

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

Date: 7/24/2013 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 Harvey Best Al Hansen
Jim Seroskie Bob Couch Claude Dupuis Steve Colello Victor Betts Dave Michaels

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the June minutes was supported by Bob Couch, seconded by Steve Colello, and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Frechette reporting.

Two significant expenses this month were approximately \$1000 for equipment and the \$1000 grant to the NHFMA. Dave paid the grant from the general fund but will correct the entry to come from the education fund.

With Steve Colello's suggestion, Dave will provide the treasurer's report showing the month's balances against the budget. Claude will also structure the next year's budget to coincide with the fiscal year.

General Fund total	
Money market	-\$1,389.08
PayPal Ck Acct	\$3,806.22
Checking	<u>\$5,294.30</u>
Total	\$7,711.44

Money Market Acct	
General Fund	-\$1,389.08
Education	\$18,284.93
Boat Building subgroup	\$1,852.73
GSWT	<u>\$110.11</u>
Total	\$18,858.69

Total All Accts	\$27,959.21
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Dave Frechette supported the motion to accept the treasurer's report, was seconded by Peter James, and passed.

Sunapee

Al Hansen reporting.

Preparations were well in hand. Al distributed his volunteer schedule, and also explained that the League felt the need to make some changes, this year, one of which is the location of the Guild's tent. Raffle donations were also going well. Some final details regarding banners, lanyards, and benches were coordinated among the SC.

Membership

Dave Michaels reporting.

Membership is currently 542 paid members, including three new members in July, for 47 new members this year. Jim Seroskie offered his analysis on the Guild's growth from a different perspective; in CY 2011 Guild dues revenue would have been based on 518 paying members, while CY 2012 dues revenue would have been based on 545 paying members.

Programs

Victor Betts reporting.

The September meeting arrangements are all set. Victor will post the agenda on the website.

Bob Couch reported a special donation of walnut. It was agreed to divide the wood into lots and auction by silent auction. Jon Binzen will be accompanied by his wife. Bob clarified with the SC that the Guild will also cover Mrs. Binzen's dinner as well.

TOS

The SC expressed concern that Roger had not yet responded to Bob's query regarding the next issue.

Roy Noyes recognition

Bob Couch reporting.

Jon Siegel, who was not able to attend the meeting, submitted a proposal to Bob Couch to recognize Roy Noyes for his contributions to the Guild by presenting him with an award at the Annual Meeting in September. A motion accepting Jon's proposal to recognize Roy "For sustained contributions to the Guild" was supported by Peter James, seconded by Dave Frechette, and passed.

Equipment Inventory

Bob Couch distributed an updated list. Jim Seroskie will look into posting the list on the website for those with administrator's rights.

Bob proposed purchasing a projector with greater power to project images in dimly lit space. The SC concurred.

Touchups/Journal/Website

Jim Seroskie reporting.

The next issue of the Journal went to print on July 21 and should be to members by mid August.

Jim explained that Adobe Systems, publishers of the software used to produce the Journal, has changed to an annual \$600 subscription to 'lease' the software rather than the traditional model allowing customers the option to purchase revisions and new editions. In order to avoid an \$1800 cost over the next three years, Jim suggested purchasing the next and final 'traditional' revision at \$550. As this version should meet the Guild's needs for the next three years, this option would save the Guild \$1250. A motion authorizing Jim to upgrade his software for \$550 was supported by Peter James, seconded by Victor Betts, and passed. A motion put forward by Steve Colello and seconded by Dave Frechette to budget the expense and delay it until the start of the fiscal year was not passed; the consensus was to have Jim upgrade his software as soon as possible.

Jim then explained an unanticipated expense with Commonplaces, the Guild's website service provider. Hostgater, the website's email capability provider, changed servers which created issues for the website requiring Commonplaces work. Their billing, covered by the original \$5000 authorization, will then require additional funds to cover the current work in progress, the ipad drop down menu, 'unpaid invoice' CiviCrm bug, and a database error bug. Jim will advise as necessary.

Guild bonding

Bob Couch brought up for discussion the idea of bonding the officers. The consensus was that bonding is not appropriate for the Guild. Dave Frechette will check costs with the insurance agent.

New Business

Bob Couch requested changing the date of the next SC meeting from Wednesday 8/28 to Sunday 8/25 so that he may host the SC to a BBQ before the meeting. To allow the members to check their schedules, Bob will query the committee by email.

Steve Colello reminded the SC to publish the slate of nominated officers as required by the bylaws prior to the annual meeting in September.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58.