



**Board Meeting Minutes May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<p><i>Minutes Approval: July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019</i></p>	<p><i>Yea:</i> Laura Miller, Gary Miller, Jared Reynolds, Sandra May, Chelsea Bailey, Jessica Livingston</p>	<p><i>Nay: none Abstaining: none Missing: Nancy Paul, Lisa Stockwell</i></p>
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**Attendees:** Laura Miller, Gary Miller, Jared Reynolds, Sandra May, Chelsea Bailey, Nancy Paul, Lisa Stockwell

**Apologies:** Jessica Livingston

Our May 2019 meeting convened at 11:32 am on 5/16/19 in Room 107 Farnum Hall at NHTI, space made possible by Lisa Stockwell :).

Following introductions for the benefit of our newest members, Jared updated us on 1MillionCups. Meetings will now move to the Hotel Concord in the first floor conference room. Lisa will post signs at NHTI alerting anyone who misses our updates about the change in location. Laura advised she has videos of past presentations which she will upload to the MakingMatters YouTube channel. We discussed the challenges of recruiting speakers and the national group's goal of offering mentoring. We will see if the SCORE organization, who recently partnered with us to offer a class on Marketing via Instagram, can be of assistance in recruiting presenters. Nancy will reach out to the Business and Industry Association to ask that they cover 1MillionCups in their newsletter.

Our first gathering of 1MillionPints was small but very enjoyable and was a strictly social event. We will continue to hold this soiree quarterly.

Jared will contact the High Tech Council for increased visibility for 1MillionCups; they are also a possibility to present.

At 11:51 Laura alerted the board that as we lack a coffee sponsor, Jared has been covering this expense himself and Laura moved that the group assist with his incurred expenses. Sandra seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Our pending grant applications were discussed and Sandra reminded the group that an accounting of our volunteer hours would be useful going forward. Nancy noted that some but not all organizations do not count time spent by board members but we can certainly use the expert hours donated by others, and in some instances our own. Jared will re-post the link to the spreadsheet.

Laura, Chelsea and Nancy reported on a promising visit they made to the PACE charter school, who can potentially help us get into a first space by sharing a new building they are acquiring just outside the Concord limits. It was previously a small engine/tool manufacturing facility and easily lends itself to the industrial applications we have been discussing. Very little work would be needed to open the doors, although there is no elevator and we might want a platform lift to make the upstairs acceptable. A mutually beneficial arrangement could provide property tax relief, plus opportunities for joint fundraising and mentoring. Jared will meet with contacts at the Town of Pembroke to see if there is enthusiasm about homing a Makerspace.

Discussion turned to the NH Gives drive of June 11th. Our efforts will encompass an aggressive social media campaign, a temporary banner on our website, newsletter copy, a reachout to our Slack volunteers, and perhaps production of a video on how the proposed makerspace will improve quality of life and provide mentorship

The NH Makerspace Council is meeting at Manchester on June 4th. Jared and Chelsea will attend this session, which is to have a special presenter.

Several additional networking, awareness, and fundraising initiatives were contemplated including:

- Makefest at Nashua June 8th, where we could have a table. We may also want to attend the "Radically Rural" 2 day summit in Keene.
- launching a Concord food truck festival,
- conducting a Kickstarter campaign,
- partnering with local metal artist Vivian Beer on a symposium (or having her speak at 1MillionCups),
- getting a table at NH Made
- Jared brought up a potential partnership at a restaurant in Canterbury for food events.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 1 pm as several board members had other commitments to attend to.

Sandra asked our new board members to provide head shots and bios for the web site. Bios are still needed from a couple of other board members.