

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes 8/31/2011 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 Alan Saffron Jon Siegel
Bob Couch Dave Frechette C. Peter James Roger Myers Jim Seroskie

Meeting minutes

Review meeting minutes of 7/27/11
Motion made to accept the meeting minutes. Motion, seconded and accepted unanimously

Treasures report: C Peter James reporting.

General fund \$23,205.78
Scholarship/Education fund \$17,911.61
Equipment fund \$0
Total \$41,117.39

Meeting expenses were down for the year and the same for internet expenses.
Journal expenses were on target. Fair expenses were also down.
Ledger for sub-groups going forward? Things are manageable for now. Banking fees would be costly for sub-groups to have and manage their own banking accounts.
Sub-group multi buys. Should have a set of rules for \$ in and \$ out. Sub-groups can make their own deposits into the Guild account with a follow-up email to Peter so that he can update the ledger. If group buys are outside the Guild - make it clear to participants.
C Peter James will write something up - a set of guideline for all sub-groups.
Discussed whether or not we should setup a "rainy day fund"? 501c conflict? Not sure one is really needed. Hold for now.
Bob L and Bob C provided a proposed budget for 2012 along with a budget spread sheet from 2006 through 2011. The three year cycle of the turning symposium skews those years compared to none symposium years.
Motion made to accept treasures report and the 2012 budget. Motion made, seconded and accepted unanimously.

Membership Bob Couch reporting

Membership count is approx. 568 up by 9 from the last meeting. Twenty-two new members after Sunapee, (111) new this year, (234) renewals in August. Lapse emails automatic. Town & Country needs forms.

Old Saw/Journal Michael Brown Reporting

Old Saw publication slightly delayed as Jim is on vacation. Drop dates date for article submission is the 9th for a 14th publication.
Michael has submitted his resignation effective immediately following this issue's publication. Roger Myers has volunteered to take on the publisher's roll going forward. This is Michael's last SC meeting. Roger will send out the next week's "touch-ups" in Jim's absence.
The next Journal deadline is Oct.

Sunapee Al Hansen reporting

Al provided a spread sheet comparing the 2010 and this year's results. The total raffle intake for 2010 was \$9,969.00 and for 2011 it was \$9,382. When you add memberships, clothing and misc the totals were near identical. The League has asked that at future Fairs the Guild, on the last/closing Sunday, close down the Guild tent by 3:30 that afternoon in order to not complete with last minute shoppers that might buy from venders. The boat raffle was a big draw that afternoon. Al, for future Sunapee Fairs recommends that each sub-group organize their own sub-group activity for the Fair tent. AL will setup a model for next year's organizational activities and get it out to all sub-group leads. Discussed maybe asking the League for a bigger tent, maybe as much as 50% bigger. We understand we cannot sell things at the tent but "Donations at the tent"? Al will check with the League for guidance.

Annual and future meetings: Alan Saffron reporting;

Annual meeting at Pinkerton High is all set. \$125.00 fee for having the janitor depends whether Jack attends.
Nov. meeting. Nothing to report.

Scholarships

NA

By-Laws Committee Jim Seroskie/Bob Couch reporting;

The by-laws need further review and will not be ready for publication in time for the Annual Meeting. Bob has provided a copy of the "By-laws" and the Guild 501C filing with the State of NH to Peter Imse for review and comment. With comments from Imse in hand it was decided that the SC complete the changes and updates needed for the by-laws and submit a "final" draft to Imse for comment and final edit. The goal would be to have the review, changes complete and published in time for the next Guild meeting. The new by-laws will have to be registered with the State. The SC approved funding for further review by Peter Imse.

Sub-Groups Jon reporting

NA

Nominations for 2012 Bob Couch reporting

Bob Couch provided a revised spread sheet titled "Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Governance". base on the last meeting's comments. Again it outlines the SC chairs and sub-group leaders along with definitions of the various chairs and positions. A couple of additional changes were recommended. This from will not be handed out at the upcoming Annual meeting. Only the list of current nominees will be handed out at the meeting.

Website Jim S reporting

NA

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm