

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 11/19/2014 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 Robert Wyatt
Claude Dupuis Karen Parks Ed Orecchio 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

Robert Wyatt reviewed the monthly balances and hopes to have the budget spreadsheet ready next month. Peter James supported a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Alan Saffron seconded, and the motion passed.

General Fund	\$27,822.58
Education Fund	\$16,643.98
GSWT	\$372.61
<u>Boat Builders</u>	<u>\$852.73</u>
Total	\$45,691.90

Membership

Karen Parks reported membership at 544 active, noting little activity in the past month.

November Meeting

Discussion regarding demonstrations and presenters turned to that concerning beginner woodworkers and new members. Expanding the member profile to include a 'mentor' tag, identifying the member as a resource for others had a lot of support.

Program ideas for the February meeting included a safety talk by Bob LaCivita and a related talk on medical issues and practices by Dr. Robert Zain, as well as a report from the Hand Tools subgroup. The meeting's location was also discussed.

Education

Claude presented an application from David Witham for \$150 to attend a course with Donna Banfield. Peter James supported a motion to approve the scholarship, Jon Siegel seconded, and the motion passed.

Discussion regarding a competition included contact suggestions for Karen to follow up with.

LNHC

Bob Couch reported that the League followed up on the GNHW's past offer of resources and grant money in the development of a woodworking classroom in the headquarters facility. The Guild could offer grant money, classroom setup and equipment selection expertise, demonstrators and teachers, machine maintenance resources, and publicity through the website and TouchUps.

Turning Symposium

Claude reported that arrangements were proceeding. Seven schools have been arranged as satellite locations.

Small Meetings

Additional possibilities were offered. Mike DiMaggio offered to work with Ed in setting up the next meetings.

Miscellaneous Business

Claude reported that the LNHC was opening a new store in the State's Hooksett I93 rest area and was looking to hire a manager.

The Guild received a thank you from the Furniture Masters for support of their Gala event.

Jon Siegel addressed members' reluctance to give presentations and demonstrations by suggesting having multi-presenter demonstrations and by possibly offering training.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.