

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 10/24/2012 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

Attendees:

Alan Saffron Peter James Marty Milkovits Roger Myers Victor Betts Ned Gelinas Dave Michaels
Jon Siegel Jim Seroskie Bob Couch Claude Dupuis Harvey Best Steve Colello

New SC Members

Bob Couch welcomed Harvey Best, Steve Colello, Victor Betts, and Ned Gelinas as new SC members.

Secretary's Report

Claude Dupuis noted that the August 22 SC meeting minutes and the September 15 Annual Meeting business session minutes were already accepted by the SC by email on 9/28.

The SC authorized Alan Saffron, Secretary to sign and post the Pecuniary Benefit Transactions Policy for 2012-2013. A motion to accept the minutes of the 9/26 meeting was made by Claude Dupuis, and seconded by Peter James; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Peter James reporting. Peter reviewed the Guild's finances, noting membership card mailing and Journal mailing payments as the significant expenses for October. He also noted income of approximately \$9000 from member dues payments.

General fund	\$18,304.19
Scholarship/Education	\$22,565.00
Boat Building subgroup	\$1,852.73
GSWT	\$118.11
Cash on hand	<u>\$8,756.35</u>
Total	\$42,840.03

The SC supported Peter's plan to account for the four Alan Lacer payments, charging one forth to the GSWT and three-fourths as three grants from the scholarship fund.

Roger Myers motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Dave Michaels seconded. Motion passed.

Budget

Bob Couch distributed and reviewed his proposed budget. Discussion was limited to several corrections offered by Peter James. A motion to accept the budget with those corrections was then made by Peter, seconded by Claude, and passed.

Membership

Dave Michaels reporting. Total membership including pending renewals is up to 638 members. The total paid membership is up to 538 members. Steve Branam will be doing the November and December WoodCraft demos. Dave recommended the Guild arrange the demos every other month, but the discussion leaned toward finding a solution to find members willing to do the demonstrations.

Jim Seroskie distributed a graph showing a gradual rounding and flattening of the annual membership cycle starting in 2012's monthly membership numbers. Jim explained the change was the result of having anniversary-based renewals. Jon Siegel and Dave Michaels told of the New England Association of Woodshop Teachers (NEAWT) meeting they attended at Rikon Machinery in Billerica, MA. Using Power Point slides, Dave and Jon talked about the Guild's resources to support school programs. With this basic understanding of the teachers' needs and preferences, an initial program for schools can be developed.

Treasurer

Bob Couch introduced Marty Milkovits as a candidate to replace Peter James as Guild treasurer. (As noted at the 8/22 SC meeting, Peter had requested he be replaced due to medical issues.) Regarding Marty's qualifications, the consensus was that he is indeed well qualified. Three concerns were discussed: one regarding IRS and state filings, a second regarding which software to use (Quick Books vs Quicken), and the third generating some extensive discussion centered on Marty's requirement of proper documents as a requisite for making payments. The SC concluded that all three would be worked out and would not hold up his candidacy.

The motion: "To accept the resignation of Peter James as Treasurer, to accept Marty Milkovits as Treasurer, and to accept Peter James as Deputy Treasurer" was made by Roger Myers, seconded by Jim Seroskie, and passed.

Programs

The discussion noted that the November general meeting needed to be arranged. So as not to conflict with the PFG meeting on the 15th, the general meeting was scheduled to December 8th. Knowing Marty Milkovits had done general meeting demonstrations and was popular as such; Alan Saffron suggested Marty, on this short notice might do the November meeting. Marty agreed, but concerned that Marty's shop was tight, Bob Couch will check with Tom McLaughlin to use his shop for the meeting. Bob suggested the new SC members become involved with Programs.

Subgroups

Jim Seroskie noted that The Right Brain subgroup had no leader and was inactive, and suggested the group be taken off the website for the near future. The SC agreed.

Other Business

Bob told of the varied requests from the community that he gets. Jim also receives such requests. So as to expedite requests and replies, the consensus was that they use their discretion in replying and/or action taken.

The motion to adjourn was made by Peter James and seconded by Steve Colello. The meeting ended at 8:00.