

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

**Date:** 1/22/2014 at 6:00 PM

**Recorded by** Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

**Attendees**

Alan Saffron    Peter James    Jon Siegel    Steve Colello    Al Hansen (for Sunapee proposal)  
Jim Seroskie    Bob Couch    Claude Dupuis    Victor Betts    Dave Michaels    Dave Frechette    Harvey Best

**Secretary's Report**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Dave Frechette reporting. An internet payment was the only notable expense in January. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was supported by Peter James, seconded by Bob Couch, and passed.

Peter James initiated discussion regarding the Boat Builders subgroup balance. He reiterated that the original \$1000 was loaned by the SC as seed money for materials for a boat to be raffled later. With consensus that the subgroup is going forward, Peter's motion to return \$1000 to the education fund with the \$852.73 to remain in the subgroup's account was seconded by Steve Colello, and passed with two nay votes noted.

Cash	
Money market	\$27,927
GNHW checking	\$7,244
PayPal Ck Acct	\$4,582
PayPal	
Total Cash	<u>\$39,753</u>

Accounts	
General Fund	\$25,825
Education	\$11,789
Boat Building group	\$1,852
GSWT	<u>\$287</u>
Total	\$39,753

**Sunapee**

Al Hansen reviewed his plans for coordinating activities at Sunapee this August. Al will have Dick Weiss as a direct assistant. He plans to recruit coordinators to handle logistical needs by geographical areas, and to assign a setup lead, a take down lead, and prize distribution lead as well. The SC also formulated a committee to assist Al and be more active in putting on the Sunapee event. Working with Al Hansen on this committee will be Claude Dupuis, Bob Couch, Alan Saffron, and Harvey Best.

**Programs**

Victor Betts reporting.

The February general meeting is scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> at the shop of Owain Harris in Deerfield. Richard Oedel is the featured speaker. To maximize attendance for his presentation, it will take place in the morning. Following the format of the November general meeting, two concurrent demonstrations are scheduled; Bill Taylor will demonstrate small boxes and Harvey Best will demonstrate finishing restoration.

Spring Symposium

Alan Saffron reported meeting with Jack Grube at Pinkerton Academy. The date has been settled on May 17. The

facilities will allow a lot of flexibility in structuring the symposium. With Steve Sackmann's help, speakers will be lined up shortly.

### **Subgroups**

Jon Siegel reported that the Windsor Chair group wishes to expand their focus to include woodworking techniques and other pieces of the same era. To better represent the group they propose to change their name to Early American Woodworking. Al Hansen will also assist Fred Chellis in coordinating the group. The SC agreed with the changes.

Jon reported that about twelve people attended the Boat Builders group meeting and discussed issues with the group's prior structure, and possibilities for going forward. A survey will be sent to the twelve attendees to further determine the direction and structure for the group.

### **DVD/Video Library**

Jim Seroskie reported that 144 Guild titles are now available online in addition to the short video clips the Guild's website links to. Currently one must use a TouchUps link, available to members, to access the Guild videos, which are actually available to the public. Discussion continued and was tabled as to whether the videos should be restricted as a member benefit, or should follow the Guild's mission to educate the public and be available on the public website.

### **Membership**

Dave Michaels reported paid membership at 523 with eight new members this month. Generating membership cards directly on the website will be an option to be discussed later.

### **Scholarships/Grants**

Peter James made a motion to not approve the \$3300 grant request from Acton Boxborough Regional High. The motion was seconded by Victor Betts and passed. Peter James will assist Peter Breu with a letter to the high school.

The consensus was to limit grants to New Hampshire schools and to provide more guidelines for school grant requests. Further discussion was also tabled.

A \$300 grant for Marlborough High School, Marlborough, NH was approved.

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

Jim Seroskie requested some of guidance in setting up the members' website:

- complimentary and honorary memberships will be added
- no gender information will be requested
- Guild contacts information will appear as it does currently
- TouchUps default will require members to opt out
- membership directories default will require members to opt out
- directory information will appear as it does currently

The meeting adjourned at 8:07.