

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes 7/27/2011 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	Al Hansen	Robert LaCivita	Jon Siegel
Dave Frechette	Bob Couch	Alan Saffron	Jim Seroskie	

Meeting minutes

Review meeting minutes of 6/22/11
Motion made to accept the meeting minutes. Motion, seconded and accepted unanimously

Treasures report: Bob L reporting for C Peter James.

General fund \$15,261.09
Scholarship/Education fund \$8,529.61
Equipment fund \$0
Total \$23,790.70
Payments since the last meeting;
The League of HN Craftsmen \$500 for two awards. This is a new category this year, best turned piece.
Silver Graphics \$248.85 clothing purchases
Town & Country Repo \$17.44 Membership card processing
Jim Seroskie \$206.71 of which was \$60.80 website add-ons and \$145.91 Journal mailing
Journal cost approx \$4,060.00 to include printing, postage and mailings
Year to date there have been no large unusual expenditures
Budget target for the year? Pretty close.
Motion made to accept treasures report. Motion, seconded and accepted unanimously

Membership Bob Couch reporting;

Membership count is approx. 543 up by 7 from the last meeting. Question was asked if this was an all time high. The answer is no. We have had as much as 560 or so members but that is when we had an extended grace period. Count is about the same as last year at this time. It always jumps a bit after Sunapee.

Old Saw Michael Brown Reporting

Working on the next publication. Old Saw to include a link to the proposed By-Laws changes and updates.

Sunapee Al Hansen reporting;

Al has everything under control. Everything is looking good. Al has made some adjustments in the tent layout in an effort to get a little distance between the turners and the luthiers. Al passed out passes for the Fair for those present signed up to work the tent. Jim still to print the name tags. Those who have one from last year can still use it. The boat builders sub-group will be permitted to have the "Nutshell Sailing Pram" at the Guild tent on the last day of the Fair (for the drawing).

Annual and future meetings: Alan Saffron reporting;

Annual meeting at Pinkerton High is all set.
Not much to report on the Nov. meeting yet.

By-Laws Committee Jim Seroskie reporting;

Prior to the meeting Jim provided, via email, the revised proposed changes and adds to the current Guild By-Laws as discussed at the last SC meeting. The changes were discussed line by line and several additional changes and adjustments were made. The biggest discussion revolved around Article VI Section 2 and term "proxy" vote mentioned in several sections. Jim will provide a revised draft via email so that the SC can approve the final changes. The goal is to be in agreement with the changes before the next SC meeting so that a SC vote can be held at that next SC meeting. Again this needs to be finished and advertized to the Membership prior to the Annual meeting for a Membership vote.

The By-laws are like the nations constitution and the policies like the nations legislation. The SC will have to address some details in the Guild's policies hand book. It was suggested that the incoming Secretary will create a "Policies Hand Book". Someone(s) will have to scorer the past meeting minutes to extract existing policies.

Bob Couch provided a spread sheet titled "Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Governance". It outlines the SC chairs and sub group leaders along with definitions of the various chairs and positions.

Policy Item 1

Discussed idea of letting Sub-Groups pay for demonstrators. A motion was made; "Sub-Groups will be allowed to pay demonstrators" Motion seconded and was approval unanimously.

Policy Item 2

Bob LaCivita submitted a proposal that read;

Create a mechanism to fund Sub-Groups to be known as Sub-Group Grants starting on September 1, 2011.

Funded by the Scholarship fund

Amount \$3,000.00

Presently we have six subgroups; BIG, Hand tools, PFG, GSWT, RBW, and Luthiers. Each group has access to an equal share \$500.00. The disbursement can be per the groups need committee. Proper accounting and receipts will have to be managed by the group and the Guild Treasurer.

The funds can be used for field trips, speakers, materials for a group project. No funds will be used for travel expenses or personal use.

Application for said funds will be made to the Scholarship Committee via the present form. The Scholarship Committee has the final say in the use of the funds.

At the end of the fiscal year (August 31) any remaining funds will stay in the fund and the Scholarship fund will add the difference to bring the balance back to \$3,000.00.

New Sub-Groups will not be eligible for funding until the start of the next fiscal year (September 1). When a new Sub-Group is added the \$3,000.00 will be divided by the number of Sub-Groups and disbursed equally. The Steering Committee can increase or decrease this funding as it sees fit.

Motion made to approve the proposal as written. Motion seconded and the approval was unanimous.

Website Jim S reporting

Touch-ups; New format. Jim got one complaint. Jim likes how it easier to manage then the previous form. Will continue to use it and see how it goes.

Journal is in the mail - 32 pages.

Web update in the works

Volunteer positions that need to be filled.

Clothing Sales - Ned is retiring. Great job Ned.

Program Coordinator - Al Saffron is taking on a different role with the Guild and has opened up the position for someone new.

Old Saw Editor - Michael Brown is retiring and a new replacement is needed.

The SC and Membership is appreciative of all your efforts. Thank you. You have helped shape the Guild into what it is today.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm