

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 8/25/2013 at 5:45 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

Location: the home of Bob Couch, 52 Logging Hill Road, Bow

Attendees

Alan Saffron Peter James Ned Gelinas Harvey Best Roger
Myers
Jim Seroskie Bob Couch Claude Dupuis Victor Betts Dave Michaels
Jon Siegel

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the July minutes was supported by Peter James, seconded by Jim Seroskie, and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Frechette was inexplicably absent leaving the SC with no treasurer's report.

Sunapee

Roger Myers reporting.

The new location of the Guild's tent appeared to work out well. Although the LNHC states the tent size was as last year's, this tent seemed larger and worked well also.

Hal Liberty and his toy making drew a lot of interest and support.

Although a little shy of last year, raffle ticket sales of \$9850 was considered successful given the two days of low Fair attendance due to weather.

The League received a concern for the public's safety by a fair goer following a piece of stock flying from a lathe. The piece landed harmlessly, but indicated a need for more safety precautions for both the public and the demonstrators.

Improvements for next year will include better communication with the volunteers and managing the prize distribution process.

Membership

Dave Michaels reporting.

Dave distributed a membership summary for 2013. As of August 25th, the Guild had 552 paid members, including 60 new members this year. Unfortunately, Dave's success was offset by 60 lapsed memberships as well.

Dave is also recruiting demonstrators for WoodCraft for September 14.

Programs

Victor Betts reporting.

Auction details regarding projectors, accounting, and sound were coordinated.

The silent auction process for the donated walnut was described.

Discussing the donation of a large lathe, off-site and being represented by photographs only, the SC then considered auctioning off-site donations in general. Larger items would contribute interest to the auctions and would be more likely donated if the logistical burden was eliminated. Items would need adequate descriptions, photographs, and seller's contact information. Bidders would be advised 'buyers beware', and that payment to the Guild is due at the end of the auction as is normal. The Guild will issue a receipt to the winning bidder to be presented when taking possession later.

Roy Noyes Recognition

Bob Couch reporting.

Jack Grube informed Bob Couch that Roy will be at the Annual Meeting, and that he will participate in making the presentation to Roy.

TOS

Roger Myer reporting.

The next issue will be published the week of August 25 and will contain the content of two issues.

Roger explained holding the content of the delayed April issue to publish on the next scheduled TOS date, just prior to the September annual meeting.

Subgroups

Jon Siegel spoke of a conversation with Jeff Cooper regarding a carvers subgroup. Jon thought Jeff may be interested in doing some demonstrations in a subgroup setting. Jon will follow up with Jeff.

Roger Myer suggested member interest in the Right Brain group. The group will need to identify the direction of member interest, redefine its focus, and appoint a leader. Roger pointed out an inherent challenge with this particular group; the interested participants, 'right brained' people, need a strong organizer, which would be a 'left brained' person.

Roger also added that Bob LaCivita is interested in leading a 'fundamentals' group, filling the need that BIG had done in the past.

Bob Couch will contact Matt Wadja to formally ask him to continue leading BIG.

Roger reported that the Woodworking as a Business subgroup will meet in October. Insurance will be the topic. The location is to be determined.

Small Meetings

Bob Couch reporting.

Steve Colello has scheduled the next Small Meeting day for October 19th. Presenters include Roger Myer on resawing, Bob Couch on sharpening, Highland Hardwoods on the basics of buying stock, (GSWT) on spindle turning, possibly Bill Taylor on box making. Steve is also looking for a Sketchup demonstrator.

Touchups/Journal/Website

Jim Seroskie reporting.

Jim reported that the email forwarding problem on the website was rectified, that Hostgater's web-hosting services have been renewed for three more years, and that he purchased the Adobe Systems software discussed at the July SC meeting.

An ongoing concern of Jim Seroskie as well as the SC is that of a backup to Jim and Roger Myer, editor of TOS. Jim offered a proposal that would reduce editor demands by simplifying TOS. Initial discussion showed little support for the proposal, but consensus was to table the issue until next month so that more thought could be given to it.

Slate of Officers

Claude proposed the slate of officers for 2013 -2014. The SC nominations are Claude Dupuis for president, Victor Betts for vice president, Dave Frechette as treasurer, and Alan Saffron as secretary. Peter James supported the motion to accept the slate, Roger Myer seconded, and the motion passed.

Scholarships

Bob Couch reporting.

Peter Breu forwarded two associated grant requests. Andy Moerlein of Bow, NH and Donna Dodson of Boston, MA, both members of the Boston Sculptures Gallery are taking part in an 'exchange' program in sculpting and culture with Peruvian artists. In return for our backing, the Guild will be invited to their exhibits and presentations, as well as make a presentation at a Guild meeting. Peter James supported a motion to grant each \$1200, Harvey Best seconded, and the motion passed.

New Business

Roger Myer gave an update on a wood donation from a cabinet shop in Amherst, MA. Once the donor meets with his accountant, Roger can schedule getting the stock, sorting it, and selling it. The stock will be sold to members based on steeply discounted market rates with the proceeds going to the Guild, net the transportation expenses incurred by Roger.

Ned Gelinas announced that he is unable to return to the SC next year. The SC voiced their appreciation for his contributions and thanked him for his service.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06.

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