



## Meeting Minutes

01/21/2012

### Location

Huntsville Madison County Public Library  
12PM-2PM

### Members Present

Franklin Atkins, Chris Bolton, Matt Calahan, Pete Campbell, Adam Chesler, Jennifer Garlen, Trey Hale, Charles Naumann

### Minutes

- The club now has the “Cult of LEGO” book available for any member to enjoy.
- There is a “major retailer” opportunity in the works with LEGO. More details to come.
- Junior clubs are growing fast. Angela’s is full, Robin’s has six and is growing, a third is in the works .
- Officer elections: Pete Campbell was elected President/Webmaster, Jennifer was elected Vice President/PR Chairperson and Chris was elected to be Secretary and appointed LEGO Ambassador.
- BrickFair report: Charles, Chris, Curt, Jennifer, Matt, Pete and Trey attended and all had a good time. The relatively small size was nice as it allowed easier participation in events and activities. Curt won “Best Little Thing” for his trebuchet and Chris made an excellent Bingo caller. Charles also got a lot of interest for his Rubik’s Cube solver. If it does become a yearly event for us we would like to make it our largest display.
- Set drafts were discussed for the year. We’d like to incorporate these into our meetings more consistently and add some variety. Possibly by pooling into large sets like the Birmingham club does.
- Birmingham LEGO store: We enjoy a very good relationship with Michael and his store. He will give us access to all pick-a-brick materials and will ship items to us if need be. Not sure if we can buy by the box, but need to check.
- Nashville LEGO store: We’ve been asked to help with the ribbon models. We’ve also discovered a TennLUG member in the Nashville area who has expressed some interest in attending our displays.
- LUGBULK: Scott will submit our wish list 1/27. We’re almost maxed out, though there’s room for some changes.
- Displays for 2012: There was a really good discussion on show plans for the year. If BrickFair becomes a regular occurrence, do we want to do 3 a year? If not, it was mentioned that we could drop the Depot show. It’s the least attended, most expensive for visitors and the shortest, making the work to setup and tear down less attractive. Regardless, we’d like to add more variety to the shows such as Technic, NXT, Great Ball Machine, etc...
- The club name was also discussed. Along the lines of looking to attract new members it was mentioned that there have been cases where the name “Train Club” has discouraged AFOLs from joining in the past. Realizing that our shows are important and that the motion elements, such as trains, are keys to these displays there was still strong support for considering a more inclusive club name, such as “LUG”. This too was left open for discussion.
- Charles shared a device available from Digi-Key that could add sound to MOCs.
- Jennifer offered to look into engraved brick name tags for the club, for which there was much interest!
- Jennifer also mentioned that Kevin with The LEGO Group would gladly wear a club shirt to work if provided one. The club was advised to consider chipping in to get him one as this would be some nice “advertising” for the club.
- Show and Tell: Charles showed off his Mindstorms Rubik’s Cube solver, Trey displayed another nice train, Chris displayed a trestle design and Matt brought his Power Functions Excavator.