

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Board of Directors Meeting

Location: virtual via Zoom

Date: 2/23/22, 6:30pm

In attendance: Jon Siegel, Mike DiMaggio, Jim Forbes, Peter Breu, Dave Foote, Peter James, Claude Dupuis, Elliot Savitzky, Gary Canning, Bob Wyatt, Tony Immorlica, Jim Seroskie, Stan Paras

1. **President** Jon has asked Stan Paras to join the BOD. A motion to accept was made by Peter Breu and seconded by Claude Dupuis. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that this brings the BOD to the maximum established in the Bylaws to 13 members.

2. **Secretary** A motion to accept the minutes of the 1/26/22 BOD meeting as sent to members was made by Mike DiMaggio and seconded by Jim Forbes. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Seroskie noted that he had just put on the website the BOD minutes for meetings since 7/21 with the exception of 10/21. No minutes have been found – there is just an agenda for that meeting. The secretary should send him the BOD minutes once approved so that they can be put on the website. Also, those minutes will be forwarded to the sub group heads by David Foote.

3. **Treasurer** Jim Forbes noted that he had sent BOD members the current report and hopes that his budget for 2022 will be approved. Meeting costs for the anticipated 3 general meetings will be budgeted at \$2750 which includes \$1200 for speaker fees. A motion was made by David Foote to move \$1200 to the general fund from the grants budget to simplify the budgeting. Seconded by Jim Seroskie and passed by unanimous approval. **Jim Forbes will change his budget and this will be voted on at the March BOD meeting.**

4. **Grants and Sunapee** David Foote made a motion to move \$700 from the BIG sub group to the Period Furniture sub group to cover the request made previously by Elliot. Seconded by Jim Forbes and passed unanimously.

David had a conversation with Miriam Carter of the League about the Sunapee Fair. The Guild will pay the entirety of the tent cost (anticipated \$3000.) Miriam said there would be “different protocols” this year but that was not further explained. There is budgeted \$600 for the awards made by the Guild and \$300 for miscellaneous expenses.

David explained that we should plan to disburse \$25,000 in our grant fund over a 5 year period. **Jon authorized David to establish a subcommittee to focus on making those grants.**

5. **Membership** Jim Seroskie thought that the membership may be peaking now at approximately 715. He does not believe that there will be any significant drop off based on the history of the Guild's membership.

6. **Journal** The next issue is coming together well with some articles already received and edited. Phil Kinsler is assisting with the editing of text. There will be 2 Journals this year with Spring issue budgeted at 88 pages and Fall issue budgeted at 40 pages.

Jim S. went on to explain that he did some research to determine what percentage of the members want to belong to a subgroup; it is about 60% which adds to the importance of the subgroups.

7. **Website** Jim Seroskie showed the work he has been doing to create a new website using Wordpress and the plug-ins associated with that software. He hopes that the new website will allow greater flexibility as well as user friendly function.

8. **Home Show** Mike DiMaggio and Bob Wyatt are organizing our booth. They are still looking for more volunteers to man the booth.

9. **Covid Policy** Elliot asked that the BOD be aware of changes in policies, explaining that in enforcing the current Guild policy at sub group meetings he has met with some criticism. Jon said that it is important to understand that this is a fluid situation, but for now the current policies are still in place. Peter James commented that streaming meetings is still very important so that all members can see the meetings.

10. **Videography** – Gary Canning asked to purchase a new wireless microphone for a total of \$190. The motion was made by Elliot, seconded by Claude and passed unanimously.

Claude recently filmed Jon doing spindle turning for the next turner's meeting. Jon asked if we should be recruiting more videographers. It was suggested that the current volunteers be listed, and that there possibly be monthly Zoom meetings for them to help them discuss issues and learn how to make better videos.

11. Mentor Program – Mike DiMaggio emailed the BOD his current mentor questionnaire and would like input from the BOD before sending it to the general membership. This will be discussed at the March BOD meeting.

12. **Makerspace Subcommittee** Bob Wyatt created a document detailing the Makerspaces in NH with contact information as well as details about past connections made by the Guild including grants given. This is a very useful start to further the Guild's work with the Makerspaces.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm by unanimous consent.