



Board Meeting Minutes March 9th, 2021

<i>Minutes Approval 4/22/2021</i>	<i>Yea: Ben Braggins, Bill Yaccopucci, Sandra May, Jared Reynolds, Andrew Heath</i>	<i>Nay: none Abstaining: none Missing: Ron Merrill, Jen Cook</i>
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Attendees: Jared Reynolds, Sandra May, Andrew Heath, Ben Braggins, Bill Yacopucci

Apologies: Jen Cook, Ron Merrill

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm. Sandra suggested introducing a “Consent Agenda” segment for future meetings to contain ratification of electronic votes and approval minutes, and other items that require minimal time.

Jared led a discussion of Victories! including reduction of donations of furnishings we have not identified a use for, the introduction of well-delineated rentable storage plots and selling our tax credits. Andrew also thanked the board for their support for a possible May artistic event, even if it will not take place in 2021. We have also met many of our Q1 goals.

Bill reported on our infrastructure improvement efforts. He will be coming through the space with two contractors this evening to review expansion of the artist studio area. There are several items he will be discussing with building management, some regarding the existing systems as well as the fire department’s request for emergency access through the rear of the building.

Avenues of pushing out marketing efforts were proposed. Andrew asked whether reducing the Open Houses to monthly would actually mean more people would attend. Sandra suggested a compromise in which we did a push to hold monthly demos. Ben is willing to work at the Glowforge during our next open house. We are looking forward to new coverage by the Concord Monitor and there are opportunities to run blogs about the space elsewhere.

Sandra discussed the Treasurer’s reports provided in the board packet for this meeting. While we had multiple sources of new revenue the need to establish more recurring income continues. She then requested a vote on the minutes from February. Ben moved to accept them, Bill seconded, and all members present voted aye.

Andrew reported on the Route 3 Arts Trail initiative. The group is meeting in two weeks; we expect to rent space to artists for the duration of the event. The date is not yet finalized. Grant funding is to go to promotion and to pay artists to do demonstrations... the artists themselves have not yet been identified. The public arts project originally envisioned may or may not be funded. Jared indicates \$1500.00 can be

set aside for the artist demos as well as materials. There was discussion of artist board members taking part but it would be vastly preferable for other demonstrators to be found. Andrew will ask a contact in the Guild if he will run a lathe demo, and Ben will speak with artists he knows from Renaissance fairs. We need both the date and the names of the artists to finalize our grant application.

Jared moved to accept \$2,610.00 to pay artists, pay for the space rental and market the event. We will accept additional funding for a public art project should it become available. Andrew seconded the motion. All present voted to approve Jared's motion. We will notify the Rt 3 Art Trail of our vote. On the broader topic of artistic events in the space, the Board agrees they are willing to occasionally close down portions of the makerspace in order to support artistic/making events as long as there is a clear plan for the initiative with tangible benefits to the space. Bill adds we need to be able to provide our members with adequate notice.

We briefly discussed the annual member meeting, but aside from agreeing we should plan for an entirely virtual session the topic was tabled for a management meeting of 3/17/21 at 1pm. At 2:47, the Board entered Executive Session.