

# The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

## Steering Committee Minutes

**Date:** 9/25/2013 at 6:00 PM

**Recorded by** Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

### Attendees

Alan Saffron     Peter James     Bob Wyatt     Harvey Best     Dave Frechette     Steve Colello  
Jim Seroskie     Bob Couch     Claude Dupuis     Victor Betts     Dave Michaels     Jon Siegel

### Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the August minutes was supported by Steve Colello, seconded by Dave Frechette, and passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Dave Frechette reporting.

The September numbers reflect something of the traditional August bump from membership, and the \$1,466.00 netted from the auction. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was supported by Peter James, seconded by Bob Couch, and passed.

Dave also reported on his follow-up regarding bonding. To cover the Guild against embezzlement, our insurance agent estimated a \$275 premium for \$100,000 in coverage. Consensus concluded the Guild's risk as minimal given the Guild's relatively simple finances, modest size, monthly SC review, and treasury oversight by the assistant treasurer, Peter James. Bob Couch offered a motion to table further discussion, Steve Colello seconded it, and the SC agreed, passing the motion.

General Fund total	
Money market	\$4,294.97
PayPal Ck Acct	\$3,520.00
Checking	\$4,486.48
PayPal	<u>\$5,861.82</u>
Total	\$18,163.27

Money Market Acct	
General Fund	\$4,294.97
Education	\$23,218.12
Boat Building subgroup	\$1,852.73
GSWT	<u>\$110.11</u>
Total	\$29,475.93

Total All Accts	\$43,344.23
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### Membership

Dave Michaels reporting.

Dave gave the current membership at 557 members, and reported 14 new members as a result of the Sunapee effort.

### Demo Safety

Discussion centered on shields for lathes to protect viewers watching demonstrations. It was also noted that more attention be paid to safety at all demos and meetings, including more use of hearing protection and safety glasses.

### September Meeting Recap

Turnout was estimated at about sixty five people. There were no challenges or nominations from the floor, resulting in the election of the slated officers.

The silent auction yielded only \$140.

All agreed the Bow Municipal Building was a great location, and the meeting went well, including Jon as auctioneer, and Jon Binzen's presentation.

The Roy Noyes recognition also went well, as well an address to the group by Karen Haskell of New London, recognizing Peter James for his help in liquidating her late husbands tools.

### **TOS**

Jim Seroskie replied to points discussed last month and clarified two points regarding printed material; authors respond and contribute articles for printed materials, and that hard copy has value to many users. He also noted that timely Guild news and information is communicated by TouchUps. By printing TOS in conjunction with the Journal, TOS would benefit from low production costs, have a set publication schedule, and attract submissions from others, decreasing the burden of the editor. It was noted TOS online archived Guild activities, and that a set publishing schedule may have questionable value. Noting it is the members' publication, Claude suggested polling the membership to learn what is wanted, and the SC agreed. In an effort to minimize bias, poll questions were to be distributed to the SC prior to being included in TouchUps.

### **Scholarships**

The Scholarship committee recommended a \$5000 grant to Elaine Hamel for her Girls at Work program. The money would be used for the program's operating expenses. Dave Frechette made a motion to approve the grant, and Bob Couch seconded it. Further discussion centered on the program's purpose, to help girls in problem homes, only using woodworking and carpentry skills as a vehicle. Given the committee's high recommendation for support, Dave amended his motion to approve \$1000. With Victor Betts' second, the motion passed with one objection.

### **Small Meetings**

Bob Colello reporting.

Steve has six meetings scheduled for October 19th. Registrations were proceeding well except for a single for the toys meeting and none for the lumberyard meeting. Steve to provide Jim with copy to promote the toys meeting in TouchUps.

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

Jim reported that after seeing his article in the Journal, Fine Woodworking Magazine recruited Owain Harris to submit an article for them, making him the fourth author FW recruited from the Journal this year.

### **DVD Library**

Claude Dupuis reporting. The problem of getting DVDs back initiated some discussion in going to posting videos online. A DVD/Internet committee would be formed to include Bob Couch, Peter Bloch, John Pitrone, and a general member (to be named later). To allow posting video files on line, \$60 was approved for a Guild Vimeo account.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.