

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

**Date:** 5/28/2014 at 6:00 PM

**Recorded by** Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

### **Attendees**

Alan Saffron     Steve Colello     Jon Siegel     Harvey Best  
Jim Seroskie     Bob Couch     Claude Dupuis     Dave Michaels

### **Secretary's Report**

A motion to accept the April minutes pending one spelling correction was supported by Bob Couch, seconded by Steve Colello, and passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Robert Wyatt, unable to attend, provided Claude with the Guild's cash balance as of 4/30/2014 of \$31,957.39, as well as a summary of the carving symposium activity.

### **Membership**

Dave Michaels reported paid membership at 548 members, 27 of which are new members in the last ninety days. Dave also reported that June 14th is 'Guild day' at WoodCraft. Among the demonstrators are Harvey Best, Tony Immorlica, and new member Craig Brown.

Jim Seroskie clarified some aspects of Dave's process in preparation of a CiviCrm membership report.

### **Carving Symposium**

The consensus was that the event went well.

The turning symposium has been scheduled for 5/9/2015, and will also be held at Pinkerton Academy. Claude reports Peter Breu is well along in his preparations.

### **Fred Chellis**

(member since 2007, participated in Sunapee, PFG, BBG, provided the Sunapee raffle Windsor chair 'grand' prize numerous times, established and led the Windsor Chair subgroup, and worked with Dave Michaels on the Guild's membership program at WoodCraft)

Claude reported that Fred has stage four cancer in his lungs and liver and is expected to live about two months. Bob Couch proposed the Guild sponsor a one time scholarship in the name of Fred Chellis for an applicant to attend a windsor chair making class; the amount not to exceed \$800.00. Jon Siegel seconded, and the motion passed.

### **Small Meetings**

Steve Colello reported having several prospects lined up for next October's meetings. Steve will include the meeting of Bob LaCivita's woodworking techniques subgroup scheduled on the same day as one of the small meetings. He also requested leads for a demonstrator to do a SketchUps small meeting.

Steve advised the SC that as he is moving to Florida, a new small meetings coordinator will need to be found.

### **Beth Ireland Tour**

Claude initiated the SC discussion for background in anticipation of speaking with her.

### **Lilise Consignment / Woodworking shop for released craft program inmates**

Bob Couch told of his conversation with Ellen Lessard, owner of Lilise Designer Retail in Concord, in which she explained her involvement with the prison craft program as a source of supply for her home decor products. She told of her plans to arrange workshop space for those being released, and offered to consider Guild members' work for consignment in her shop. The SC suggested a post on the website and a link in TouchUps simply reporting the opportunity as the best way

to communicate the offer to the membership.

### **The Old Saw**

Claude reported his conversation with Roger Myer regarding the date of the next issue. With the upcoming completion of his NBSS program, Roger will publish TOS in the near future.

### **TouchUps**

Jim Seroskie explained the absence of a TouchUps email today due to having no content.

### **The Website**

Jim Seroskie reported that we have no outstanding website expenses, and that our annual server cost was set at \$500. Jim then reviewed his progress on the website. He discussed a new format for the Contacts page, accessibility rules, a new members only home page, member profile changes, the integration of maps, the simpler process to add content, and permissions and access rights.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09.