



# Memphis Area Geographic Information Council (MAGIC)

Special Conference Meeting: 10/24/2014  
Location: Memphis Pizza Cafe  
Time: 5:00 pm  
Prepared by Sam Russell

## MINUTES

### **Board members present:**

Justin Abart, Tom Lawrence, Carlton Ray, Cori Holloway, Lauren (Bryant) Patterson, Rick Wery, & Sam Russell.

Those absent included: Tehrian Martin, Nate Ron-Ferguson, Zinnia Ron-Ferguson, Timothy Zimmer, Marie Holyfield, Josh Thompson, Keith Reasons, Lindsay Barrios, Harrison Witt, Shawn Anderson, Andrew McColgan, Matt Hanks, Scott Trapolino, & Arnisa Davis.

The meeting started about 5:08 with no quorum and Justin leading the discussion. Carlton reported that there were 69 registrations.

One main topic for discussion was Food Issues: a detailed grocery list was developed by the group and recorded by Lauren. She and Rick volunteered to help Marie and Matt (and Tehrian). The groceries for refreshments and breakfasts will be coordinated through Marie as in the past. There will be access to water but not to ice (NOTE: corrected on Site visit... there IS ACCESS TO ICE). Fresh fruit and yogurt need refrigeration so they were eliminated if there would be no ice. The list generally mirrored what was done last year. The issue of coffee was again discussed with Lauren offering to get commercial quotes but with coordination with Marie. The luncheon on Thursday is with Central BBQ (BBQ and veggie options) and the Lenny's on Friday with Hot & Cold trays and veggie options.

We will have access to the site at 2pm on Wednesday.

The method of putting together the "goodie bags" was raised with Andrew acquiring them (we think) and Marie with help stuffing them as has occurred in the past. Concern was expressed over too many duties for Marie, it was resolved that there would be help and support from the Board as needed. And, as plan "B" the "goodie bags" could be prepared at registration as people checked in.

The number of sponsors and who could be sponsors was re-visited. There are now nine (9) sponsors, two additions from the last meeting CPGIS & Geo Jobe have sent in money and have been inserted as speakers. The opinion was expressed that we should still try to get Pictometry.

Justin discussed options for the Map ID game idea.

Tom will purchase the gift cards for prizes like last year.

There are no plans for an evening event on Thursday night except for the Geo-caching that Scott said he would prepare and "run". Justin mentioned the possibility of a small sponsored reception for Thursday night, but there is nothing definite at this point. Jason Duke is going to have to go back to Cookeville on Thursday afternoon so there will not be a hotel room for him on Thursday night (only Wednesday night). It was recommended that some of the Board entertain him on Wednesday night.

There was discussion of the agenda and where to place speakers or how to arrange items. General consensus was for the committee to "handle it" using their best judgement.

Sam offered to contact Tehrian and conduct a site visit early next week. This was heartily endorsed. Several specific questions that could be answered through the site visit included: what about Wi-Fi and internet; what about laser pointers; what about microphones; is there a pc for the speaker; what about the powerpoint presentations; etc.

Meeting officially ended about 6:30 and some stayed until 'who knows when'.