

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes 12/16/09 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	Gregory Benulis	Roger Myers	Al Hansen
	Robert LaCivita	John Keeling	Jeff Murdock	David Belser
Bob Couch	Alan Saffron	Jim Seroskie	Claude Dupuis	Jon Siegel

Meeting minutes

Review meeting notes of 11/18/09

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 11/18/09 Motion, seconded and accepted unanimously

Treasures report: C Peter James reported.

General fund 21,884.33

Scholarship fund 16,316.51

Equipment fund 1,333.74

Total \$39,534.58

Open items from 8/26/09

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

Scholarships; Roger Myers reporting.

Grants considered ; Homestead school and Franklin School System

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

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 7/22/09. Discussed appointing a safety officer and discussing safety at all meetings.

OPEN ITEM from 8/26/09

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

11/16/09 Nothing new to report

Annual and future meetings: Alan reporting

Nov. 21st meeting will be at Scott Ruesswick's shop went well. Thank you Scott for Hosting. Item closed

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.

Also consider DJ "Sketchup"

Potential meeting place - Society of Forest Protection.

Skills demo: "finishes" Panel of three with fixed questions with a moderator. Mix fixed questions and questions by the audience. Potential presenters; Gary Wood, Bruce Hamilton, and Bob St. Laroue
Ask for questions from the membership prior to meeting - send to Alan Saffron

Summer trip: Boats Landing in Maine

Considering the Canterbury Shaker Village for the annual meeting. Consider setting up two "Behind the scenes" Tours

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.

Jim Forbs working on PDFs of the "Old Saw" starting with the latest publications

Roger Myers has scanned 4 to 5 years to PDF starting with earliest publications

Roger and Jim to collaborate as to not duplicate their efforts

Discussed burning the copies of the Old Saw onto DVDs and offering them for sale

Jim reporting that the Old Saw mailings have gone up from 124 last month to 165 now. Nineteen of which are complimentary mailings. Members without email=24. Mailing costs are currently \$825/year. Discussed the cost per issue in detail.

Discussed creating a second level of membership to deal with some of these mailing issues - this would require a membership vote -table this for now. May be a better way to deal with these escalating expenses.

Policy change regarding the mailing of the "old Saw"

Discussed making the "Old Saw" available on line only starting on September 1, 2010. The current 24 members without email would be grand fathered along with the 19 complimentary issues.

Motion made, seconded and accepted unanimously.

Subgroups Bob Couch reporting

New subgroup: Boat Building. Bob has found a group leader - Nate Carey located in Bristol NH

Publish a bio of Nate in touch-ups. First meeting dated TBD

The Journal – Jim Seroskie reports.

The fall 09 Journal has been mailed. The Journal looks GREAT. A lot of work goes into the publication - nice job Jim. Discussed the rising cost of mailing the Journal. Minute Man Press and Vermillion out of business.

Current cost is \$28.50 per member per year. Jim provided a cost analysis spread sheet with four scenarios.

Policy change regarding the number of publications of the "Journal"

After a lengthy discussion, in order to curb escalating cost, motion made to accept option two; The Journal cover to remain as current with a glossy durable finish, change publication from four issues per year to three.

Motion made, seconded and accepted unanimously.

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

See previous meeting notes for additional info

Website target date on tract. The current website may be down as much as a week during the switch. Notice to be issued in touch-ups

Discussed membership cards and blogs.

Volunteer Positions Needed:

Open item from 9/23/09

Video Coordinator

Small Meeting Coordinator

Going Pro Coordinator

2010 Design Symposium – John Keeling Coordinator reporting;

See previous notes for additional info

John revised the schedule with three tracks as suggested at our last meeting. Discussed potential presenters; David Lamb, David Leach, DJ. Keynote speaker a great idea.

Cost? Location-Pinkerton Academy. Lunch could be offered and handled by the students.

Register in advance on the web - reservations on a first come first serve - once a tract is filled up that's it.

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.

12/16/09 Mike Moore press release/Article Denise Pisti - reporter for the Union Leader "Woodworkers Week"

Research for minutes of the founding meeting

Political recognition (Governor) Guild member connections Bob Couch and Roger Myers to calibrate

Actual Anniversary date??

Late July Function. Possibly at Bob LaCivita's place.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Next SC meeting is schedule for 2010 on TBD at The League of NH Craftsmen, North Main Street, Concord NH