

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes 11/17/2010 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	

Meeting minutes

Review meeting minutes of 10/27/10

Corrections:

Under "Guild Yearly Budget" change "deficit of 22K" to read "deficit of 2.2K"

Under "Membership" change "graft" to "draft".

Under "Annual and future meetings" change Summer trip location to "TBD" Nothing firmed up yet.

Under "Subgroup Meetings" change "The Teachers are now an official Guild sub-group to "The Shop Teachers are an official affiliate of the Guild".

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

Treasures report: C Peter James reported.

General fund \$24,541.88

Scholarship/Education fund \$14,764.61

Equipment fund \$0

Total \$49,306.49

Bank policies are changing. More and more fees are added. Free checking a thing of the past. Pay-pal balance of 2K required to avoid bank fees. Changed bank statements to electronic to save money. CD's are not paying anything and interest and basically nonexistent.

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

Annual and future meetings: Alan reporting

Nov. meeting is at Scott Russwick's shop. A screen will be needed for Terry's presentation. The Guild does not own one. Cost to buy one would be about \$200. We do not need one that often, one will be rented and Bob will pick it up that morning.

Jeff Robert has a huge shop in Unity. Kevin Aimsforth a possibility

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

April will be at the Homestead school.

Possible Summer trip could be at the Beach River Mill in Ossipee or the Slater Mill in RI, the first water driven textile / woodworking Mill in the US.

Schaum Mill in Arlington MA., featuring oval turning also a possibility.

Alan will solicit suggestions in "Touch-ups"

Subgroup meetings Michael reporting

Jon is unable to attend meeting until next January so the Sub-Group coordination efforts will wait till then.

No new scholarships to report.

Discussed the future of the "Old Saw". Michael having trouble getting content. The sub-group need to do a better job with documenting their meetings. Discussed providing an organized format (a form) that a person could use to get started with the basics.

Touch-ups – Jim Seroskie reporting

Struggling to keep it down/brief. Using links to the blogs. Press releases on the Blog.

Website Jim S reporting

Upgrades still on target to be on line in January. Shop Teachers are setup and will also be on line in Jan.

Discussed that with Wild Apricot we have the ability to have new members signing up to have their sing-up day be their anniversary date. This would spread out the renewal dates and even out the money intake. o more grace period with this setup. Discussed pro-rated memberships but that would not be needed using a sing-up anniversary date system. This would apply to new member signups only. Not renewals by current members as

their anniversary date would remain the same. Motion made to approve the change, seconded and approved unanimously.

4.1 version will fix the members with no email application. Currently there are 462 paid members, 118 have not renewed and 73% of them have not logged into the website. Twelve non email members have renewed out of 18. Six have unsubscribed. Recent new members stand at 45. Twenty-six have declined a paper copy of the Journal. Journal is at press. It takes about seven to eight weeks total to get the journal in members hands. Three to four weeks to get ready, two weeks at the press to proof etc., one week to crank it out and one week for Major Mail.

CCTV - Bob Couch reporting

Video project - Membership opinions of the Guild? Bob went around the table and asked everyone there for a brief comment.

Membership - Bob Couch reporting

Membership discount option for on line only similar to what the AAW is doing. SC not interested at this time and the membership will remain the same.

Honorary memberships tabled for now.

Discussed providing a two year membership signup. No not at this time. Accounting would have to be adjusted to track dues for the appropriate year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm