

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes 9/23/09 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. Peter James	Jon Siegel
Michael Moore	Robert LaCivita	
Peter Breu	Roger Myers	
Bob Couch	Alan Saffron	
Claude Dupuis	Jim Seroskie	

Meeting minutes

Review meeting notes of 8/26/09

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 8/26/09 Motion, seconded and accepted unanimously

Treasures report: C Peter James reported.

General fund 22,887.81

Scholarship fund 17,430.88

Equipment fund 1,333.74

Total \$41,652.13

Membership: 395 paid members. 63 using Pay Pal

Auction at annual meeting netted approx. \$1,200.00 is in the general fund

Motion, seconded and accepted unanimously

Open items from 8/26/09

Peter James/John Whiteside to get a copy of Quicken to Bob Couch

Scholarships; Peter Breu reports

Peter submitted a revised/updated Scholarship/Grant Application for review and comment.

At the annual meeting Peter announced that he was looking to give away money for scholarships and has received 2 applications since the meeting (not yet approved).

The forms, when approved will be posted on the website.

Bob mentioned a lathe owned by Ray Alwood for Thetford \$200.00 + -

Discussed that there is an expectation that a scholarship recipient pay it forward in the form of volunteering, demonstrating and maybe an article for the Old Saw.

Open items from 8/26/09

Discussed that the Guild should advertise/publicize 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:

Discussed a need to find a membership chairman. Still looking for volunteers?

Policy book

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. Bob L will be talking with Ray to if he would take on the task.

Ray will also be indexing the Old Saw and the Journal.

Roger has a cabinet full of Guild files. Bob asked Roger to get them to him.

Liability Insurance:

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

OPEN ITEM from 8/26/09

9/23/09 Nothing new to report

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

Small meetings (times and locations posted in Touch-ups)

Steve Colello; Joinery techniques
DJ; Sketch up software
John Keeling; Dovetails
Sue Cox: Tapered laminations
Scott Ruesswick: Turning wood bowls

Annual and future meetings: Alan reporting

Annual auction went well but could have been much better. Gary was the auctioneer and did the best he could. Peter J and Jon S volunteered to be the auctioneers next year with Roger as a backup. Meeting schedule was a little tight and adjustments will be made for the next meeting
Nov. 21st meeting may have Ted Blachly at Scott Ruesswick's shop. Sub-group presenting: Granite State Woodturners
Feb. meeting Terry Moore; Presentation on design development. Sub-group presenting; Handtools
April Meeting; Woodturning – Architectural millwork Gary wood
Michael Moore to post a want adds in Touch-ups asking for a list of topics that members would like to see. Discussed the pros and cons of multiple presenters in a given day or morning.
Roger suggested a topic “Finished Surface” off the planner, sanded, hand planned and scraped.
Summer meeting ? Boat building?

Old Saw, touch ups, Calendar

Michael having some trouble with format. DJ writing a program to take care of it. We should run a test in Wildapricot ASAP
The Old Saw was late getting mailed out and Bob L called everyone (approx. 45) without email to let them know about the annual meeting time and location. The goal is to get the Old Saw mailed out two weeks prior to a major meeting. Discussed sending out deadline notices in touchups for articles etc. 4 weeks out, 2 weeks out call where is it. Printing is really quick – one day.
In November the Old Saw will be electronic.

Subgroups

Attendance down Bob L will speak with two groups, Going Pro and Right Brain
Bob will set a startup deadline for John Whiteside Alternate by Nov. meeting
Meeting attendance poor to be discussed at the next meeting.

The Journal – Jim reports.

Things went smooth – production, handoff to Puritan Press complete in five days Major Mail will UPS left over copies to Jim. ¼ is mailing cost non-profit saved \$250 was 92 cents per copy now 77 cents \$1.39 per copy for first class. Final cost per year approx. \$28.50 per member
Jim provided two copies of the Journal, one with the gloss finish cover and another with a satin finish. There was a split conscious and a vote will be tabled till the next meeting. The next issue will be gloss.

Wildapricot.com– Jim S. Reports:

Jim distributed sample Blogs, Membership renewal pages, Profile pages, Calendar pages and Member area page for review and discussion. The pages look great and it appears to be simple to navigate the site.
Bob and Jim will demonstrate at the next meeting. Bob Deangelious invited. Location of next SC meeting will be at the Cobb Hill Construction's Office located at 206 North State Street, Concord. Invite Bob D.
Discussed updating the Steering Committee board Members on the Web.

Membership cards – Jim S. Reports:

This year is all set.

Volunteer Positions Needed:

Video Coordinator
Small Meeting Coordinator
Going Pro Coordinator
Membership Coordinator

Design Symposium – John Keeling Coordinator

Announcement

Oct. 11 Wood vender at Homestead School

All types of exotic woods for instrument making Some not good enough for instruments but great for other types of projects.

Open item from 7/22/09

Discussion;

Next year will be the Guild's 20th 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. Kudos to Jon and Scott – Great job.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06

Next meeting schedule for Oct. 28th at Cobb Hill Construction's Office, 206 North State Street, Concord.