

# Board Meeting Agenda (and Notes)

November 16, 2017

**Attendance:** John, Sean, Karen, Myranda, James, Dawn, Luke, Timm

**Absent:** None

## Treasurer's Report (*Consent Agenda*)

- **Current members: 88**

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

Board reviewed Consent Agenda above (Treasurer's Report)

Consent Agenda: Approved.

## New Business

### Vacuum Former

Luke presented costs associated for the vacuum former. Footprint of the machine would be similar to the arcade, with smaller options roughly 10" smaller on one side.

Note: This machine uses upwards of 10,000 v at 220a at a 75 amp circuit in a single pull. Machine should be proofed to avoid using maximum draw. Need to ensure appropriate wiring for the tool to operate.

Machine will have a safety mechanism in place to avoid overuse.

Cost for larger machine is \$2,230.

Karen suggested breaking the expenses into segments to enable a "pause" in case of the need to move, fundraise, etc.

Where is this tool going to live in the shop?

Luke will provide the initial cost, and we will vote on it when data is available.

### Trash

Our trash cans fill up too fast and the wood scrap pile is getting out of control.

Time to look at getting a dumpster. Just trash, not recycling, for now.

Landlord has asked us to take care of the scrap pile outside ASAP.

Cost of new trash bins is a one time fee of \$60 ea

Dumpsters are paid monthly, \$184/month for smallest bin available

4' x 6' x 5' is \$228/mo

In interim, John is posting to the public to see if anyone wants scrap wood for their own nefarious purposes.

Space would need to be approved to park the dumpster.

**Karen proposes that we purchase 3 bins (one recycle, 2 trash) @ \$180 Motion passes.**

**Planer:** Turn Red tool, charge usage fees, or other?

- Replacement blades cost \$45each
- Every time they blade is dull or damaged, an area captain has to take the time to change/sharpen them. This has been multiple times a month for a while.
- If you see something, say something: Members need to alert others if they see equipment being used improperly.
- Karen proposes a trial of making the tool red. Classes would be given to recertify, even if you were trained in the past, training would be required.
- Possible option to install an interlock, use a sign in sheet in the meanwhile.
- John proposes charging a fee for guest usage, and/or limiting times for guests to ensure monitoring. Fee should be daily, as hourly would encourage abuse.

**Proposal to try using a \$10 per session fee (for guests) with a sign in sheet (for anyone) and starting fresh with a tool signoff list with approval from trainer before allowing usage. -- Approved.**

## **Review Wunderlist Tasks**

### **Starving Hackers**

We need to contact this group of members individually, find a way of keeping everything accountable to keep the work situation equitable. Should we have members log their tasks in their own words, or use a checklist? Use dues box-- work is part of dues. Subcommittee should be formed.

### **Minor Member Policy**

Members must be 18 to join. Minors may use tool if their parents have been trained on the tool as well.

**Propose the minimum age for membership be lowered to 16, with the caveat that minors may not host other minors. Motion Approved.**

Minor Membership form needs to be created, so that a parent can approve their membership.

### **Minor Tool Policy**

Any age may be trained, with their parent.

Parent must be present to supervise while the minor is operating the tool.

## Shop Improvement Day

- Review To Do List
- Make Prep List - assign tasks

## Member Engagement

Getting members more involved will help strengthen our community and relieve stress and work off board. Should improve the way shop runs and morale/interaction amongst members.

Options:

- Mentor program
  - Assign each new member a mentor, preferably in their preferred shop area.
- Board Member Pets
  - Each board member pick another member or two to focus on and engage with. Try to recruit them to be more involved. Give them specific tasks, jobs, power/responsibility.
- Create new positions(officially unofficial)
  - Stock captain
    - Have a checklist to regularly do inventory checks to make sure we aren't running out.
    - Saw blades, paper towel, Kleenex, hand soap, Sharpies, toilet paper
  - Vending Captain
    - Take stock of fridge and cabinet on regular basis.
    - Report
  - Zone Event Organizer
    - Plans classes and workshops with focus on tools/projects in their zone.
- Recruit more members to teach classes
  - Con: requires more work of event planner to keep everything organized and done by the book.
- More Tool check-off instructors
  - Train interested members to teach classes for tool check-offs
  - Relieves some obligations off area captains
  - Helps fill a void we have for tool training

## Consider new membership entry (via i3)

Check out this page and how they do things now. Would be interesting for member education.

[https://www.i3detroit.org/wiki/New\\_Member\\_Orientation](https://www.i3detroit.org/wiki/New_Member_Orientation)

Please review.

## Class fees:

Non-members are currently charged 20% (not including materials fees) for the use of the Bodgery's tools/space/etc while teaching a class there.

- Should we charge members 20%? Or make it optional?
- Discussion, and vote:

## Announce List (Karen)

# Old Business

### Members-only events

- Ideas?
  - Craft - Intro sewing project with help: bag, pillow, mending
  - Electronics - Pi, Arduino Hacking- Project idea vs general tinkering?
- Poll results: Focused Hack Night, Tool Demo Day, Shop Project Day
- Find hosts for these. Invite non-core group members to host. Approach individually.

### Follow-Up on Sponsored Memberships

- Local businesses or individuals would pay \$25/month to sponsor a “Starving Hacker” member, (turning it into a full one so we could have more SH’s than our 10% limit). Getting started: Mike is willing to sponsor 12 months of discounted membership.
- How/where to track it? Units = 1 Member month. Track who donated, and who/when received.
- Can this be done via Wild Apricot? Record the donations/sponsorships.
- Form asking sponsor if they want to be anonymous, or receive a “Donated by” plaque above member wall.
- **Let’s check into IRS rules** - is this a donation write off, or payment for services?
- John will look into the website mechanics that accept donations, to make them more obvious/easier to use.

### Create Bodgery Amazon Account (Sean)

Done! Can supply credentials at meeting as necessary. Will need to resolve shipping address since we’re not on site at all times. Send to John? --Sean

### Task List App for the Board (Wunderlist)

- Is it working?

Adjourned at 9:30