

# The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

## Steering Committee Minutes

**Date:** 6/25/2014 at 6:00 PM

**Recorded by** Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

### Attendees

Alan Saffron    Jon Siegel    Harvey Best    Robert Wyatt    Peter James  
Jim Seroskie    Claude Dupuis    Dave Michaels    Victor Betts

### Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the May minutes was supported by Claude Dupuis, seconded by Harvey Best, and passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Robert Wyatt reporting.

Peter and Robert balanced all accounts and ensured the consistency of all recent postings. Robert gave the current account balances and Peter reviewed the Guild's spending this year.

#### Account balances

General Fund	\$12,759.96
Education	\$8,89.12
Boat Builders	\$852.73
GSWT	<u>\$205.61</u>
Total	\$22,807.42

### Membership

Dave Michaels reported paid membership at 548 members including 50 new members and 24 lapses YTD.

Dave reported that June 14th, 'Guild day' at WoodCraft went well.

Dave also announced his resignation from his position as Membership chair.

### Summer Trip

Victor Betts indicated little interest received from membership. Discussion included recollection of previous trips and their success, with the conclusion that the event is still worth doing.

Claude to follow up on some ideas.

### Sunapee

Al Hansen was unable to attend meeting, but Claude reported there are no known issues.

### Education/Scholarships

Fred Chellis Scholarship; consensus was to allow the scholarship committee to determine the application procedure.

Pinkerton Academy, wood shop instructor Steve Sackmann applied for \$1000 for carving tools. The application was supported by Jon Siegel, seconded by Victor Betts, and passed.

Claude recommended granting \$400 at the Guild's initiative to Beth Ireland. After some discussion regarding the Guild's visibility, the grant was supported by Jon Siegel, seconded by Peter James, and passed.

It was noted that the Guild received acknowledgement and appreciation for Guild support from the Furniture Masters for the \$1000 grant and from the LNHC for the Sunapee awards.

### Annual Meeting

Claude reported that Peter Korn, of the School of Furniture Craftsmen in Rockland, Maine will be the featured speaker. The meeting will be held on September 20th at the Bow Community Building.

Jon Siegel proposed awarding a lifetime recognition award to Dave Emerson for his work as a Guild founder, running

Wood Days at Shaker Village, coordinating the Guild at the LNHC Sunapee fair, and his work with kids. The proposal was seconded by Robert Wyatt and passed.

**TouchUps/Journal/website**

Jim Seroskie reported that due to a typical July calendar, there was no TouchUps published today.

The summer issue of the Journal will be 32 pages as scheduled and will go to print in July.

The Guild's domain name and email forwarding have been renewed for three years.

Current website progress includes setting up video library page which includes a search function, as well as a manning schedule for Sunapee.

Jim also shared, by way of perspective, the website development process experience of the San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association (1,050 paid members). Being impressed with our website, the San Diego group has consulted Jim for assistance following their difficult experience. Their cost includes a \$8500 development contract with annual charges of \$1800, with results that are less than anticipated. The primary development of our website has been on a volunteer basis with professional assistance as needed.

Jim did note that the CiviCRM is much more challenging than he expected, and his taking longer than anticipated. The SC reiterated that the Guild has no real time requirements, deadlines, or limitations and supports and appreciates Jim's work.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.