

## **Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers**

Steering Committee Minutes 8/26/09 by Claude Dupuis

Location: The League of NH Craftsmen, North Main Street, Concord NH

Meeting to order at 6pm sharp. President Bob LaCivita

### **Attendees:**

Dave Anderson	C. Pete James
Greg Benulis	Robert LaCivita
Peter Breu	Roger Myers
Bob Couch	Alan Saffron
Claude Dupuis	Jim Seroskie
Al Hansen	

### **Meeting minutes**

Review meeting notes of 7/22/09

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 7/22/09 Motion, seconded and accepted unanimously

### **Treasures report:** C Peter James reported.

General fund 18,954.00

Scholarship fund 18,488.00

Membership dues coming in well with 18% of renewals have paid using Pay Pal

Bob made motion to accept treasures report as read seconded by Claude. Motion accepted unanimously

Peter requested that we purchase a new version of Quicken. Purchase approved. Peter James to get a copy of Quicken to Bob Couch as Bob is replacing John Whiteside as backup for Peter James.

Clothing; New hats \$18each Sliver graphics great and will do one item at a time-same price. T-shirts and a coffee mug discussed.

### **Scholarships;** Peter Breu reports

\$1000 to the League for the Fair tent. Motion made and accepted unanimously (Previously accepted but minutes were not submitted).

Discussed \$1500 for two lathes

- 1) Furniture Masters has asked for \$500 toward buying a \$5000 lathe that would be lent to a participant at the prison program. The lathe would be owned by the Masters 501C3. Motion made to pledge \$500 toward a lathe providing the remaining 4500 can be raised. Motion accepted unanimously
- 2) \$1000 toward a (1<sup>st</sup>) lathe for a private School Bedford Academy of Vermont. Peter speaking with Steve Shorts at the Academy. Motion made, seconded and accepted unanimously

Discussed that the Guild should advertize/publisize these types of donations. Shows people where the \$ is going. It would encourage more organizations to apply for donations. Michael Moore to post in the Old Saw/ Journal. Press releases??

Should make mention of the Masters "Best in wood Award" won by Terry Moore

### **Membership Discussion:**

7/22/09 Membership Dues: A \$5 portion of the membership fees were historically set aside for the scholarship fund. It was suggested that this is no longer needed as the target amount of \$8,000.00 is raised by other means. The proceeds from the Sunapee Fair go towards the scholarship fund. It was suggested we vote on it every year. Bob Lacivita will consult with Peter B. Formal vote at the next SC meeting.

8/26/09 Bob L did speak with Peter B and he was OK with the above proposal. Motion made to apply the \$5 portion of the membership fees (\$2500) to the general fund this year only with subsequent years requiring a vote. Motion by Dave A., seconded and approved unanimously. ITEM CLOSED

Discussed a need to find a membership chairman. Any volunteers?

### **Liability Insurance:**

OPEN ITEM from 7/2209. Discussed appointing a safety officer and discussing safety at all meetings.

Greg Benulis reports;

Currently insured with Maine Mutual

Discussed finding a lawyer that is a Guild Member that might be willing to help with this.

Contact other Guilds to inquire about their insurance coverage

Looking at potential wavers but have not yet found a good fit

**Sunapee report.** Al Hansen reporting;

All went well. The raffle took in \$6,940.00 with expenses of \$1126.58.

\$1000 is for the League of NH Craftsmen that covers the tent with the 126.58 for misc expenses.

Motion made to give the League of NH Craftsmen \$1000 Motion made and approved unanimously

Raffle items. Most have been delivered. The oval table was won by someone that lives in Conn. and Greg Benulis volunteered to deliver it. The music stand was won by a guitar player. There was a good balance of donated items from large to small with some great stories behind them.

The list of winners should be posted on the website, touchups, Journal

Thank you "Donation letter" will be sent out to all Raffle donators

Press release; total monies donated toward scholarships

Make mention at the annual meeting/looking for volunteers for next year. Preparations should start now. Jim S will set-up a "Sunapee Fair Blog" for this purpose

Al made some suggestions for next year (volunteers take note)

Have wood carved presentation signs made, a white board for listing the days demos and presentations, a nice welcome sign carved with the "Guild Logo"

Post a list of subgroups (the goal to attract members that would be interested in a certain subject) What do we offer, post membership benefits.

