

## **The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Steering Committee Minutes**

**Date:** 3/6/2013 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    Peter James    Ned Gelinas  
Jim Seroskie    Bob Couch    Claude Dupuis    Steve Colello

### **Secretary's Report**

No corrections to the January minutes were requested. Peter James motioned to accept the January minutes, Ned Gelinas seconded it; the motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Peter James reporting. The only notable outlay for the month was the Beth Ireland grant of \$1200. Steve Colello motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Alan Saffron seconded it; the motion passed.

General fund	
Money market	\$5,656.92
Checking	<u>\$12,442.69</u>
Total	\$18,099.61
Scholarship/Education	\$18,684.93
Boat Building subgroup	\$1,852.73
GSWT	<u>\$118.11</u>
Total	\$38,755.38

### **Membership**

Dave Michaels reporting. The total paid membership is 566. Since January 1 of this year the Guild has 24 new members, 9 better than the same period last year.

### **Programs**

Victor Betts reporting. The February general meeting went well. Peter James suggested more attention be paid to our outside speakers' video needs.

The featured speaker at the April general meeting will be Jeff Cooper, talking about furniture carving. The morning program on routers should be fine with 5 demonstrators signed up. Ten dollar gift cards will be given to nonteacher members for participating. The meeting will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Homestead School.

Steve Colello is scheduling the next Small Meetings day for October 19.

Bob Couch reported the interest in the summer trip to the North Bennett Street School was stronger than expected with 54 total sign-ups, 48 of which opting for Guild transportation. The high turnout requires chartering a bus with a much higher cost than the expected chartering of one or two vans. Bob estimated the cost at \$900, which is still manageable.

Consensus was for the Guild to ask nothing from the participants; the Guild will cover the charter as well as the driver gratuity.

### **Scholarships**

Scholarship requests for Bob Katz and Daryl Winters were forwarded by the scholarship committee for SC approval. The requests were approved with Peter James casting the only dissenting vote.

### **The Old Saw**

Jim Seroskie reported TOS continues to be popular as seen by the high number of members downloading each issue. Of note was that still 15% of the downloads were at dial-up speeds.

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

Jim Seroskie reporting.

The winter issue of the Journal will be 44 pages and should go to print on March 13, and should be received by members the first week of April.

Jim reviewed the website status; the design work was done, 99% of the content was done, and still in progress was the update editor which uses relative addressing and browser testing. The site should go live by 3/15.

Jim also reviewed some of his trials and tribulations working with Commonplaces.com, his outside website services vendor. He spoke of some communication/understanding issues and their resolution, which later led to the 'partnership' with the firm he initially envisioned, and is pleased with the relationship and investment.

### **GSWT Bylaws**

Discussion tabled to next meeting.

### **Other Business**

The SC authorized Jim Seroskie to purchase 150 additional lanyards for Dick Davis' sales to members.

Bob Couch suggested an administrative change to the bylaws; changing our fiscal year to run from January 1 through December 31<sup>st</sup> would make the Guild consistent with most organizations with IRS tax filing. Dave Michaels motioned to present the change to the members at the next Guild general meeting, Victor Betts seconded it; the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:02.