

Board Meeting Agenda (and Notes)

May 18, 2017

Attendance: Timm, Evan, James, Sean, John, Grant (by phone), Dawn, Karen

Absent Board Members: Tony

Treasurer's Report (Consent Agenda)

1. Finances and membership (John)

a. Current members: 74



Figure: Membership Count History.

---> All members are welcome to details from Treasurer's Report - join us for a monthly board meeting.

2. Board reviewed Consent Agenda above (Treasurer's Report)

- a. Discussion: Would board like both "breakdown of costs", which was previously the expenses/revenue section, or the new Xero table of that?
 - i. Board says just Xero is good.
- b. Consent Agenda approved by the board.

3. Wild Apricot renewal (Sean)

- a. Membership cycle note : latest 2 members joined completely via WA. Exciting. But the way it's configured their billing cycle renews on the 12th. Not a problem with WA, but could start to be complicated without it. Let me know right away if we should make an effort to avoid this (so that everyone renews on the 1st of each month).

New Business

1. 2017 Board Elections

- a. Call for nominations in person, add to those submitted electronically, in the dues box, and previously in conversation.
- b. At close of nominations, looking at gaps and clumps in the roles, to see if shifting is helpful. Ask those impacted if ok.
- c. Survey will be sent out to members via email only, and kept open for 7 days. Reminders to open email and vote will be sent on Slack.
- d. Slate:
 - i. President: Karen
 - ii. Secretary: Dawn
 - iii. CEO: James
 - iv. Treasurer: Sean
 - v. Director-at-large: John
 - vi. Runoff for Vice-President: MyRanda, Grant
 - vii. Director-at-large: MyRanda, Grant
- e. Motion on having a handoff meeting (6/1/17): Not carried

2. Briefly revisit the “starving hacker” nomenclature - (Sean)

- a. Member found it offensive
 - i. Board votes to disagree unless there are further complaints. “Starving hacker” is intended to convey “starving artist”, and not intended in an offensive manner; we haven't come up with a better turn of phrase.
- b. Member found requests for labor contribution ambiguous, and onerous
 - i. Useful chores have been suggested and posted around the shop. Member's discussion of “onerousness” was based on their financial valuation of their time.
 - ii. Dawn suggests that if a member has a suggestion for other tasks, speak to a board member to discuss if there are questions. The list of suggestions is a list of suggestions, not an exhaustive list.

3. Review member level prices, so we're all on the same page.

- a. Regular \$50, Student/Senior \$25, Starving Hacker \$25 + 2 hrs help, Family/Spouse \$25, Scholarship \$5

4. UPS for servers

- a. <http://a.co/eMP86Hq> - \$429.95 each
- b. Keeps the servers up when power goes out; roughly 1 hour
- c. Reliability for RFID system
- d. Servers have two power supplies; will plug each supply into a different UPS (2 UPS's total)
- e. Good quality, clean power
- f. Peter Liethen uses them at work, gave approval
- g. Spread over two months so as not to be a big hit to cash flow?
- h. Board is concerned about price point; Timm will do more research on something that's not as good but which is... not so pricy.

5. Fair price for old laser cutter

- a. Do we want to sell? Decision based on James' findings on new cutter.
- b. Brand new models just like our's go for about \$1370 shipped on eBay
- c. One-one Thousand is interested--contact through Karen
- d. Motion to keep the laser: Passes
- e. Motion to set up separate color-coded cash boxes for each laser: Passes
 - i. The old laser has some functionality the new one doesn't - specifically, it can etch taller/larger items, like wine glasses and toolboxes, because it has a deeper bed. We'll set up separate cash boxes to track usage, and revisit in six months.

6. Review formatting for board agendas

- a.

Old Business

1. Membership software update

- a. Wild Apricot
 - i. We're switching. YAY. This coming month will be all WA payments, all the time.
 - ii. UWCU payments have been grandfathered and will not incur fees. All paypal recurring payments must be through WA but will not incur fees. Cash/check payments will incur a \$3 fee per month, as will non-recurring paypal payments.
 - iii. Some concern that we will lose members who are just automatically paying and will not put in the effort to sign up again.
 - iv. Bills will be going out 5/21. AAAH!

- v. As a counterpoint to possible losses, someone did sign up entirely online as a gift for someone else, which is cool.

2. Madison Maker Faire update

- a. We had a booth, did a make-and-take block printing, Karen did an edge-lighting workshop.
- b. Fave topics: arcade, e-nable display,
- c. Karen suggests a checklist of “stuff that should be in the go-bag”, including a “grab before leaving” list.

3. Member Fun Nights update

- a. The Expanse viewing nights starting in August
- b. Other movie nights in the meantime. John volunteers to do one.
- c. Grant/Caroline hold a weekly “Study Hall” event at home, would be willing to bring that to the Bodgery once a month
- d. Grill out for Memorial Day? Timm says yes, will host.

4. Power update

- a. Update on quote/interaction with Electrician
- b. James spoke with him earlier this week, who said he was behind but would get back to us soon. (It’s been 2 days and we’re waiting)

5. Vending Restocking update

- a. Karen handed vending and petty cash money to Sean, who will keep it all in a lockbox, which Dawn is looking for. John will purchase it.
- b. Sean and Karen worked out a deal for petty cash, which includes vending.

6. Motion Heatmap (Sean)

- a. Update?
- b. *Sean has been working on this actively, hopes to debut the prototype soon.*

7. Summer Classes / Membership Drive / Education Cmte Update

- a. Update: schedule one class/week, May-Aug
- b. Karen and Dawn have plans to run one.

8. Members Meeting

- a. Turn it into a “Member Open Mike Night”, for show-and-tells, ask a question, etc.
- b. Set at First Mondays of the month

9. Meeting got long, so adjourned at 9:33 pm

----Tabled to next month----

10. Digital Display update

a.

11. **Suggested group project:** Preparing Bodgery flyers for distribution. We could probably get this done quickly with some expertise, and then go paper the town. (Or, you know, relevant bulletin boards.)

a. They're running free designing again, we should apply.

b. (Business cards were printed by Karen at the Game Crafters. Agreed that we should look into options.)

c. James notes that we can make elaborate laser-cut stuff too, when it really counts.

i. *Tabled to next month*

13. Outreach for Diverse Membership

a. Motion to make 12"x18" membership rate sheet, laminated tour agenda sheets, to better advertise partner rate.

ii. Board is agreed that this applies only to a \$50/month membership + partner membership. For instance, if two married senior citizens are members, they could choose 2 senior memberships (\$25 x 2), or the standard partner membership (\$50 + \$30).

iii. Board is agreed that partner memberships should be paid in a single payment, from one account.

iv. Tony offers to laminate agenda sheets as needed.

v. *We have a laminator!*

15. Dust Collection in Woodshop

i. Given the report on the dangers from fine dust, we should examine our dust-collection mechanisms for safety concerns.

ii. Recommendations: In the new shop,

1. close off woodshop (even from metal shop for fire danger),

2. vent the dust-collection system to the outside,

3. utilize fine dust filters, and

4. run an air-cleaning system during woodshop use (in addition to dust collection).

iii. Note: high-quality dust-collection systems are expensive. Here's one that's highly regarded for air quality/safety.