

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 4/24/2013 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

Attendees:

Alan Saffron Peter James Ned Gelinas Dave Frechette Jon Siegel
Jim Seroskie Bob Couch Claude Dupuis Steve Colello Harvey Best

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the March minutes as well as the minutes of the April 20th general meeting business session documenting the fiscal year bylaws vote was supported by Dave Frechette, seconded by Claude Dupuis, and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Frechette reporting. Notable Guild expenses for the month included \$5000 to print the Journal, \$1000 in internet costs, and \$500 for insurance. Claude Dupuis motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Peter James seconded it; the motion passed.

General fund	
Money market	-\$823.08
Checking	<u>\$11,480.29</u>
Total	\$10,657.21
Scholarship/Education	\$18,284.93
Boat Building subgroup	\$1,852.73
GSWT	<u>\$200.11</u>
Total	\$19,514.69

Sunapee

Bob Couch reporting. The LNHC requested the Guild's assistance in doing a Boy Scouts merit badge program in woodwork at the Fair. The consensus was to support the LNHC, put together a program at Sunapee, and extend the Guild's support to the Boy Scouts directly.

Membership

Bob Couch reporting. The total paid membership is 556. Jim Seroskie noted that membership is leveling off. WoodCraft demonstrators are needed for the GNHW day in June.

LNHC Exhibition

Bob Couch reporting. The exhibition is going well due to the strength of the overall display and GNHW members' "impressive" work.

The League requested Guild support of the exhibition in a donation toward the cost of refreshments. A motion to donate \$100 was supported by Peter James, seconded by Alan Saffron, and passed.

Programs

The Summer Trip, Bob Couch reporting. Preparations are going well, including filling open bus seats from a waiting list, printing badges, and compiling emails.

Discussion regarding annual meeting included location and presenter suggestions. Pinkerton and the Bow Meeting House were suggested as locations.

Scholarships

Bob Couch reporting. The Guild received a request from David Foote, the coordinator of the SkillsUSA high school cabinet making competition at Spaulding High in Rochester, asking for support for this year's winner, Ryan Fowler, so he

can travel to the national competition in Kansas City. Peter James noted the Guild supported the program's winner last year. Dave Frechette supported a motion approving a grant for \$950, seconded by Steve Colello, and the motion passed.

Touchups/Journal/Website

Jim Seroskie reporting.

Puritan Press, by their error over ran the winter issue of the Journal by 160 additional copies. As Jim reported, Puritan Press demonstrated their loyalty to the Guild account by apologizing for the error, making no request for the 160 copies back, and foregoing regular handling and mailing charges. Jim then asked for suggestions in distributing the extra copies.

Jim reviewed email services options, the current work on the website, and his Commonplaces.com services and budget. Using Google analytics, Jim explained his resources decisions regarding which operating systems and browsers to support.

Other Business

Steve Colello discussed the idea of having a recognition program, which would define honorarium rules, special recognition awards, and presenter/demonstrator thank you gifts. Steve said he would write up a draft.

Meeting adjourned 7:51.