

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 2/4/2015 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 Ed Orecchio Michael DiMaggio Jim Seroskie

Guest Attendee

Tony Immorlica

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Robert Wyatt reviewed the two spreadsheets he had emailed to the SC earlier. The two sheets, each with the same format, detail the budget and actual income and spending as well as the monthly totals reviewed in the treasurer's report. The first sheet detailed the final 2014 numbers, the second reported 2015 spending to date against budgeted figures. The work was well received. A motion to accept the report's format and calculations for the monthly treasurer's report as well as the reported balances for January was supported by Bob Couch, seconded by Victor Betts, and after a vote, the motion passed.

General Fund	\$24,531.63
Education Fund	\$15,843.98
GSWT	\$372.61
<u>Boat Builders</u>	<u>\$852.73</u>
Total	\$41,600.95

Program Chair

Tony Immorlica was introduced as having accepted the program chair position. A motion adding Tony to the SC was supported by Bob Couch, seconded Victor Betts, and passed by the SC.

Membership

Karen Parks, unable to attend the meeting, emailed Claude her report:

I've sent Bob Wyatt my new/renewal deposit information.

There are currently 555 active members.

There were 43 Renewals in January.

We have 13 members where renewal is overdue.

We have a date for Guild Demo day at Woodcraft - 6/13/15. I believe last year we had 4 or 5 demonstrators throughout the day, so starting to look for volunteers now.

I worked briefly with Jim on how to handle temporary ID cards as we transition to the new system, and I believe we are all set there.

I had a couple complaints about not receiving a new card in January Town and Country is mailing out cards this week - the last time they sent cards out was 12/12/15.

Grants/Scholarships

A scholarship for \$500 to attend a boat building course was approved for Jim Ray.

A grant request for \$4000 to purchase a new Powermatic lathe from Chris Schmidt of Thetford Academy generated

significant discussion by the SC. Of concern was the high amount of money, the number of people benefiting from the new lathe, and the timing of the funds distribution. The SC approved \$3000 to be paid out so as not to delay the purchase.

School Woodworking Competition

Claude reviewed the rules submitted by Karen Parks. Changes requested by the SC included dropping a public vote as part of the judging, that judging should be by only the SC's appointed judges (to be determined), and that the registration deadline would be two weeks prior to the competition. It was also decided not to limit the submissions with any criteria or guidelines.

Two Year Memberships

Jim Seroskie confirmed the ability to offer two year memberships. The benefits to the Guild include less administrative burden, a small savings in issuing fewer cards, and losing less members to the renewal task. Members would benefit from not having to remember to renew. A motion to offer two year memberships with an added benefit/incentive of a \$5.00 discount was supported by Peter James, seconded by Bob Couch, and was passed.

Membership Cards

Jim Seroskie amended his estimated costs for going to the upgraded card to be about \$250 more than discussed at the last meeting. A motion to go with a two year supply of the new cards was supported by Peter James, seconded by Robert Wyatt, and was passed.

The Journal

Jim Seroskie distributed his annual report comparing costs 2009 through 2014. Costs have remained very consistent due to the Guild's growing membership and the contribution by those that opt out of the paper copy.

Jim also noted a suggestion from member Steve Costain, that the Guild distribute copies of the Journal to appropriate retailers for resale. After some discussion, the SC found the suggestion interesting, but decided to table it due its complexity.

The Website

Jim Seroskie reported that the website was down for approximately 15 hours on January 21st and 22nd. It appeared to be the responsibility of Commonplaces, the Guild's website host. However, in remedying it, Jim received a bill from them which he is challenging.

Small Meetings

Ed Orecchio reported having seven meetings lined up for March 21st.

Mentor Survey

Mike DiMaggio distributed a draft and asked for suggestions.

New Business

Goosebay Lumber will be hosting Lie-Nielsen demo event on February 27 and 28. Bob Couch volunteered to man a table representing the Guild on the 27th.

Peter James reported receiving 26+ replies expressing interest in a SketchUps program. He will continue to look into instructors and options.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07.