

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes 4/27/2011 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	Claude Dupuis	C. Peter James	Alan Saffron
David Belser	David Frechette	Robert LaCivita	Jim Seroskie
Bob Couch	Gordon Greenway		Jon Siegel

Meeting minutes

Review meeting minutes of 3/23/11

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

Treasures report: C Peter James reported.

General fund \$15381.18

Scholarship/Education fund \$12,129.61

Equipment fund \$0

Total \$27,510.79

Journal is paid \$4,990.00 plus mailing at \$480.00

Scholarships; one approved for Mike D for a class with Bob C. in the amount of \$500.00

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

CCTV Video Bob Couch reporting

No changes. Can come off the agenda. Link can be found on the web-site.

Note; Brendon Brawls of SW is offering a 15% discount to Guild Members and would like a pitch to membership? Will not be permitted to take over a meeting but we may give him 15 minutes during the course of a meeting. Jim got the info from Bob and will give Brendon a call.

Old Saw Michael Reporting

Michael has received some positive feedback from the membership. Discussed printability and pixel count of pictures. 200 pixel selected because Jim felt that you could see the difference with anything lower. Discussed setting some standards; an editorial page, standard heading and or columns.

Fine Woodworking featured an article by Monica Raymond.

Sunapee Bob L. reporting for Al Hansen

Al has everything under control

Peter stated that we have not received an invoice for the tent yet. We had it well before now last year. Peter will check into it.

Website calendar

Discussed making the calendar clear to new members. Spell out the acronyms that new members may not understand. Under "About us" Getting started for new members. Include links with the "New Member" email notice. As a general rule the calendar should project out 6 months. Jim "Orphan page" ? Six month projected dates posted. Motion made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Sub-groups can submit to the Guild for payment of coffee and donuts. Sub-groups should make an effort to collect donations as is type at all meetings. The Guild would fund the balance not collected by donations. Motion made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Annual and future meetings: Alan Saffron reporting

April meeting. Creek Farm Cottage in Portsmouth - Disappointed turnout of only 28 ppl but the room was pretty full. It turned out to be a good meeting - the carver presentation was very good.

June will be posted on the web-site.

Annual Meeting will be at Pinkerton High. In the afternoon Gary Wood will be presenting. Annual auction in the morning. Again Jon Siegel agreed to be auctioneer.

Nominating Committee - may not be needed. Most volunteered another term. Bob L not running. General notice to be sent out to the membership.

"BG" Business Group member info Michael Brown and Jon Siegel reporting

Michael explained his thinking about a new sub-group model called GB or Business Group as a possible way to resolve the issue of paying for demonstrators. Sub-groups would remain the same as they are today. Discussed the letter from David Belser on behalf of the GSWT Sub-group to the Guild SC. David summarized; Proposals for

its own by-laws, rational for paying for presentations, donations at the door from members attending meetings and a summary. Jon commented that in all his years as a member of the SC he has never seen such a flurry of emails concerning the proposed changes by the GSWT SG. The emails were kept positive with suggestions make along the way towards solving the problem. In Roger's absents Jon also stated comments/view points make by Roger in recent emails and suggestions made by Peter B. It seems the biggest obstacle is paying for demonstrators. Peter James commented that maybe the GSWT would be better off with its own legal standing with an IRS# and bank account. I case of an accident at a demo who would be responsible? The GSWT have no financial ties to the AAW and they are a standalone organization as required by the AAW.

Back to the issues:

1) By-laws. Motion made: The Guild is to encourage sub-groups to form and adopt its own by-laws. The by-laws are to be submitted to the SC for review and approval. Approved with one member objecting and sustaining.

2) Paid demonstrators; There is history of paying demonstrator dating back to 2007. It is an unwritten Guild policy. Discussed reason why some were paid and other were not. Symposium, single rotations and some were paid to travel and lodging for the day before. GSWT not asking for scholarship \$ but for grants. Scholarships are for individuals and Grants are for institutions. Not much difference between a "Class" and a "Demo" Michelle Holzapfel is a school and she teaches - Is it a class or a demo? Dave F strongly against paying for demos. Should travel or lodging be voted on and approved by the SC? Only pay out of state demos? Peter mentioned that the GSWT do not need permission to use their \$ for whatever they choose.

Gordon G made a motion that the President appoint a sub-committee to study and formulate a proposal to submit to the SC for approval within 90 days. Motion seconded and approved with one member abstaining. Committee members appointed and accepted are; David Belser, Dave Frechette and Michael Brown.

Website Jim S reporting

Jim provided a spread sheet outlining the Journal expenses. At current it is 27.40 and holding

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Email vote week of 5/2/11.

Here is the proposed draft of the "Opt in Letter" that would let suppliers have members personal information if they so choose. GSWT would like us to vote to accept or deny their request.

The vote passed with eleven yes votes. With a condition that a member who does not respond is in the not opted in category. One SC member did not cast a vote at this writing.

----- OPT IN LETTER (DRAFT)-----

Fellow Woodturners:

If you have been to any of our meetings lately, you saw that we have been conducting raffles. The prizes have been woodturning supplies, gift certificates and discount coupons.

We conduct these fund raisers (and others) in order to raise money to bring in well known demonstrators to help improve the skills of all of us.

We get the raffle items through the generosity of catalog retail outlets, internet woodturning sales companies and local [woodworking stores](#). In exchange, some of these contributors have asked for a GSWT roster. For example, Craft Supplies has a program whereby woodturning clubs will receive a donation each quarter. They require a roster of members, names only. We believe that the size of the donation depends on the number of members, but they have not confirmed that. If you are a member of the AAW, they already have your name, this will connect you to the GSWT. They have not asked for any other information about you.

Another donor (Choice Woods) has asked for email addresses. They ask that because they are small and do not publish a catalog and do all their marketing by email.

Many of you are already receiving emails from them. Clay, the owner assures me that his email list is private and will never be sold, traded or given to anybody else. At the bottom of each email is the

option to unsubscribe.

Now, I ask two questions:

Do you consent to have your name included on the roster to be sent to a potential donor such as Craft Supplies?

Do you consent to have your email address included on the list to be sent to Choice Woods?

Please respond to this address: woodmagnus@comcast.net

Please answer:

Roster yes or no

Email yes or no

If I don't hear from you within a week of the date of this letter, I will send it again.