

# The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

## Steering Committee Minutes

**Date:** 12/17/2014 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    Victor Betts  
Claude Dupuis    Karen Parks    Ed Orecchio    Michael DiMaggio    Jim Seroskie

### Secretary's Report

Peter James supported a motion to accept the November minutes, Robert Wyatt seconded, and the motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Robert Wyatt reviewed the monthly balances, noting the printing and mailing cost for the recent issue of the Journal is not reflected in the current balances, and should be paid before year end. Robert then reviewed the budget spreadsheet. After some questions, discussion, and recommendations, the consensus was that it will work well, and Robert will start work on next year's budget. Peter James supported a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Karen Parks seconded, and the motion passed.

General Fund	\$28,968.62
Education Fund	\$16,643.98
GSWT	\$372.61
<u>Boat Builders</u>	<u>\$852.73</u>
Total	\$46,837.94

### Membership

Karen Parks reported membership at 545 active, noting no issues.

### Policies

Regarding the Education Funding Policy, Robert questioned the origin and appropriateness of the 50% reimbursement and \$400 scholarship maximum. Claude distributed copies of the policy and the scholarship/grants committee email Robert initiated. It was agreed to keep the 50% policy, and also agreed that the \$400 needed to be updated. Peter James supported a motion to increase the maximum scholarship award to \$500. With Victor Betts' second, the motion passed. To clarify the awards for the membership, Bob Couch will post on the website a chart used by the committee for their amount determinations. Further, the single form used by the members to apply for scholarships will be revised to two forms; the scholarship application edited to reflect the award maximum, and a grants application form showing awards available under the Guild's grants policy.

With regard to putting together a policy book, Alan Saffron will review the accumulated SC minutes posted online dating from 2008.

### Program Chair

Claude reported no results in recruiting. The SC suggested some members to consider.

### February Meeting

Claude will follow up with Dave Anderson and the Hand Tools subgroup, as well as Dr. Robert Zain, and Bob LaCivita for the morning programs. The featured speaker as well as the meeting location are still to be arranged. Alan will contact Greg Brown as a possible speaker.

### Education

Claude presented an application from John Keeling for a course costing, including travel expenses, \$763. The SC approved \$400.

It was noted that Tony Immorlica had not received the \$800 from the Fred Chellis scholarship awarded at the September meeting, and that having signed up for a course at the Windsor Chair Institute, a check should be sent out.

### **School Woodworking Competition**

Karen reviewed her conversations with Vic Sokul at Exeter, Glen Gurner at Brookline High, and Dave Foote in Rochester. Their comments included school programs being set for this year, having middle school students in a competition may not be appropriate, rules and guidelines could not be received by the schools on a timely basis, judging criteria to be thought out, judging tech school students differently than academic high school students, schedule conflicts and location arrangements.

Noting the value of the opportunity of the turning symposium, the SC liked Karen's suggestion to do a scaled down version this year. It would be limited to turning, allow the students to show their work, and be a good first step for the Guild in developing the competition for the future.

### **Membership Cards**

Jim Seroskie presented his research into new plastic membership cards. Jim reasons that our current card does not wear well and its appearance is very plain and simple, and that for a modest cost, the Guild could have more durable and better looking plastic cards. After distributing a spreadsheet comparing costs, he explained the web source, PlasticPrinter.com process and their pricing. Bob Couch supported a motion to approve the printing of 1000 card blanks with this vendor. After Karen Parks seconded, the motion passed.

Bob Couch will add instructions to the website on printing temporary cards so that new members will not have any delays in using their benefits.

### **Small Meetings**

Ed Orecchio is working on the March meetings. Mike DiMaggio is working on a survey to query the membership for suggestions on topics and scheduling.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Peter James suggested some thought for future discussion regarding a SketchUps subgroup.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09

### **Addendum #1**

In emails to the SC after the meeting, Robert noted the absence of documentation noting Tony Immorlica as winning the Fred Chellis scholarship at the September meeting. The SC instructed Robert to make the payment and agreed that the award would be noted in Guild records. This entry is to document that award, and to provide documentation for the \$800 payment.

### **Addendum #2**

On 12/29 Claude emailed the SC with a motion made by Robert Wyatt to pay the Mason & Rich CPA firm to prepare our 2014 tax filing, an estimate of which is \$850. The motion was supported by Peter and seconded by Claude. After receiving all the replies, Claude reported on 12/30 that the motion passed.