

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes 9/23/2010 by Claude Dupuis, Secretary

Location: Cobb Hill Construction, Inc., 206 North Sate Street, Concord NH 03301

Meeting to order at 6pm sharp. Bob LaCivita, President.

Attendees:

C. Peter James Robert LaCivita Jim Seroskie John Keeling
Bob Couch Alan Saffron Claude Dupuis Michael Brown Peter Breu

Meeting minutes

Review meeting minutes of 8/25/10

Corrections: Add under the title **Sunapee** at the of \$9,580.00; "Raffle only"

Under the title **Website** change "Dream weaver costing 15/month to "JMaze" costing \$15/month.

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes as amended. Motion, seconded and accepted unanimously

Review Annual Meeting minutes of 9/11/10

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes. Motion, seconded and accepted unanimously

Treasures report: C Peter James reported.

General fund \$22,788.91

Scholarship/Education fund \$17,131.11

Equipment fund \$0

Total \$39,920.02

Motion made to accept treasures report. Motion, seconded and accepted unanimously

Jim Suggested that we should institute a rainy day/reserve fund. Maybe a fixed amount per member per year.

Something like one dollar of each renewal. Expenses were 18K last year for the Journal alone and somewhere in the area of 20K this year. The SC agreed that a reserve fund was a good idea. Bob L and Peter J working on the budget and will see what that leaves.

Annual and future meetings: Alan reporting

Sept 11th meeting at Dartmouth was not as well attended as past meetings. Distance may have been a factor.

Jon Siegel did well as Auctioneer. Quality of items have been better in the past. Guest speaker Dave Myers did a great presentation. Only (9) Q&A questions were handed in at the meeting. Jim forgot to include a door prize for having submitted a question. We have to bribe people. We need to remember this next time.

Speaking with David Lamb for the Nov. meeting.

Small meetings will be five in total slated for Oct. 23 Postings will be on line.

Old Saw Michael Brown

Timing of content an issue. Small pool to draw from. Blogs not updated timely - get more members involved.

Michael provided a draft of a proposed on line survey to help answer some of these, and many other questions.

In general the majority of the SC felt that this is a good idea but that the survey should be paired down and a bit more focused.

Scholarships/Grants: Peter Breu reporting

The Boatbuilding subgroup has asked for a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 Estimated cost for the Boat is \$2000.00 Asked about it being raffled at Sunapee -NO to Sunapee. Boat will be raffled at the end of the session and money raised used to start the next one. The SC did not object to the grant. The Scholarship committee will monitor how this type of sub-group grant and if necessary will set limits and or guidelines if it gets out of hand. We will open the door and see what happens. Luthiers - grant for guest speaker - accountability for the money - policy needed.

Touch-ups – Jim Seroskie reporting

Lesson learned when sending out Guild wide e-mails. In doing so it is directed at the individual and not the Guild in general.

Membership - Bob Couch reporting

There are approx. 150 members not yet renewed. They will get a total of four reminders via e-mail. There may have been 10 or so renewals at the Annual meeting. This is down from past meetings and may be due the easy on line registrations. Problems with transactions with Pay-Pal when a transaction cannot be completed for some reason the member is marked as pending and is a non member until corrected. Error is still in the range of 9 to 10%. Jim working on a fix. International rate will take into affect January1, 2011.

Honorary Membership Proposal - Bob Couch reporting
Tabled till next meeting.

CCTV - Bob Couch reporting
Video project - Producer of PSA. Bob will transfer to a DVD for Jim to use/post on the Guild Web video section.

Misc business

NHTI Guild display. Jim will create a single e-mail address that will be forwarded to the committee.
Guild Brochures - Jim brought in the box that he had which is all that remains. Should we order more? Current one out of date? It was decided to not order more at this time and to use up what we have. We also have the new business cards that can be used.

Jim discussed the thought placing all Sub-Groups on one blog but talking it through will not work. We need to ask the sub-Groups to be more active in keeping their blogs updated. The SC agreed it would be helpful to have the leaders of the sub-groups attend the next SC meeting.

Rockler - get points when a Guild Member buys something and tells the cashier that you are a guild Member.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm