Twin Cities Maker Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2010 at Hack Factory, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attendees

Attendees: Michael, Wayne, Brandon, Bob

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Agenda

- Clothesline Racer - approving and finalizing date
- Extend Student and Unemployed Discount in perpetuity?
- Extend $20/month no key fob?
- $10 per weekend guest member?
- Donation thanks structure.
- Retaining membership.

Old Business

- Michael met with our lawyer last week. Stripped draft crap out of Wiki. Lawyer reviewing bylaws and membership waiver. Don't put this (bylaws and membership waiver) into the membership packet, which is also being worked on.
- Electrical upgrade to 3 phase. Brandon spoke with Barry. Electrician is coming in 10/14/2010 and we should know what he finds out by Friday, 10/15/2010.

New Business

- Clothesline racer. Michael emailed out revised rules several weeks ago. General consensus was that rules were acceptable. Wayne and Bob wanted to review them one more time and confirm okay with Michael by 10/14/2010.
- Membership discounts.
    - After discussion, it was decided to drop the $20 no fob summer discount. Only one person had taken advantage of that.
    - The $25 per month Student membership and Unemployed membership will continue.

- $10 per weekend guest. Holding on a final decision until a way to police it has been found. For the time being, it was decided to allow regular members to bring in a guest for $10 for 48 hours ("weekend") and grant them access to the tools once the guest signs the membership waiver, and as long as the sponsoring member is in attendance. Unpaid guests can be at the Hack Factory but can not use tools. Member sponsor has to email TC Maker at the Gmail address, and payment can be made by PayPal or dropped into the kitty.

- Donation thanks structure. Michael will work on donation level names. Names will posted on the main page under Sponsors, and will be linked to a Contributors page. GiveMN should not be listed under Sponsors.

- Opening and closing bank accounts. We currently only have a checking account, but can get better deals if we have 2 accounts. Currently Matthew and Brandon need to be at the bank to do anything. Michael made the motion that the treasurer has the authority to open and close bank accounts with the knowledge of the board. The motion was approved.

- Electrical. We'll have answers by Friday.

- LAN party. We need to contact Brian Hanson. When does he want to do this? We need more information from him. His contact information should be in the office.

- Retaining membership. We're constantly coming to the edge of what we can afford. Michael suggested a promotion. If members bring in new members, the sponsoring member will receive a $5 per month membership discount for every month that the new member is a paying member, for up to 10 months. This will also apply for Student and Unemployed memberships. Over the next week or so, announcements of the promos will be made on the blog.

- Mini Maker Faire in March. It will be branded as an official Mini Maker Faire. Will be contacting MAKE for swag, advertising, etc.

- Classes. Michael will make a blog post for people interested in taking or teaching. Interested parties will contact Dave.

- Additional business consultation? Wayne has a contact who does consulting. There was concern we would be getting confusing/conflicting advice relative to Springboard. We'd at least need additional information from the new consultant before we'd meet with her.

- HMMM and Hack Factory Cabaret. A person needs to be found to run HMMM. Should bring back Hack Factory Cabaret monthly or bimonthly. Michael has someone who could be a longer "keynote" speaker.

- Stogie night? Possibly have the 3rd Wednesday be "Stogie Night."

Action Items

- Finalize okay of Clothesline Racer rules.
- Contact Brian Hanson about LAN party.

Next Meeting

- November 10

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- To be determined.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned without motion.