

## **Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers**

Steering Committee Minutes 4/25/12 by Claude Dupuis, VP

Location: Cobb Hill Construction, Inc., 206 North Sate Street, Concord NH 03301

Meeting was called to order at 6 pm. Bob Couch, President.

### **Attendees:**

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| Peter Breu | Claude Dupuis  | Robert LaCivita | Jim Seroskie |
| Phil Carle | Al Hansen      | Dave Michaels   | Jon Siegel   |
| Bob Couch  | C. Peter James | Roger Myers     | Bob Williams |

### **Meeting minutes:**

Review meeting minutes of 3/28/12

Motion made by Peter J. and seconded by Bob L. to accept the meeting minutes. Motion passed.

### **Treasures report:** C Peter James reporting.

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| General fund               | \$12,600.50       |
| Scholarship/Education fund | \$14,233.61       |
| Equipment fund             | \$0.00            |
| Boat Builders              | \$32.00           |
| GSWT                       | \$408.11          |
| PayPal Ck Account          | \$10,191.97       |
| Checking                   | <u>\$8,700.83</u> |
| Total                      | \$46,167.02       |

Expenses for this month was for video equipment needed for the turning symposium for \$274 + \$34= \$308.00

Motion made by Claude and seconded by Al to accept the meeting minutes. Motion passed.

### **Symposium Up-date:**

Projected attendance is less then last time. Someone outside the SC mentioned that we had the same turners presenting and that we should change it up. Bob C asked if we should get out some last minute advertizing, newspaper, NH Sunday news. It was felt it would not be worth it. Too little too late. Roger will try on-line postings.

Equipment: Old and newly purchased needs to be inventoried with pictures if possible. The list will be posted, maintained and managed on the Guild web-site. Location and contact info for the person(s) storing the equipment to be posted.

Symposium equipment purchases add up to about \$1,600.00 to date to include 12 cameras, switches etc.

Peter B. mentioned that Tony was planning on changes to the grid. Bob C asked that we avoid making changes at this point. Materials have been printed and volunteers assigned, not to mention the equipment video and so forth slated for those rooms. Peter B - still short volunteers but maybe the "Trades" kids can help setup on Thursday for the youth symposium. The registration for students youth day is up to 290!!!! when about 190 was expected. No limit or registration deadline was listed. A fifth demonstrator will have to be added. Setup will be in the auditorium. Go to person for equipment will be John Short standing in for Tony who could not be at the symposium due to a prior commitment. Pictures at the symposium? Bob C will bring his camera. Peter B will take some pictures also.

NH Chronicle will not be at the youth symposium because it's not a hands-on event. Bob C will check with Ned's daughter on regular news coverage.

The Guild should hand out questionnaires/survey on youth day. Dave will draft something up for group approval.

### **Scholarships submittals:**

Bob C provided the SC with the Scholarship Committee's approved applications for final SC review and vote.

1. Devon Karkos won the SkillsUSA cabinetmaking competition and needs a grant to travel to the National Competition in Kansas City. Roger made motion to approve the grant request not to exceed \$900.00 but to be based on funds collected so far. It was seconded by Peter J. Motion passed. It was also suggested that we ask Devon if he would come to Sunapee and display his work. Bob suggested that we have Devon attend the Symposium if possible where we could hand him a "Large" cardboard check. It could be done at lunch time hopefully with media coverage.
2. Brian Sergeant applied for a grant costing 340/2= \$170. Peter made motion seconded by Roger motion passed.
3. John Cioffi also applied for a carving class with Alan Breed. The scholarship was approved as well.

The SC intends to focus our scholarship/grant awards more toward students and schools. Right now it's a 60/40 split between outside awards and Guild members, which looks good for our 501(c)(3) status. Going forward the Guild will try to be more proactive with our outreach to schools, by possibly planning a project and or contests. Could we start a national program?

### **NEAWT**

Bob Williams and Phil Carle representing the "New England Association of Woodworking Teachers" (NEAWT) joined the SC meeting to discuss the proposals made by Dave Michaels. The proposals were to help the shop teachers by providing Guild members as demonstrators and equipment grants. Roger suggested that the teachers survey their students with the question "What do you need". The group discussed potential demo's ideas like sharpening, carving, simple joinery etc. that the Guild member volunteers might do. Insurance? Bob or Phil will check on coverage and or requirements needed. Maybe the Guild could offer students an on line only membership at no cost? Student made items for the Sunapee raffle? Shop teacher sponsorship? No cost for students to attend Guild meetings. School demo's and requirements will differ from school to school. Bob W. and Phil C. asked for a list of demonstrators and skills from which schools can select from. The shop teachers are welcome to borrow DVDs from the Guild's DVD library.

### **Membership:** Dave Michael reporting

Membership count is approx. 523. January saw 39 new members and 11 in March for a total of 120 for the year. Membership cards should be going out twice per month. Roger will demo line and berry inlay at Woodcraft on May 12th.

### **Program Committee:** Bob Lacivita reporting

Summer trip will be at Les Huckins house. A tent will be needed along with a porta-potie. It will be "bring you own" type of barbeque. The Guild will provide drinks, condiments and etc. Two-three grills will be needed. Bob L. volunteered himself, Claude and Bob C. Roger will post a notice in "The Old Saw".

### **Old Saw:** Roger reporting

Next issue to be at the end of May.

### **Sunapee:** Al Hansen reporting

Discussed in length whether or not sub-group raffles at the Guild tent was appropriate. We did consider the feedback from the "League" last year. The Boat Builders sub-group has been planning a raffle again this year and the "League" was not crazy about last year's boat raffle. They felt that it may have taken away from last minute sales from paying member booths. We frankly are not suppose to be selling anything from the Guild tent and are stretching it with the one Guild raffle we do have. We've been asked to draw the winners of our raffle by 1:00 on the last day so as to not pull activity from others.

**Policy Item:** Roger made motion; "Only one Guild authorized raffle at the Fair. The sub-groups are permitted to raffle at any other Guild meeting." Motion seconded by Peter James. Motion approved.

Bob C will draft a letter stating this for Jon to communicate with the Sub-groups.

### **Policy book progress:**

Discussed getting something started. A place holder on the Web-site where all policies can be archived and viewed by the membership. Jim will look into setting up a place holder and a couple of recent policies to get it started. In past discussions we had assigned the Guild Secretary to research past meeting minutes for Guild policies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm