

# The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

## Steering Committee Minutes

**Date:** 4/22/2015 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

### Secretary's Report

Peter James made a motion to accept the March minutes, Ed Orecchio seconded, and the motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Robert Wyatt distributed the Budget Activity Report and reviewed the April month to date balances. He then relayed a request from Robert Cavicchio for the immediate release of his scholarship funds approved in March so that the funds could be used as a deposit for his course. John Whiteside provided an email verifying his request. Bob Couch made a motion to do so. With Claude Dupuis' second, the motion passed.

Robert requested approvals for the two \$250 LNHC Sunapee Living with Crafts awards and \$1000 for the Sunapee tent. Motions for each were made by Peter James, both seconded by Bob Couch, and both passed.

Robert also questioned Turning Symposium volunteer registration fee handling and lunch expense. He was advised that a manual accounting will be done and members reimbursed accordingly.

Peter James reviewed Alan Lacer's payment process through Merrimack High School and made a motion to reimburse MHS with a \$400 grant. Bob Couch seconded the motion, which then passed.

March 2015 ending balances

General Fund	\$29,240.85
Education Fund	\$12,677.46
GSWT	\$372.61
<u>Boat Builders</u>	<u>\$852.73</u>
Total	\$43,143.65

### April General Meeting

The consensus was that the meeting went well; the shop setup worked, and the presenters held everyone's attention.

### Membership

Peter James reported paid membership at 564 members.

### WoodCraft Demo Day

Unfortunately WoodCraft's GNHW Day was scheduled for the same date as the Summer Trip, June 13.

Matt Newton may be available to do a turning demo. Additional demonstrators will be needed.

### School Woodworking Competition

Claude reviewed an email from Karen Parks reporting at least ten students registering for the competition. After a brief discussion, several of the symposium's demonstrators will be asked to judge the entries.

It was noted that Al Hansen will need additional volunteers for clean up at Pinkerton after the symposium.

### Annual Meeting

Bob Couch confirmed the use of the Bow Community Building for the meeting.

Claude put forth the idea of doing a flea market instead of the auction. There was a lot of support for the idea, but no firm decision was made.

Claude noted the donation of a sizable quantity of mixed hardwood lumber. He and Bob Couch arranged to store it at Scott Ruesswick's shop. The lumber will be offered for sale to members at the November meeting if Scott is able to host it or else at the annual meeting.

**Mentoring Program**

The survey is still to be edited.

**Boston Public Market**

Claude reviewed some literature he received regarding this new retail development in downtown Boston. Little interest was expressed as there would be no Guild involvement, let alone the distance involved.

**Jackson Hill House**

Claude reviewed some information he received regarding their annual Cider Day event. A notice will be put in TouchUps for members interested in exhibiting work or possibly doing demos.

**Membership Chair**

Claude sought suggestions for someone to replace Karen Parks. Karen will continue to do the membership processing.

**Turning Symposium advertising**

Claude, concerned with the number of registrations, asked for ideas for last minute advertising. It was noted that members have no incentive to register earlier than the week prior and there was little need to incur additional advertising expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20.