**Discussion;** Outreach? Fairs? Trade Shows? Prefer to rely on organic growth; staff, Old Saw, Touchups

Ask for help, Network of Arts and Crafts.

**Annual and future meetings:** Alan reporting

Annual meeting is Sept. 19 at Salmon Falls Mill. (see touchups) 8:30 to 4pm lots planned. Auction starts at 9am at the loading dock. Bob L will open doors at 7:30am for dropping off auction items. New auctioneer Gary Bashian. See touchups for more details.

On the lookout for other host meeting places; Tom McLaughlin a likely location, Woodcraft in Portsmouth holds 35 people maybe 50? Peter Block's shop, Scott Russwick's shop. Lots of work to prep a shop. Thank you prize for hosting. Woodcraft discounts; note to members to be discrete when cashing out. Bob L will address this at the Annual meeting. A thank you letter should be sent to Salmon Falls Mill Owner: Hunter Family Properties for the use of the Mill and sending notices out to Mill tenants.

**Bob LaCivita to say a few words at the start of the meeting.**

**Video Coordinator**

Bob Couch talking with Mark Johnson (Guild member) about helping out with videos. Alan has equipment here and will hand them over to Bob C. Mark J, Bob C. and Syd L. will check out the meeting location to see what might be needed for setup. Shades, lights, stands and etc. Mark will be able to provide us with some tips and tricks in an effort to get better videos. Video coordinators currently are; Peter Block, Syd Lorandean, Rick Batchelder and Peter James. Bob L would like to add at least two more people.

**Discussion;**

The Guild needs to do a better job handing out thank you notes. Thank you prizes; a coffee cup with the Guild Logo, thank you letters, a wood plaque with the Guild Logo that could be hung in a shop for everyone to see. Peter knows someone with a CNT machine for the wood plaques.

**Discussion;**

Guild Policies. Are they posted in one place? No! Logged in meeting minutes. All agreed that the Guild policies should be in one place, a book.

**Small Meetings:** Bob L reporting

Small meeting's poor attendance to be discussed at the next meeting.

Ed Orrechio has resigned and Greg Benulis has volunteered to be the small meeting coordinator.

**Old Saw, touch ups, Calendar**

Michael doing a great job

**Subgroups**

Attendance down Bob L will speak with two groups, Going Pro and Right Brain

**The Journal** – Jim reports.

Completed with 20 pages. Mailed out Monday. Non deliverable journals will be sent back to Jim. Jim checking on the Guild not for profit registration and found that the Guild is still registered/permit active and this will allow a discount on postage. Discussed the potential to include paid advertising in the Journal.

**Wildapricot.com**– Jim S. Reports:

Milestone; Needs to up and running this November

One of the reasons for the website is that it can be imputed by several people. Four members are appointed to start things off. Jim Seroskie, Bob Couch, Greg Benulis, Michael Moore Each with specific tasks to address.

BIG THANK YOU TO DJ AND HIS WIFE for all they have done over the years GREAT JOB. Jim reported on test performed on four servers with J Maze the fastest. Dashboard – discussed where web traffic and hits are originated from, great stats. Discussed the possibility that in the near future a member signup day will become their renewal anniversary date spreading out the work load throughout the year.

**Open item from 7/22/09**

Discussion;

Next year will be the Guild's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Party? Cookout?

Public outreach opportunity

Press release in newspapers

More planning needed.

**Open item from 7/22/09**

The Currier Museum of Art “Turning Wood to Art” Open House

Open house well attended. Free Museum entry. The Museum Curator well versed with the display.

Claude suggested that a thank you letter be sent to the Currier. Claude/Bob C to draft a letter and send it to Bob L. to forward.

A thank you should also be sent to Jon Siegel and Scott Russwick for taking turns performing demos all day.

Scott turned some bowls and Jon some spindles.

The demo was well attended with a crowd all day long. Cudos to Jon and Scott – Great job.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 Next meeting schedule for September 19<sup>th</sup>. Same time and place.