

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Annual Meeting Minutes 9/17/2011 by Claude Dupuis, Secretary

Location: Pinkerton Academy, Derry NH

Meeting to order at 12:15pm. Bob Couch Vice President

Attendees:

Membership at Large. Estimated 50 + members.

Annual Elections: Roger Myers presiding

Nominations approved and submitted by the Steering Committee are;

President - Bob Couch

Vice President - Claude Dupuis

Treasure - C Peter James

Secretary - Alan Saffron

A call was made to the floor for any other nominations, none were made.

Motion was made to approve all nominees as submitted, seconded and accepted unanimously.

Many thanks to all who volunteered this past year. They all have helped shape what the Guild is today.

This Years Steering Committee, Chairs and subgroups leads: Bob Couch reporting:

Officers per approved today

Past president; Bob Lacivita

Sub-group Chair; Jon Siegel

Sunapee Chair; Al Hansen

Program Chair; Bob Lacivita and Bob Couch for now

Membership Chair; Dave Michaels

Communications Chair; Jim Seroskie

Scholarship Chair; Peter Breu

At Large members; Roger Myers - Old Saw, Cary Canning - Program, Tony Holmes - Program

Sub-Group Leads; Nate Carey - Boat Building, Bob Couch - BIG, David Belser - GSWT, Dave Anderson - Hand Tools,

Gordon Greenway - Luthiers, Mike Cyros/Michael Brown - Period Furniture and Bob Lacivita/Jon Siegel - Right Brain

Treasures report: C Peter James reporting.

General fund; income of \$22,304.00 with expenses of 19,700.00 leaving a balance of \$2,604.00

Scholarship/Education fund:

Income of \$9,392.00, expense of \$1,151.21, Scholarships given \$4,721.50, Grants given \$4,080.00 for a total of \$8,801.50

Equipment fund \$0

Meeting expenses were down for the year and overall expenses are stable. SC has assembled a budget for the upcoming year. The budget analyzed the last 6 years. We have budgeted 58K and foresee expense of 52K. The turning symposium typically generates something in the area of 23K.

Separate accounting being managed for the Granite State Woodturners and the Boat builders Group

We will be moving monies into the equipment fund in the amount of \$1,200.00

Monies for grants and scholarships totaled 9K for the year

Floor was open to questions.

Future meetings: Alan Saffron reporting;

We will be looking to post all, the whole years, scheduled meetings on the website calendar. New program chair as outlined by Bob Couch.

Sunapee: Al Hansen reporting

Al commented on a spread sheet comparing the 2010 and this year's results. The total raffle intake for 2010 was \$9,969.00 and for 2011 it was \$9,382. Despite the fact that this year's attendance compared to last year's was down seven of the nine days the take was almost identical. Many thanks to all the volunteers and to the 30 plus magnificent donations. This is what made this year such a success. Discussed maybe asking the League for a bigger tent, maybe as much as 50% bigger.

Membership Bob Couch reporting

Membership cards printed error. Approximately 80 membership card were sent out without an expiration date. The error has been corrected and new cards will be in the mail soon.

Membership count is approx. 571 active members with 224 renewing leaving 147 outstanding. 114 new members this past year with 13 at Sunapee with the objective to grow the membership. Guild Business cards are at the back table for the taking, hand them out to prospect members.

Sub-Groups

Sub-Group leads present reported on past and upcoming activities. Roger reported on PFG and Claude reported on GSWT. Big change in how the Period Furniture group operates. Using the BIG model they will have building a document chest by John Townsend with Allan Breed leading the charge.

Scholarships: Peter Breu reporting

See the Old Saw for a summary. Grants given to Beth Ireland, woodworking teachers, Steve Shultz and guitar making to name a few. \$8,801.50 dollars given out year 2011. If members and none members alike are interested you can find the application on line. The turning symposium is scheduled for May 5th 2012 here at Pinkerton Academy. Expected to get 300 participants +. The Youth Symposium is scheduled the day before on Friday May 4th. The youth symposium is free and it typically draws a large group of youths.

Discount Books Toni I reporting

Books and magazines available at discount prices. See the Old Saw for additional details.

DVD Library John Reporting

DVDs can be purchased for \$10.00. Sign-out of DVDs limited to 5 at a time so there are enough to go around.

Old Saw: Roger Myers reporting

Roger Myers has volunteered to take on the publisher's roll going forward and will remain an on line publication only. Roger stated that he is passionate about communications. There are many ways now that we provide communications for the member via the Web Site using forums and blogs. The Old Saw will like a news paper publishing news.

Website/Journal Jim S reporting

Discussed adding ID photos for members and possibly their spouse photo if a member chooses. Something like "Facebook". The Journal has had a great deal of member content. Printed copies per year are between 500 to 560 with a cost per member of about \$27.40. There are an average of 44 pages per issue with an approx total in the range of 120 pages per year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm