

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 9/24/2014 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

Attendees

Alan Saffron Jon Siegel Robert Wyatt Peter James Bob Couch
Jim Seroskie Claude Dupuis Steve Colello

Secretary's Report

Bob Couch noted an omission regarding Ed Orecchio joining the SC. Steve Colello supported a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Bob Couch seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Robert Wyatt reported receiving notification from the IRS concerning an error on the Guild's 2013 tax filing for which the IRS fined the Guild \$920. The IRS accepted Dave Frechette's appeal and is crediting the Guild the \$920.

Robert reviewed the monthly balances.

General Fund	\$25,970.29
Education Fund	\$17,043.98
GSWT	\$205.61
<u>Boat Builders</u>	<u>\$85.73</u>
Total	\$44,072.61

Annual Meeting

The consensus was that the meeting went very well. The town of Bow charges \$150 for use of the Community Building which works so well for the auction and for speakers. The auction raised over \$1900. Bruce Hamilton, a member and professional finisher donated a number of good tools and items, for which Claude will send a thank you. Peter Korn was well received.

November Meeting

The need of a programs chair was discussed as were possible presenters for the November meeting.

Small Meetings

Steve Colello reported that the approximately half the slots for meetings scheduled for 10/18 were taken.

Spring Turning Symposium

Claude reported Peter Breu as well as a number of others working on the symposium had made great progress.

Subgroups

Claude received about a dozen replies expressing interest in a carving group. The notice in TouchUps will run another week and Claude will check with those interested for a coordinator.

The status of the Boat Builders and the Traditional Furniture groups needs to be determined.

Jon Siegel asks to be replaced as Subgroup Coordinator.

DVDs

As the Guild library is now online, the DVDs are being sold or given away.

Membership

Jim Seroskie reported membership is up to 569 paid members, about 20 more than last year. Jim warned that next

month's membership number will reflect the annual trend showing membership lapses.

Insurance

Claude queried the SC regarding our insurance coverage at an event taking place at a private residence. The issue is if the home-owner's insurance must pay a claim before the Guild's insurance pays. Claude will contact the agent for clarification.

TouchUps/Journal/website

Jim Seroskie reported that as a result of his report to the members at the annual meeting, some members with appropriate experience approached him with thoughts of technical assistance.

Jim also noted that a two year membership option would be soon be available and that the treasurer may want to add a reserve account line to the budget to account for the additional cash.

Jim told of the new website activity by NEAWT, including a new blog.

Miscellaneous Business

Steve Colello suggested having more oversight over the look, format, and policies of Guild communications. The consensus was that while having standards was important, the Guild had other challenges with higher priorities.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.