

# Twin Cities Maker Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2011 at Hack Factory, Minneapolis, Minnesota

## Attendees

Attendees: David, Wayne, Karin, Brandon, Riley, Bob, Michael

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## Agenda

- Old Business
  - Reading of the previous meeting minutes
  - Updating Policy. Policy documentation projects were tabled in May.
  - Consumables issue. Consumables issue was tabled in April.
  - Publicity Committee. Tabled from April.
  - Vice-President confidence vote. Tabled from February.
- New Business
  - Cameras
  - Policy - Minutes and Agenda
  - Red hot art
  - Seward stuff
  - Barbette
  - Red Stag
  - 501
  - School Factory
  - Events - Karin
  - Treasurer's report on member numbers and current funds

- Maker Faire (Detroit)
- Upcoming Events
- Private version of Kickstarter for member projects
- Mr. Ball - Cocoa Communications

## Old Business

- Discussion of Agenda. Currently posted in Minutes area of Wiki. Decided that Minutes should have its' own area so members can find it easily. As Wikimeister, Scott has to build new area.
- Read previous meeting minutes.
- (Actually New Business.) John S. suggested that we set up a sort of private Kickstarter for member projects. People could make donations for local projects.
- Returned to Old Business. Policy documentation documents. Brandon has a list of around 30 documents. Darren and another member are professional policy writers, may be able to help. Discussed how to determine policy with member input: Google groups, email, forum? We currently have 2 Google groups, add 3rd? Most other maker groups use a list serv. Steffin has something which is a list serv. Brandon will work with Steffin and make something happen.
- Consumables issue. What are consumables, and who will pay for them? Some things aren't consumables (hammer, screwdriver), some things are partially consumed (sanding belts, welding tips), and some are used more quickly (gas, wire feed). Maintenance issues/consumption issues/project issues - different levels of consumption. Possibly look for grants or Kickstarter program. Much earlier, 10% of dues was to go to consumables/maintenance. Dave wants to know what we've spent, what we are spending, and what are we proposing to spend. That turns out to be hard to track, expenditure's are all over the place. We haven't been able to afford much til now. Do we want to pay for consumables? Consensus is we do want to at least have basics: screws, sandpaper, etc. John S. needs to be in on this.
- (Actually New Business.) Chris G. arrived, having recently come from a meeting with Mr. Ball of CoCo Communications, a collaborative coworking space in St. Paul. They are located in the old Grain Exchange Building and have an old mechanical grain exchange board, and wants to collaborate with TCM, both to revive the grain board and on other projects. Chris will take point on this and will talk to Michael for marketing and Karin for events. Michael suggested that it may be possible to do some sort of joint membership with them - if a person is a member of one organization they might get a discount at the other. To be discussed further when more information is available.

- Publicity Committee. (Returned to Old Business again.) Michael, Riley, and Cheryl from Frattalone Ace Hardware have been discussing publicity. I3 Detroit has a dedicated PR person and arranged to have Red Green come in for the duct tape Red Green statue. PR is a full time volunteer position, not necessarily for a board member. Needs to be a marketer, working 6 - 8 hours per week. Michael and Riley will talk to Cheryl to see if she's interested.
- Vice-President confidence vote, tabled from February. Discussed, held vote. Passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

- Cameras. Karin has donated 4 cameras. Discussed whether to install cameras for security and to prevent damage to tools. Cameras could be put on doors and on expensive tools. Or a webcam could be aimed across the shop for security and Twitter feed. A web stream could be set up, or post a still every 5 minutes. Cameras are reactive, not proactive. Two cameras could be put on the doors for security, but we need to train our people how to use and respect the tools, not rely on cameras. Karin suggested she and John S. could have a shop intro Wednesday nights, and once a month do a full shop overview. Karin and Jon S. will work on policy and training. Cameras will go on doors, and may eventually go in shop. Update on this at the next meeting.
- Policy - Minutes and Agenda. Brandon wants to have the agenda for the monthly meeting set by 10 PM of the first Wednesday of the month, since the second Wednesday is always the monthly board meeting. Time sensitive subjects that come up later can be added to the agenda, but otherwise need to be tabled until the following month. Meeting minutes should be posted by noon of the Friday following the meeting, barring unusual circumstances (Secretary out of town, etc.). Voted on, passed unanimously. Also, per earlier in the meeting, the Agenda needs to have its' own area so it can easily be found. Follow up with Scott.
- James from School Factory Skyped in to have a conference call with us to discuss what they may be able to do for us, so many points were covered quickly.
- Seward Stuff - meeting on Thursday, Cam and possibly Wayne will meet with them. Barbetta and Red Stag - we don't have anyone yet to cover these. Karin - Events: CAD Solidworks class July 19; Fix or Destroy July 20; Wood Joinery Class July 23, Handmade Music July 25; Quarterly Cleanup August 13; Clothesline Race August 13; Swap-O-Rama Rama September 11; a few more classes will be added: MIG, TIG and Makerbot.
- 501 (c) 3 status, and Treasurer's Report were tabled until next month.

## **Next Meeting**

- August 10

## **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

- To be determined.

## **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned without motion and conference call with School Factory began.