

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

**Date:** 12/18/2013 at 6:00 PM

**Recorded by** Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

**Attendees**

Alan Saffron     Peter James     Robert Wyatt     Jon Siegel     Steve Colello     Peter Breu (for Scholarships/Grants)  
Jim Seroskie     Bob Couch     Claude Dupuis     Victor Betts     Harvey Best

**Secretary's Report**

A motion to accept the November minutes was supported by Bob Couch, seconded by Peter James, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Peter James reported on the Guild's balances numbers as provided by Dave Frechette. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was supported by Bob Couch, seconded by Peter James, and passed.

General Fund total	
Money market	\$20,028.89
PayPal Ck Acct	\$4,582.00
Checking	\$6,185.20
PayPal	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$30,796.09

Money Market Acct	
General Fund	\$20,028.89
Education	\$9,273.12
Boat Building subgroup	\$1,852.73
GSWT	<u>\$287.61</u>
Total	\$31,442.35

Total All Accts                    \$42,209.55

**Scholarships/Grants**

Peter Breu summarized the Acton Boxborough Regional High grant request, but was unable to provide the background and context needed by the SC to approve the large dollar amount requested. The grant was again tabled to give the scholarship committee time to provide that information. The SC's additional scrutiny stemmed from a lack of familiarity with the Acton Boxborough program as well as weighing the benefit of using the funds for just one school versus several smaller grants for other potential requests.

**Budget**

Claude Dupuis distributed his proposed budget around the table. He first explained the format and strategy of the spreadsheet, and then reviewed his figures. The SC found the format agreeable and discussed the line items. Of concern were ongoing internet expense and money for additional video equipment. Claude to revise the numbers with SC recommendations and email a revised budget to the committee.

**Programs**

The consensus was that the November general meeting went well. The three simultaneous demonstrations format was successful and Brad Wolcott's presentation was well received.

Victor Betts has tentatively scheduled the February general meeting for the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, contingent on the venue and featured presenter. Given the positive feedback of the November meeting morning format, Victor is planning on having two

demonstrators for the morning program.

#### Spring Symposium

Checking the availability of Pinkerton Academy for a symposium, Jack Grube told Claude that his new shop teacher is wood carver of some note. Further emails resulted in identifying May 17<sup>th</sup> as the tentative date, as well as Pinkerton's shop teacher, Steven Sackmann's full support, anticipated participation, and contacts in carving for additional presenters. Claude once again appealed to the members of the SC for a coordinator.

#### **Boat Building Subgroup**

Jon Siegel reported that he had received feedback from enough members interested in continuing the boat building subgroup. He will schedule a meeting with those interested to discuss the subgroup's direction and administration.

#### **DVD/Video Library**

Bob Couch reported receiving many comments regarding his posted test video; many were quite positive. The consensus was to go forward and post future Guild videos online as well as work towards posting videos from the Guild's library online. To do this a motion to upgrade the Guild's Vimeo account from Plus at \$60 per year to Pro at \$199 per year was supported by Peter James, seconded by Steve Colello, and passed.

Bob also noted concern for members with only dial-up internet access. Providing videos on a few DVDs or thumb drives may be options to be considered.

#### **Membership**

Jim Seroskie reported paid membership at 533. He also provided a graph showing membership level by month. While experiencing the usual drop in September and October, membership has not rebounded, indicating renewals are an issue. Causes will need to be discussed.

#### **TouchUps/Journal/Website**

Jim Seroskie reporting.

The Journal was delivered to the post office on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Miscellaneous Business**

Guild stationery was agreed to be an administrative task not requiring SC discussion.

Gift cards or other tokens expressing the Guild's thanks and appreciation in the amount of \$25 was agreed to be an administrative task.

#### **Small Meetings**

Steve Colello reported progress arranging five small meetings for next March 15<sup>th</sup>: box making, turning, banding, finishing, and metalworking for woodworkers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05.