

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 7/22/2015 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

Location: Cobb Hill Construction, 206 N. State St., Concord

Attendees

Alan Saffron Jon Siegel Bob Couch Robert Wyatt Ed Orecchio
Claude Dupuis Michael DiMaggio Tony Immorlica Jim Seroskie Peter James

Guests

Jim Forbes

Secretary's Report

Tony Immorlica voiced concern for the use of the words "concern" and "call to action" regarding the Girls at Work fund raising entry in the minutes, feeling they implied the Guild's endorsement. Alan Saffron agreed to edit the entry accordingly. A motion to accept the June minutes with changes was supported by Peter James, seconded by Mike DiMaggio, and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Robert Wyatt reviewed the account balances.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bob Couch, seconded by Peter James, and passed.

Scholarships

Claude Dupuis reported one application from the Education Committee; Candice Creecy applied for \$500 towards a guitar making course at North Road Guitars, John Whiteside's school. Robert Wyatt reported that approval would go over the scholarship/grants budget. It was noted that while it would go over budget, the education account had sufficient funds. Tony Immorlica made a motion to deny the application without prejudice, based on the budget and the high number of scholarship application referrals from John Whiteside. Peter James seconded the motion. After further discussion regarding scholarships to non-members, guild policy, and fairness regarding other woodworking schools, Tony amended the motion, with Peter's approval, to deny the application solely on the basis of the budget. The motion failed. Peter then made a motion to approve the application, and that a formal notification be sent to John Whiteside stating that due to budgetary constraints, the Guild will not be approving new scholarship applications until further notice. After Alan Saffron's second, the motion passed. Discussion ended noting the need to review the scholarships program.

Subgroup funding

Alan Saffron reviewed the Guild's Sub-Group Grants policy by reading the policy item from the July 27, 2011 SC minutes, where it was agreed to budget \$3000 each year to be subdivided equally among the active subgroups. Claude instructed Robert Wyatt to add \$3000 to the education fund budget, breaking it down into seven subgroup accounts of \$428.57 each.

Mentor Program

Mike DiMaggio explained the program and distributed a draft of the introduction and questionnaire to be distributed to members. Concern was expressed that safeguards be included to protect mentors from teaching classes rather than just answering questions and offering help as intended. The introduction will be edited and distributed with the questionnaire in TouchUps.

Beth Ireland

Claude Dupuis noted Beth Ireland's participation in the GSWT and in the Turning Symposium so that future discussions regarding support for her activities would be from an informed perspective.

Sunapee

Concern was expressed that Al Hansen's scheduling spreadsheet was not shared, and that he may still need volunteers for setup and take down.

Claude noted the LNHC's thank you for the \$500 grant covering the 'Best of...' awards.

Honorary Membership Policy

Jim Seroskie reviewed the changes reflected in the draft he emailed prior to the meeting. He added guidance, and specified it was for a regular membership for a term of five years, with a limit of three awards made per year. Peter James supported a motion to approve the policy as written, Tony Immorlica seconded, and the motion passed.

Journal

Jim Seroskie reported that the next issue of The Journal is ready to go to the printer. The Old Saw was waiting for one last article.

Website

Jim Seroskie reported that work is continuing on the Statement of Work for the (fixed price) contract with Commonplaces to complete the CiviCRM part of the website.

Membership

Jim Seroskie reporting.

Current paid membership is at 565 members, twelve better than last year.

Jim reported the PlasticPrinters.com turnaround time is two days.

As membership chair, Jim reported experiencing (again) the frustrations of Wild Apricot's email address based system.

The next membership chair should have fewer issues with the CiviCRM system.

LNHC Wood Classroom

The consensus regarding the email from the League regarding the Guild's involvement, was that it was vague and unclear. Bob Couch and Claude Dupuis will arrange to meet with Jane Oneal to clarify the LNHC's intent and expectations.

WoodCraft Demos

Tony Immorlica reported meeting with Mark at WoodCraft regarding Guild demos. WoodCraft would like to schedule just one day a year, the second Saturday of June as GNHW day. He would like a variety of skills demonstrated and needs a four month commitment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05.