

Steering Committee Minutes
12-12-2008

- Bob LaCivita will step in as Vice President.
- Al Harrison will run Sunapee this year.
- Gretchen Gordan has volunteered to learn video. Looking for more videographers to be trained.
- Discussion about what equipment we have, and what we need moving forward.
Might need a camera, dampened tripod, and computer projector.

Motion to research and buy a digital camera, a dampened tripod, and an LCA projector with funds not to exceed the money in the capital reserve fund. Passes Unanimously.

- Roger Myers Volunteers his small projection screen for Guild use. He might have a projector as well.
- Symposium-Design as a topic? 2010 John Keeling will organize the symposium with help from previous organizers.
- Discussion about moving the symposium from the spring to the fall to increase attendance due to "first nice weekend of the spring." New members in the fall wouldn't get a normal Guild meeting. Agreed to move the Symposium to April.

Motion to appoint Bob Lacivita VP. Passes unanimously.

- New Website- Jim Seroskie has reorganized the new site. Jim led a discussion about how to organize sections of the site. Talk with John Whiteside about posting "touchups" and pertinent feedback from members. Discussion about separating member announcements and classifieds. Talk about what should be posted and the need for a moderator.
- Site will be put out in three sections Public/ Member only/ paypal.

-Tools for kids-Dave Emerson will do hands on demonstrations for kids at Sunapee. Talk about our involvement. Most members like the idea, but are also concerned about our liability. We need to do background checks on the volunteers to be safe.

- Jon Siegel talks about the Guild vision. We need to continue to think out of the box, and look objectively at what we are doing as a guild. Poses the question, Are we spending money on the wrong things? With the Old Saw taking 90% of the money, what other things could be useful.
- The Old Saw might cost 90% of our money, but it is not 90% of our energy.
- We have not turned down ideas for lack of money,
- talk about what might make members feel more fulfilled. Hospitality at meetings. Name tags. Greeters to help people mingle, the use of ice breakers.
- We will be using the survey to read the membership

Motion to allocate \$200 for Right Brain Woodworking group to visit the Courier Museum. The funds will come out of the scholarship fund and be used for admission and a guided tour of the museum. Passes unanimously.

Some discussion. Funds will be for members committed to joining the Right Brain Wood working group subgroup.