

## **Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers**

Steering Committee Minutes 10/27/2010 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:**

Michael Brown	Gordon Greenway	John Keeling	Alan Saffron
Bob Couch	Al Hansen	Robert LaCivita	Jim Seroskie
Claude Dupuis	C. Peter James	Roger Myers	Jon Siegel

### **Meeting minutes**

Review meeting minutes of 9/22/10

Correction: Change meeting date from 9/23/10 to 9/22/10

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

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

General fund \$24,111.87

Scholarship/Education fund \$16,131.11

Equipment fund \$0

Total \$40,242.98

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

Boat building grant approved with monies paid out.

### **Guild Yearly Budget**

Bob L and Peter J presented a draft of the proposed budget based on 500 members.

Jim again suggested that we should institute a rainy day/reserve fund as the budget will allow.

Bob and Peter walked the SC through all the proposed numbers. \$1000 is proposed to be moved from the general fund to the equipment fund for future purchases. Based on the current estimate we will be running at a deficit of 22K. Discussed the \$5/membership going into the education fund be stopped and monies be allocated to the general fund.

Fund raising is in order and Bob L and Al H will head up a fund raising committee. Ideas discussed: Donations, Corp. sponsors, Grants, Raffle or auction on line. Donations would work best for a stated purpose. Bob C and Roger will help with ideas.

### **Annual and future meetings:** Alan reporting

Nov. meeting will be on the 20th. at Scott Russwick's shop. 1/2hr will be dedicated to the business meeting.

Terry Moore will talk about his desk/Furniture Masters Auction pieces in the morning.

Feb. will be at David Lamb's shop. Nate will present boat building in the morning.

April will be at the Homestead school.

Sept. will be at Pinkerton High School. Contract now required. It will be in the Checkered Hall.

Summer trip will be at the Sanborn Inn/Slater Mill in RI, the first water driven woodworking mill in the US.

Was recently on "WOODSHOP NEWS" cover.

### **Small meetings** Al Hanson reporting

All small meeting were well attended and were well received by members. Al elaborated on the Creek Farm tour and how it could be a meeting place for the Guild.

### **Guild Clothing** Bob C reporting

Discussed whether or not the guild would or is making a profit on the sale of Guild clothing. Peter states that we make a profit on some items and not others and it's more or less a break even deal. Discussed a set percent profit on all items. Discussed to possibility of opening an ecommerce on line clothing store. This would increase access to the members. Discussed what Co. could maintain pricing for one item at a time and made to order. Roger has checked into this and believes he has found a source. Roger will look into if more and report back to the SC with a proposal.

### **Subgroup meetings** Jon and Michael reporting

There are approx. 35 subgroup meeting every year. The Subgroup are the Guild. The subgroup leaders meet as a group and also rotate one at a time through the SC meetings. The idea is to better integrate the Subgroups and the SC and increase communications. Discussed whether or not an individual subgroup could have its own treasure. Peter suggested that this would not be a good idea and that he would be willing to be treasure for

individual Subgroups monies. Jon is willing to be Chair for the Subgroups but that he could not make a commitment until the first of next year. We should start strategizing now. Michael states we can learn from each other. Should the Subgroups have their own SC? Subgroups are a little remote. The Teachers are now an official Guild subgroup. Subgroups asking for monies. Peter J will draft a policy.

**WebSite** Jim S reporting

Upgrades will be on line in January. Journal will be at press next week and out late Nov. at 44 pages. Plenty of content for this issue with some left over for the next. Bob C. volunteered to proof read journal before going to press.

**Membership** - Bob Couch reporting

Jim provided a membership graft for discussion. The current membership count is 575 with 138 not yet renewed. 42 members are new since June 1st and 391 have renewed since June 1st. Post card reminders have gone out. Touch-up reminders. Dedicated email will be sent out to those 138 + - members who have not yet renewed. Non email members got a bulletin highlighting the renewal date.

**CCTV** - Bob Couch reporting

Video project - Meeting with coordinator needs to be scheduled.

**Touch-ups** – Jim Seroskie reporting

Guild NHTI show will be in the next touch-ups

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm