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BIG EVENTS

Revised Articles of Inc. and Bylaws passed by members

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF BRIDGEWIRE
Amended and Restated

Abstract
This document is one of a set of documents which govern Bridgewire, Inc.
The Hierarchy is:
1. Articles of Incorporation (Controlled by Member votes)
2. Bylaws (Controlled by Member votes)
3. Policy Manual (Controlled by Board of Director votes)

An unanimous vote of proxy and personal votes totaling over 2/3 of the membership was compiled on December 16th which ratified updates to the Articles and Bylaws. These changes reflect IRS language required for our application to obtain 501C3 status with the IRS. The Revised and Restated Articles have been filed with the state. We anticipate the state will approve in the first week of January. Then we will file a 1023EZ form with the IRS which according to the IRS will take about 2 to 3 weeks for approval. We are that close.

THE BOARD DECISIONS

The Board decided to sell the Large CNC Mill/Router in the woodshop. This decision was reached after Roger removed his portion of the Mill which left us with ½ a machine. We determined that the machine that was left had many short comings and would take significant effort and money to refine. Rather than rebuild a poor machine, we decided to sell and start over from scratch. The money raised from the sale will pay for about 80% of a new machine which we can design and build to be much easier to use and more reliable.

The Board decided to revive the Policy Committee to correct errors and clarify areas of the Policy Manual. In addition, some changes will be discussed and implemented. The initial meeting is scheduled for January 21st from 2-3pm. Click on the calender on the last page to learn more.

EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

Education Chairperson, John Tomascheski has conducted his initial Cmte meeting. Several members have agreed help and advisor the cmte to develop a plan, processes, and implementation of our education plan. John has proposed that a major portion of the plan will include classes/events with Big Brothers/Sisters. He has a passion to develop a schedule of classes which will help us meet our main purpose, education.

To help, contact John at renoscuba1@gmail.com.

FIX-IT Workshop Eric Bradford, a mechanical engineer, has scheduled a weekly workshop on Saturdays 12-1:30pm. This workshop is an opportunity for any member or non member to bring in their broken mechanical or electromechanical items and be guided through the repair process. The purpose of this workshop is to teach you how to teardown and evaluate your broken item. To learn more, click on the calendar at the end of this newsletter and click the calendar item.

FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Facilities Chairperson, Matt Miller is looking for a little help to refine the shop. If you have a special shop of interest, you will probably be contacted to help that part of Bridgewire. The inaugural meeting of the Facilities Committee will be held January 19, 2017 at 6:30pm. All who wish to roll up them sleeves are encouraged to join us during this meeting and Open Space Night. We will be touring each shop within Bridgewire with the big to-do list for the year.

Charter Spectrum Business **faster internet speed** has arrived. That's 60Gbps download and 8Gbps upload. Installation was completed on December 6th. In addition to the internet, we now have a phone. Our number is 775-507-4063. The phone is a speaker phone with a touchscreen interface that is similar to your smartphone. There is no handset. This phone is for emergencies and Bridgewire business needs. It is not meant as a phone for personal calls except to contact others when you forgot your cell or your battery died. It is located at the front desk.

GoodBye CNC We made a large change in the shop. The Large CNC Router for wood has been sold and removed. We now have a space which will be temporarily reserved for the facilities committee to manage and remove materials and assets from the shop.

Long term options with the space and money from the sale will be discussed by the board with inputs from the members at the next members meeting.

Lastly, our member Blake is continuing his Safety + Hygiene project to feed us better food while raising money for janitorial services. Prices are marked on the magenta label. He is using the honor system. Pay for your items in the Black Box under the orange cabinets. We hope to have a status of this project for next months newsletter.

CLICK on Calendars to go to Bridgewire Calendar with interactive event details.

Bridgewire Calendar

January 2017

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 New Year's Day (observed)	3 6 pm - 7 pm BW Board Meeting	4	5 6 pm - 9 pm Open Space Night	6 8 pm - 10 pm Movie Night - Jason Bourne	7 12 pm - 1:30 pm FIX-IT Workshop
8	9	10 7 pm - 8 pm BW Members Meeting	11	12 6 pm - 9 pm Open Space Night	13	14 12 pm - 1:30 pm FIX-IT Workshop
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18 5 pm - 8 pm Nevada Inventors Association - Monthly Meeting/Lecture	19 6 pm - 9 pm Open Space Night 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Facilities Committee Inaugural Meeting	20 6 pm - 9 pm Game Night	21 12 pm - 1:30 pm FIX-IT Workshop 2 pm - 3 pm Policy Committee Initial Meeting
22	23	24	25	26 6 pm - 9 pm Open Space Night	27	28
29 1:30 pm - 3 pm Education Committee Meeting	30	31	1	2 Groundhog Day 6 pm - 9 pm Open Space Night	3	4 12 pm - 1:30 pm FIX-IT Workshop

ALL MEMBERS, If you would like to add an event. Press the “Add Event” button on the calendar at bridgewire.org Schedule your event with details and contact info. The new event will be hidden until an officer reviews and makes it public. Your events can be any project you want to share or get help with.