

# The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

## Steering Committee Minutes

**Date:** 1/23/2013 at 6:00 PM

**Recorded by** Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

### Attendees:

Alan Saffron     Victor Betts     Dave Michaels     Harvey Best     Peter James     Dave Frechette  
Jon Siegel     Jim Seroskie     Bob Couch     Claude Dupuis     Steve Colello

### Secretary's Report

Jim Seroskie requested one correction to the January minutes to the general fund allocation figure going to the local website services firm. Jon Siegel had requested the correction of the word cooperation in the subgroups notation. Harvey Best motioned to accept the minutes with the correction noted, Claude Dupuis seconded it; the motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Peter James reported filing the 2012 NH Charitable Trust Report and the 2012 IRS Form 990.

Dave Frechette confirmed the accuracy of the treasurer's report spreadsheet. Jim Seroskie questioned having the equipment fund line item in the report as it is only used for budgeting. Peter James motioned to delete the line from the report, Dave Frechette seconded; the motion passed.

Dave then reviewed the January figures. Expenses for the month were consistent. Claude Dupuis motioned to accept the December's Treasurer's report, Harvey Best seconded it; the motion passed.

General fund	
Money market	\$9,736.92
Checking	<u>\$9,419.74</u>
Total	\$19,156.66
Scholarship/Education	\$20,284.93
Boat Building subgroup	\$1,852.73
GSWT	<u>\$118.11</u>
Total	\$41,412.43

### Membership

Dave Michaels reporting. The total paid membership is 553 including 9 new members for the month.

### Programs

Bob reported no issues with the February general meeting arrangements.

Victor Betts reported the April general meeting will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Homestead School. He was still working on presenters.

Steve Colello reported one change to the Small Meetings for March. Pete Boorum will demonstrate working with thin stock, as Roger Myers will not be available to do his resawing stock demo.

### Scholarships

Bob lead discussion regarding the Guild's sponsorship of Beth Ireland and her application for a \$1200 grant to continue her mission to grow interest in woodturning among high school students. The consensus was to provide material support as appropriate. Peter James motioned to approve the grant for \$1200, Harvey Best seconded it; the motion passed.

### Education Fund Policy

Bob distributed the latest version of the education funding policy. Jim offered one correction regarding available funds, as opposed to raised funds. The policy, with Jim's correction was adopted on a voice vote.

### **GSWT Bylaws**

Required as a subgroup of the GNHW, the GSWT submitted a draft of their proposed bylaws for review by the SC. The consensus was to send the draft, by and large based on AAW boilerplate back to the GSWT. Jon Siegel and Claude Dupuis will advise the GSWT leadership.

### **Touchups/Journal/Website**

Jim Seroskie reported that soliciting questions for Q&A column through Touchups was successful.

In his work on the new public pages of the website, Jim noted that the current text of the scholarships page is out of date with current Guild education policy, and asked for guidance regarding the text for the new public cite page.

Discussion regarding offering multiyear membership renewals. Members not keeping track of their renewals duplicate renewals with duplicate payment issues. Consensus was to offer multiyear renewals, which should decrease the problem.

Jim reported that now 45 members opt out of receiving Journal hardcopies, and that the cost savings is significant.

Jim is planning to move the website to the new server mid February.

### **Luthiers Meeting Report**

The group had a good meeting and has strong interest. They will now be the Granite State Luthiers. Dave Frechette voiced his support for Terry Moore's leadership.

### **Other Business**

Discussing the "group rates" SketchUp offer received by the Guild, the consensus was that the Guild cannot promote or publicize for profit offers.

Meeting adjourned 8:10.