

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 3/27/2013 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 Dave Frechette
Jim Seroskie Bob Couch Claude Dupuis Steve Colello Harvey Best Jon Siegel Roger Myer

Secretary's Report

After a clarification regarding the Programs gift cards for the April general meeting and a grammatical correction, Peter James motioned to accept the February minutes, Harvey Best seconded it, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Frechette reporting. Guild expenses were consistent for the month.

Peter James motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Claude Dupuis seconded it; the motion passed.

General fund	
Money market	\$6,176.92
Checking	<u>\$12,939.26</u>
Total	\$19,116.18
Scholarship/Education	\$18,284.93
Boat Building subgroup	\$1,852.73
GSWT	<u>\$118.11</u>
Total	\$39,371.95

Roger Myer explained that the use of cameras and projectors among the subgroups had increased, but the logistics of providing the projector could be an issue. He suggested the purchase of another video projector to be located by members in the eastern part of the state. The SC agreed and voted to authorize Roger to spend up to \$600 for a projector and associated cables, adapters, and necessary accessories.

In related discussion regarding the Guild's video equipment, it was decided to post a list showing the equipment and contact on the member website for subgroup use.

Membership

Dave Michaels reporting. The total paid membership is 564.

A WoodCraft demonstrator is needed for April 13.

To arrange demonstrations that attract people, Dave looked at member interest by subgroup check-offs in member profiles on the website, and shared a graph with some statistics for reference.

Programs

Steve Colello reported that the March Small Meetings were successful and well attended. He is working on a variety of topics that may be of interest the next meetings on October 19.

Victor Betts reported arranging Matt Wadja to give a talk on safety completes the itinerary of the April general meeting. There have been some changes and additions to the router program demonstrators, but the program is still expected to use the hour well.

Bob Couch reported having made the bus arrangements for the summer trip to the North Bennett Street School. Information with pickup sites and times will be made available.

Roger Myer reviewed the itinerary. A future tour may be arranged once all the school's programs are located and settled at the new building.

Bob Couch reported high interest and participation to fill the space in the LNHC GNHW exhibit. Bob reviewed the participants and their work. Jim Seroskie will be assist with a poster.

Scholarships

Peter James reviewed the Guild's prior years support of \$300 for the New England Student Woodworking Design Competition. Dave Frechette motioned to sponsor the upcoming competition with \$300. Roger Myer seconded, and the motion passed.

The Old Saw

Roger Myer plans to publish the next issue about two weeks prior to the next general meeting, which makes the publish date on or about April 6.

Touchups/Journal/Website

Jim Seroskie reporting.

The winter issue of the Journal has been printed and is at the mailing house. It is on schedule to be received by members the first week of April.

Jim spoke of the work and commitment of Commonplaces.com to meet his 3/15 deadline to go live. He also described the design process and environment they provide.

Jim went through his Commonplaces budget and estimated needing up to \$1000 for contingencies to cover the members site design and development in Drupal. Dave Frechette motioned to authorize \$1000 for this year, Peter James seconded, and the motion passed.

GSWT Bylaws

The only issue found regarded GSWT leadership and Guild membership and AAW membership. Discussion included whether GSWT leadership should include just officers or officers and directors, and which organizations membership should be maintained (for insurance coverage). A first motion offered by Roger Myer and seconded by Peter James would stipulate (the bylaws define) the leadership of the GSWT include officers and directors, and require membership in both the GNHW and the AWW. After some additional discussion, this motion failed.

A motion to amend the GSWT bylaws draft stipulating that the officers be both GNHW and AWW members, was supported by Dave Frechette, seconded by Jon Siegel, and passed. With this change, Dave Frechette motioned to accept the bylaws, Peter James seconded, and the motion passed.

Other Business

The date of the next annual meeting was determined to be September 21, 2013.

Meeting adjourned 7:40.