again on Wednesday to talk to people to show and share their skills and interests. Registration deadline is this Friday and can be done at [www.semcol.org/carnivalregistration](http://www.semcol.org/carnivalregistration). The event is mostly targeted towards children. (This is the same day as our Quarterly Cleanup.)
- Pancakes And Booze Art Show - Saturday the 22nd at the Loft is looking for artists to display art. [www.pancakesandbooze.com](http://www.pancakesandbooze.com).
- Need a blog post on quarterly cleanup. Label stuff you don't want to go to the dumpster.
- Printers. Discussion has been covered in Board emails. After much research, Brandon found a good price on 2 printers, HP 4100 DTNs for black and white printing (possibly 1 by the Ham Station and one in the Classroom) for \$700. We will get free maintenance as long as we buy toner from this company (fair market price for toner). One printer is fairly newish, and the other has a duplexer. We probably don't need 2 large black and white printers, so we may put duplexer from older machine and put it on newer and sell the older one. Discussion: Why are we getting these instead of less expensive Brother printers? A lot easier to control an HP than a Brother. Riley moves to approve, Scott second. Voted, passed.

## Next Meeting

- Tuesday, October 9, 2012

## **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

- To be determined.

## **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned.