

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 6/27/2012 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

Attendees:

Alan Saffron Peter James Bob DeAngelis Al Hansen Roger Myers Dave Michaels
Jon Siegel Jim Seroskie Bob Couch Claude Dupuis Gary Canning

Secretary's Report

Alan Saffron reporting.

A motion to accept the minutes of the 5/23 meeting was made by Peter James, seconded by Bob DeAngelis and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Peter James reporting. Peter presented the final numbers on the turning symposium, all as expected. Roger questioned whether Pinkerton's building/janitorial fee should net out of their proceeds or be expensed from the general fund. As Pinkerton bills the Guild for such services for general and other meetings, the consensus was payment from the general fund.

General fund	\$11,745.11
Scholarship/Education	\$15,531.00
Boat Building subgroup	\$358.00
GSWT	\$408.11
Cash on hand	<u>\$6,157.44</u>
Total	\$34,199.66

Claude motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Al Hansen seconded. Motion passed.

Membership

Dave Michaels reporting. Membership is up to 572 paid members.

The 6/23 Woodcraft event went well. Dave will be trying to schedule future demos at both WoodCraft and Rockler.

Programs

Bob C. reporting. The summer trip went well. There are no concerns with the Annual Meeting at this time.

Touchups/Journal/website

Jim Seroskie reporting. Jim reviewed our Wordpress application used for the public pages of our website. He has found that day-to-day maintenance on Wordpress becomes more difficult as the complexity of our website increases. He is concerned that continued use of Wordpress may jeopardize the website in the future. In his handouts, Jim compared many options and explained his choice of transferring the public part of our website to Drupal, an open source internet platform. Once some significant time is invested in the initial design and setup, future maintenance will be much more efficient on Drupal and will allow much more website growth in the future. The SC voiced its support for Jim's efforts.

Sunapee

Al Hansen reporting. Al made the SC aware that the sale of small toys and goblets made there by the demonstrators violated the LNHC policy. The SC decided the best course of action was to give the items to the Fair goers at no charge.

Al reported that preparations for signs, tables, benches, and lathes were satisfactory.

Bob C. was asked by the LNHC for our email list for marketing the Fair to our members. Bob will explain Guild policy and will offer to sponsor the event with links on our website and in Touchups.

Subgroups

Jon Siegel reporting. BIG needs a presenter/host for September. Bob LaCivita may consider it.

Bob C. met with Terry Moore regarding the Luthiers' use of the Guild's email list. Jeb Hooker will take over the subgroup's email responsibility.

Roger Myers reports good interest in a marketing subgroup. Noting that the SC must approve new subgroups, Jon Siegel motioned to accept the new Marketing subgroup with Roger Myers as the leader. Roger seconded, and the motion passed. Jim Seroskie to set up the group on the website.

Education Fund

Bob C. confirmed the Guild's focus on secondary school students and teachers in the form of demos and grants.

Other Business

Bob C. requested approval for a 'thank you' gift for Tom McLaughlin; a Lie Neilson plane was the thinking. Discussion included a similar request by PFG for a 'thank you' gift to Al Breed. The SC agreed that such gifts would allow the Guild to reward demonstrators, presenters, and others in a significant manner without paying for presenters. Jon Siegel made a motion for an

Honorarium policy.

For outstanding service to the GNHW, up to \$400 to be voted on by the SC in each case.

Motion seconded by Roger Myers, and the motion passed. Claude then nominated Tom McLaughlin and Al Breed as the first two recipients. Al Hansen seconded, and the motion passed.

Bob C. discussed outside offers made to market to members. The SC was sensitive to our current sponsors, and that offers should not compete with them. Offer details would be necessary prior to SC discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07.