

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes 11/18/09 by Claude Dupuis

Location: Cobb Hill Construction Inc., 206 North State Street, Concord NH

Meeting to order at 6pm sharp. President Bob LaCivita

Attendees:

Dave Anderson	C. Peter James	Greg Benulis	Roger Myers
Michael O Moore	Robert LaCivita	John Keeling	
Bob Couch	Alan Saffron	Jim Seroskie	Claude Dupuis

Meeting minutes

Review meeting notes of 10/28/09

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 10/28/09 Motion, seconded and accepted unanimously

Treasures report: C Peter James reported.

General fund 24,260.96

Scholarship fund 16,486.51

Equipment fund 1,333.74

Total \$42,081.21

Membership: 480 paid members. 66 using Pay Pal

Open items from 8/26/09

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

Scholarships; Roger Myers reporting.

Furniture Masters have purchased a Powermatic lathe to be lent to a participant at the prison program. Owned by the League.

Furniture Masters planning a trip to Japan to meet with furniture makers there and has asked if the Guild would lend them a video camera to document the trip. Discussed what camera would be appropriate. All agreed the Guild would lend a camera and Jim, Peter to make arrangements to get them what they need.

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:

Open item from 9/23/09

Discussed a need to find a membership chairman. Still looking for a volunteer!

Bob DeAngelis will not be taking the membership chair's position.

Policy book

Open item from 9/23/09

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.

11/18/09 Greg has a box of meeting minutes that he will get to Bob. Should be archived on a disc.

Liability Insurance:

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

OPEN ITEM from 8/26/09

10/28/09 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)

NA

Annual and future meetings: Alan reporting

Nov. 21st meeting will be at Scott Ruesswick's shop is all set.

Sub-group presenting: Granite State Woodturners – hands on 2hrs

Ted Blachly will be in the afternoon and be presenting three projects – unique solutions

Open item from 9/23/09

Feb. meeting Terry Moore; Presentation on design development/Veneering. Need location!

Sub-group presenting; Handtools

April Meeting; Woodturning – Architectural millwork Gary wood

Michael Moore to post a want ad 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?

Small Meetings: Bob L reporting

Open item from 9/23/09

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

Bob still working on this.

Old Saw, touch ups, Calendar Michael Moore reporting

Touchups well received by the membership at large. Michael still having formatting issues but will manage for now. Will not peruse corrective action by DJ. Switch over will correct the issue.

Old Saw; Big surprise on the number of opt-in members to receive a paper copy. Put out the word to convince people to switch to getting the Old Saw via e-mail. Mailed copies cost too much. **Discussed having a cutoff**

date to end paper copy mailing and have Web copy only. Discussion tabled to the next meeting.

Discussed adding a link to the on line wed tutorial in touchups.

Subgroups Bob LaCivita reporting

Right Brain meeting held at the Woodworking school was attended by approx. 20 people. Bob stated that it was a very good meeting.

The Journal – Jim reports.

The Journal is at press and should be mailed out by the end of next week. Jim had more article material than could fit in one issue. There were five first time authors, that's great! Those not included in this issue will appear in a future issue. Some articles may be put in the Old Saw.

Wildapricot.com– Jim S. and Bob Couch Reports:

Not many leaders have logged on and played around with the new web-site.

A web-based tutorial will be setup to help members navigate the new website. Another demonstration may be appropriate, after the lunch, at a future Guild meeting

Greg and Roger volunteered to post their phone numbers so that members could call if they needed help.

Peter James volunteered to administrate the membership profile

Discussed the rollout date. Auto email was fixed with about four hour's work.

New memberships – cutoff date w/DJ. Peter will administer new member profiles and ID cards.

Rollover date is set for a January 1st launch. Down time anticipated to be approximately one day. Notice to be posted in touchups.

Cost \$100/month or \$1080/year (10% discount). \$70/yr tech support & upgrades optional

Jmaze hosting: cost \$15/month

Journal will be posted on wildapricot and archived on Jmaze

Database can be extracted from Wildapricot at any time.

Motion made to appropriate funds and lunch Wildapricot on January 1st, motion seconded and approved unanimously.

Cost to purchase a blog software package \$300 with \$70/year maintenance. Peer to Peer. Lunch after February meeting.

Motion to accept IP Board option made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Volunteer Positions Needed:

Open item from 9/23/09

Video Coordinator

Small Meeting Coordinator

Going Pro Coordinator

Membership Coordinator – Bob DeAngelis

11/18/09 Bob LaCivita reporting;

Membership Coordinator – Bob DeAngelis has stepped down. Jeff Merdock a Guild member in good standing has volunteered. Bob says that Jeff is an honest person, hardworking and good with computers.

2010 Design Symposium – John Keeling Coordinator reporting;

John provided a program draft for comment and critique. Many good ideas and suggestions tossed around. John will reallocate time frames and number of topics with the idea of a presenter doing two sessions to give attendees two chances to catch their favorite speaker or topic. John will resubmit revised arrangement for additional comment and critique.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Next SC meeting is scheduled for Dec. 16th at The League of NH Craftsmen, North Main Street, Concord NH