

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 2/26/2014 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 Peter Breu Robert Wyatt
Jim Seroskie Bob Couch Claude Dupuis Victor Betts Dave Michaels Harvey Best

Secretary's Report

Peter James noted an incorrect total to the treasurer's numbers, Harvey Best noted his name missing among the attendees, and Claude requested the addition of the SC Sunapee committee be added to the Sunapee item notes. A motion to accept the January minutes as amended was supported by Steve Colello, seconded by Harvey Best, and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Noting Dave Frechette's absence, Claude tabled discussion of the treasurer's report.

Membership

Dave Michaels reported paid membership at 535 with 20 new members since January 1st. Dave also noted that 64 members have renewed since the beginning of January as well.

Jim Seroskie reviewed the membership's geographical distribution:

NH	77%
MA	14%
ME	5%
VT	1%
other	3%

Dave also noted the difficulty of consistently arranging demonstrators for WoodCraft.

February General Meeting

Victor Betts reporting. Overall the February meeting went well. Responding to members' input and hoping to increase attendance, Victor scheduled the featured speaker for the morning session. Attendance in the morning was consistent with recent meetings, but Victor estimated losing approximately one third of the members after the morning presentation, possibly due to member interest or because of the heavy snow falling at the time.

As there will be a symposium in May, there will not be a general meeting in April. A summer trip in June needs to be planned. It was noted that George Evarts might be willing to give the Guild a tour of his new saw mill.

Carving Symposium

Alan Saffron reported having eight presenters and will clarify our insurance requirements for Pinkerton Academy. Peter Breu's guidance included the importance of scheduling the speakers to balance attendance, limiting the number of speakers and limiting seating to avoid spreading the attendees too thinly, formatting the symposium in three sessions should work, and limiting session times to 75 to 90 minutes.

Peter also noted the next turning symposium has been scheduled for 5/15/2015.

Small Meetings

Steve Colello reported that four of the six March 15th meetings are booked. He will be arranging Small Meetings for next October as well.

The Journal

Jim Seroskie, noting that a cost per member calculation be based on a two year membership average, showed that the Journal costs have remained consistent with no cost increase to the members. His best explanation was that the members opting out of the paper copy subsidized the cost of printing the paper copies.

Addressing possible abuse of complimentary copies to advertisers, Jim will address the copies to the business name.

The Website

Jim Seroskie announced a new position for the website; Subgroup Website Editor. Filling the position is Mike Gregowski. He will work with the subgroup leads to better utilize the website and to add content to it.

Jim also reported his progress with CiviCrm at about 45% to 50%, which is slower than expected due to the complexity of setting up the members' website.

He also went through the website recurring annual costs, which currently total \$1635.

DVD/Video Library

Citing time, Clyde tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

Roberts Rules of Order

Jon will distribute his review to the SC for discussion at the next meeting. He emphasized that while they provide structure and standards, the rules can be customized for the SC's use.

Insurance

Peter James reported renewing the policy.

New Business

Peter James, representing the Upper Valley Woodturners, requested the use of the Guild's video cameras for an upcoming meeting. With Peter taking responsibility for the equipment, no objections were voiced.

Bob Couch reported that the LNHC got 28 Guild participants, showing 40 pieces for the April exhibition. There will be a reception for the exhibitors on April 4th. A motion to donate \$100 to the LNHC for refreshments, as was done last year, was supported by Bob Couch, seconded by Jon Siegel, and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55.