

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 10/22/2014 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

Attendees

Alan Saffron Jon Siegel Peter James Bob Couch Roger Myers
Jim Seroskie Claude Dupuis Steve Colello Victor Betts

Visitors

Michael DiMaggio

Secretary's Report

Peter James supported a motion to accept the September minutes, Bob Couch seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Peter James reviewed the monthly balances. Bob Couch supported a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Roger Myers seconded, and the motion passed.

General Fund	\$26,546.13
Education Fund	\$17,043.98
GSWT	\$287.61
<u>Boat Builders</u>	<u>\$852.73</u>
Total	\$44,730.45

Membership

Karen Parks reported by email to Claude. Membership is currently at 545 paid, 26 higher than last year. Higher membership numbers were due in part to a higher renewal rate. Karen noted there have been about half the number of non-renewals as last year.

November Meeting

Victor Betts reporting. Claude and Jon will be morning demonstrators doing bowl and spindle turning. The afternoon presenter has not been arranged. The SC suggested possible presenters: Jon Cameron, Dan Fia, Al Breed, Will Neptune, Eli Wallach.

The Old Saw

Roger Myers reporting. TOS should publish 11/1.

Michael DiMaggio

The SC discussed Mike's nomination to join the SC. Peter James supported a motion to accept the nomination, Bob Couch seconded, and the motion passed.

Education

Claude presented the application from Bob Leet for \$400 to attend a guitar making course with John Whiteside. Bob Couch supported a motion to approve the scholarship with the usual attendance contingency, Steve Colello seconded, and the motion passed.

Further SC discussion included Peter James' concern that John Whiteside possibly taking advantage of the Guild's education policy for his own benefit, Jim Seroskie's comment that the Guild still makes awards reactively and had no plan to ensure good management, Jon Siegel noted the SC's use of the term scholarship rather than education, and Roger Myers' question of focus, students or institutions.

Roger, agreeing with Jim, suggested as an example of a planned vehicle to award education money to an individual, sponsoring a competition with cash prizes. The idea got immediate support around the table. Roger Myers, Michael DiMaggio, and Alan Saffron volunteered along with Roger's nomination of Karen Parks to form a committee to develop the idea. Peter James supported Roger's motion to approve \$5000 for expenses and prizes. Claude seconded the motion, which then passed.

Small Meetings

It was noted that the October meetings had gone well, and were successful. Steve Colello reported that of the 71 slots for the October meetings, 52 attended.

Steve reviewed some of the possible meeting hosts for the next Small Meetings, scheduled for March 21. Resigning from the SC, Steve gave Claude his extensive files.

TouchUps/Journal/website

Jim Seroskie reported that the next issue of the Journal will be 44 pages and will publish in early in December.

Jim will incorporate a general purpose search capability for Journal and TOS articles, but will need to update the original index done by Ray Atwood several years ago.

Jim reported that the server which hosts our website has received a patch to protect it from the 'shell shock' bug. The website is unaffected. To demonstrate the complexity of his website work, Jim described the process he went through to do a required core revision to our Drupal program. In the end he required Commonplaces' assistance, and now will rely on them to do such tasks in the future.

Noting a benefit of all the work, the duplicate account problem we have with Wild Apricot will be much simpler with CiviCrm.

Miscellaneous Business

Claude encouraged donations to Elaine Hamel's Girls at Work raffle.

The Turning Symposium arrangements were going well. Youth Day will take place at five or six school locations on Friday. The SC agreed to reschedule their next meeting from November 26 to November 19 to avoid conflicts with Thanksgiving plans.

The carving subgroup still has nine people interested.

Tom McLaughlin will appear on Tommy Mac's Rough Cuts.

Following up, Claude reported that holding an exhibition at Historic New England's Jackson House was not promising.

Jim reported that CiviCrm would benefit subgroup coordinators as it has a 'contacts' classification which could be used to include emails of demonstrators and guests that are not members.

In response to the SC's initial interest in a Sketchup subgroup, noting the different nature of the topic, Bob Couch advised the idea should get some further thought.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05.