

## **The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Steering Committee Minutes**

**Date:** 5/27/2015 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    Tony Immorlica    Jim Seroskie

### **Guests**

Ed Taylor representing the PFG

### **Secretary's Report**

Alan Saffron reported an error regarding the School Woodworking Competition prizes recorded on the March 25 minutes. For the record, the notation that WoodCraft donated the second prize \$200 and the third prize \$100 gift cards was wrong; the Guild actually purchased those cards.

Moving on to the April minutes, Peter James made a motion to accept the April minutes. With Bob Couch's second, the motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Robert Wyatt reviewed the Guild's current account balances, and distributed and discussed his detailed Turning Symposium Account Summary. Net income was approximately \$7700, resulting in an estimated \$2600 to Pinkerton Academy and \$5200 to the Guild.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Ed Orecchio, seconded by Tony Immorlica, and passed.

### **Period Furniture Group (PFG)**

Ed Taylor reviewed the May 23rd PFG meeting, principally his taking over as coordinator for Michael Brown, and Alan Breed's need for compensation to continue instruction. Ed conveyed the group members' willingness to pay Al Breed on a voluntary basis, while keeping the meetings open for all. The SC reiterated that subgroups are free to pay demonstrators and instructors, and Jon Siegel, noting the sole exception of the Turning Symposiums, emphasized that it was contrary to Guild policy and philosophy to have any kind of admission payment collected at the door at any Guild supported meeting. Peter James noted several past similar instructor issues with other subgroups, and the Guild's sensitivity to equity for past and current demonstrators. Jon noted that subgroups are free to have fund raisers, giving examples of those used by the GSWT. It was noted that grants were available to subgroups, but were not appropriate in this case. Ed Taylor's suggestion of compensating Al directly through the sale of his project plans presented no issues and was supported by all.

### **Turning Symposium recap**

General consensus was that the event went well, with no complaints from those attending. Robert estimated 335 attendees, including volunteers.

Claude reported that Pinkerton had no complaints and was generally pleased with the way things went. The SC suggestions for consideration for the next symposium were the number of demonstrations video recorded, demonstrations that may be repeated, volunteer organization and supervision, instant gallery table exhibit supervision, and better access for vendor setup.

### **Membership**

Jim Seroskie reported paid membership at 567 members, twenty better than May 2014.

### **Slate of Officers**

Claude requested suggestions to fill out a slate of officers for September. The president's, vice president's, and treasurer's positions are open. Alan Saffron will continue as secretary.

### **Past Presidents membership proposal**

Past discussion of Bob LaCivita's suggestion for a past presidents honorary membership resulted in a consensus to establish a more general honorary membership award. Jim Seroskie identified the tasks as first determining what the award will include, then establishing qualifying criteria for the award, and finally debating the merits of proposed candidates. Jim will write up a recommendation for the award and its criteria.

### **Furniture Masters Exhibition grant**

A grant for \$1000 was approved for the annual NHFMA exhibit, being held this year at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery at Keene State College from June 5 through July 23.

### **Annual Meeting**

The consensus was to have a flea market instead of the auction. Sellers would be limited to Guild members who would donate 10% of their sales to the Guild. Items donated to the Guild would be sold at a Guild table or possibly a mini auction.

### **Donations in kind**

Claude reported the donation of \$100 from the family of a former member for the education fund.

### **Pinkerton Turning Club**

Steve Sackman, the woodworking instructor at Pinkerton Academy, reported he has student interest in a turning club and would appreciate Guild members for demonstrating and mentoring students. Jon Siegel will follow up with Steve.

### **WoodCraft Demo Day**

Three demonstrators are lined up.

### **Summer Trip**

Registration is reported as slow, with a number of open seats available.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.