

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 2/22/2012 at 6:05 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

Location: Cobb Hill Construction, 206 N. State St., Concord

Attendees:

Alan Saffron Bob LaCivita Al Hansen Peter James Gary Canning Fred Chellis
Jon Siegel Bob DeAngelis Jim Seroskie Bob Couch Claude Dupuis Peter Breu

Secretary's Report

Alan Saffron reporting.

A motion to accept the minutes of the Jan 25 meeting was made by Claude Dupuis, seconded by Al Hansen and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Peter James reporting.

Expenses for the past month included payment of one scholarship grant, badges for the Guild and the Turning Symposium, Taunton magazine subscriptions, and membership expense. Turning Symposium registrations income from PayPal is currently just over \$2400.

General fund	\$20,498.27
Scholarship/Education	\$15,610.61
Boat Building subgroup	\$2,320.00
GSWT	<u>\$234.11</u>
Total	\$38,574.99

Gary Canning motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Bob DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.

Membership

Peter James reported paid membership at 539 members including 17 renewals and new members. Jim noted this as a new high for membership in February.

Jim Seroskie proposed a sample postcard with his graphic design suggestion to replace the current membership brochure. The SC approved going ahead with the card and Jim's graphic design, with a consensus to more actively identify distribution opportunities.

Part of Dave Michaels' efforts was a presentation by Fred Chellis, an employee of the Portsmouth WoodCraft store. Citing some of the advantages to both WoodCraft and the Guild, WoodCraft invited the Guild to schedule members to do demonstrations at the Portsmouth store one or two Saturdays each month. WoodCraft would use their email list to publicize each demonstration, and would support the Guild's membership activities. Supporting the program, the SC expressed confidence in having demonstrators, distributing the new postcard, and publicizing the demonstrations in TouchUps. Dave Michaels to coordinate presenters and the store. Jim to add Fred to the TouchUps input email list.

Re: badges, Jim Seroskie brought in the ordered 300 lanyards/badges, clip-on badges, and printed inserts. To encourage members to wear a name badge to meetings, the clip-on badges will be distributed free. The lanyard badges will sell for \$3.00. Dick Davis will be asked to distribute the badges along with the Guild shirts and hats.

Subgroups

Jon Siegel reporting no issues with any of the groups at this time.

Touchups/Journal/website

Jim Seroskie reporting no issues at this time.

Programs

Bob LaCivita reporting.

February meeting drew approximately 48 members.

Four members have "volunteered" to do Small Meetings in March.

The April general meeting is still being arranged.

The Summer Trip is being arranged to be held at Lester Huckins' saw mill operation, and will include a bring your own food picnic.

Scholarship Committee

Bob C. provided a summary sheet documenting the SC discussions, actions, conclusions, and recommendations thus far.

Peter James reported that he, Peter Breu, and Jon Siegel consulted with Peter Bloch regarding the proposed changes to the scholarship fund. Peter Bloch will support the recommendations and changes to the Scholarship policy.

The SC consensus was that the focus of our efforts would be on students and schools, with the flexibility to make grants to other individuals or organizations as deemed appropriate. Such a structure would allow the Guild to create meaningful programs and budget their expenditures. Creating such programs will require preliminary discussions, if done informally, with woodshop teachers. In a related subject, Jon Siegel acknowledged the need to improve communications with the NEAWT, and that soliciting their suggestions for possible grants would be a good opportunity to do so.

Jon Siegel spoke of his discussion with David Lamb of the NHFMA regarding the Guild's customary \$1000 grant meant to support their education efforts. They concluded that the Guild work with the Furniture Masters to more clearly earmark the funds for the Furniture Masters' education programs. Noting the Guild's preference, David suggested that NHFMA might forgo its request this year to provide time to work on the grant for next year.

Other Business

Bob DeAngelis reported that he got only 3 responses to his request for group buys suggestions. He was encouraged to continue his request in TouchUps.

Jim Seroskie will order 500 more Turning Symposium posters.

Mill Brook Gallery reported minimal member interest in their juried showing and is requesting assistance in recruiting submissions. The entry will be in TouchUps again.

A resulting consensus was that the Guild will publicize outside events of interest, and will promote outside events when there is a clear benefit to the Guild.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.