Twin Cities Maker Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2009 at Common Roots Café, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attendees

aluminumfetish, danBackslide, darus67, hootenanny, idris_arslanian, judeling, lewinski, medios, metis - Development Coordinator, MPM, Nicholas Lee, noise, orion - Treasurer, pyrodogg, Theo - Secretary, uptownmaker - President, wammie - Vice President

Scribe

Theo Durbin (Theo) - Secretary

Agenda

- **Old Business**
  - Dues and donations
  - PayPal
- **New Business**
  - Incorporation
  - Member survey
  - Maker Faire Twin Cities

Old Business

- **Dues and donations**
  - Proposed: 50% of early dues can go toward future clubhouse/workshop dues, $10/month maximum
  - Dues money needs to defray 1-time fixed expenses, as well as recurring expenses (overhead)
  - Potentially, grant money could defray 1-time fixed expenses (this is a subject for another time)
  - We need the capability for automatic recurring payments of dues. This will be at the Member's discretion, but it should be encouraged
  - T-shirts can be an incentive for dues-paying members
  - We will begin collecting dues in July
- **PayPal**
  - The Twin Cities Maker PayPal account is now linked to the email address twincitiesmaker@gmail.com

- Add a "Donate Now" button to the front page?
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New Business

- **Incorporation**
    - We plan to file as a nonprofit corporation in the state of Minnesota
    - We may need to tweak the Bylaws before filing, so our Articles of Incorporation are properly compliant
    - We plan to temporarily suspend the 14-day clause for making changes to the Bylaws as the first order of business, at the June 24th business meeting, so we can get the Bylaws compliant in a timely manner
- **Member Survey**
    - We will use Google Docs to create & publish the survey, using a form, rather than SurveyMonkey or other tools
    - We can base our questions on the recent Studio Bricolage member survey
    - We should get a link to the Twin Cities Maker member survey posted on Make:Blog
    - SOME POSSIBLE SURVEY ITEMS:
        - How much can you pay, and how often?
        - What is your zip code?
        - Would you prefer automatic payments?
        - How far would you be willing to travel to get to the clubhouse? The workshop?
        - How would you travel? (mode of transportation)
        - How often would you visit the clubhouse? Workshop? At what times of the day/week?
        - What is your approximate income?
        - Have you attended TCM meetings? Events?
        - How did you find out about Twin Cities Maker?
        - "Other" textbox for notes
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- **Beer break!**
- **Maker Faire Twin Cities**
    - Metis will take lead on this project, as Development Coordinator
    - What venue? -- City park? Residential street, with closure permit? Brookdale parking lot?
    - One whole day? More? Less?
    - Coincide with Art-a-Whirl?

- NETWORKING CONTACTS:
  - MakeTV (specifically Nick Watts?)
  - Chicago Ave Fire Arts (CAFAC)
  - Ax-Man
  - Soap Factory
  - USS Nokomis
  - Hard Times Cafe (the tall bikes folks hang out there)
  - Science Museum
  - SCA
  - Make:Blog
  - U of M extension program
- Ice Shanties coordinator
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Memorable Quotes

- None recorded

Next Meeting

- June 24, 2009
- Common Roots back room will not be available
- Possibilities:
  - Lunds in Uptown, upstairs room?
  - Grumpy's bar? (would this be an over-21-only option?)
  - Idris_Arslanian's basement?

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Not available

Adjournment

- **Motion to close business:** Passed, business closed