

Steering Committee Minutes
March 19, 2008

Announcement: Andy Young has resigned from the steering committee.

We welcome Ed Orreccio as a new member of the Steering Committee.

Treasurer's Report:

- Money Market interest is down, but we still earned about \$300.00 of interest.
- Expenses are on track
- Internet expense will be reduced from \$20.00 a month to \$7.00
- The Old Saw costs about \$3000.00 an issue, as budgeted.
- Balances \$18,165.87 in the General fund, \$12,813.23 in the Scholarship Fund, and \$2023.74 in Capital Equipment
- short discussion about offering 2 year membership, looked into previously, decided to be more trouble than it's worth

Old Saw Report: Jim was absent.

Attending members of the Steering Committee signed the conflict of interest declarations.

Wood festival presentation and appeal for funds- Dave Emerson:

- Dave Emerson talked about his involvement with Wood Days in the past, and about his interest in reviving the NH tradition.
- He gave a list of expenses he plans to incur: purchase of tents, bands, food, toilets...
- He will collect \$5 donations for admittance, and additional donations for food.
- He estimates the expenses at \$2,000.00. \$1,000.00 he will pay out of pocket. The other half will be raised through 3 sponsors.
- He asks the GNHW for a contribution of \$500.00, a write up in the Old Saw, and advice on how to proceed.

-Committee talks privately about the request

There are some concerns about the planning/organization of the event.

Concerns that it is to take place on the fourth weekend in June, coinciding with the race weekend.

Also concerns about our liability as a sponsor

It is decided that if we contribute it will be as a donation and not as a sponsor.

Motion: The GNHW contribute \$500.00 for Wood Days, and run a 1 page write up in The Old Saw, publicizing the event.

The motion passes with 1 No vote and 1 abstention. Money will be taken from the general fund.

Motion: To Donate two \$100.00 prizes to New England Student Woodworking Design Competition 2008.

Amendment: To donate three \$100 prizes to New England Student Woodworking Design Competition 2008.

Amendment passes.

Symposium Report:

- Two demonstrators are now unable to present.
- Peter gives options of replacing them or asking two demonstrators to present 3 times. It's decided it would be better to replace them.
- Peter has been working on distributing and posting flyers to publicize the event. He has also contacted other Guilds. Suggested he contact woodworking schools as well.
- Additional presenter, since the last meeting: Teri Masachi- grain filling, Andy Charon- overview of spray finishing.
- Presenters will be donating raffle prizes. To be raffled after lunch.

Website Report: Jim Seroskie was absent

- the website will be moved to a faster and less expensive server.
- we now have full control over the domain name and website.

Guild Insurance:

- Is now at \$500.00 minimum amount
- looking into officers and directors insurance.

Nomminating Committee:

Dave Frechette volunteers

By-Laws Revisions:

- they will be altered to state that special interest groups exist within the Guild, and that they must have approval from the Steering Committee.
- other issues can be sorted out through "policy statements" adopted by the SC.

New Business:

Sunapee- John Faro informs the SC on his progress in planning and gets advice as he proceeds.

- 27 of about 100 volunteer positions have been filled.
- 13 items of 24 needed for the raffle have been secured, 4 were left from last year.
- Mike is in the process of rounding up and tracking down everything that will be needed.