

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 3/25/2020 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

Location: teleconference using Zoom

Attendees

Alan Saffron Jim Forbes Tony Immorlica Annamarie Pennucci Gary Canning Peter James
Steve Costain Dave Foote Claude Dupuis Jim Seroskie Jon Siegel Mike DiMaggio
Bob Wyatt

Secretary's Report

The SC noted several errors in the February minutes including a date change and notations regarding Dave Emerson and the Currier Museum.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Forbes distributed his Treasurer's Summary Report by email.

Jim was able to clarify Peter James' concern regarding the grant funds expense. Jim also noted that the metalworking subgroup does indeed have funds. \$100 was allocated to the new group.

Membership

Jim Seroskie reported paid membership is at 592. Jim also noted a paradox that many new members are taking a 2 year membership, as opposed to a more conservative one year membership when joining an organization they have little knowledge of.

Jim also noted that online payments have increased, which he believes reflects well on the new membership system.

The Journal

Jim Seroskie spoke of the \$23 per member cost savings of publishing The Journal one issue per year as opposed to the customary three issues. The impact on the general fund will be considerable.

The current issue of The Journal is in final layout now and should go to print soon. The print run will be 615 copies. It is currently planned for 88 pages, requiring Jim to drop several articles. Given the just single issue, his history of maintaining author value by dropping articles, and the inactivity of the Guild, Jim thought the SC might consider increasing the page count to 92 so as to include all the articles submitted, for an additional \$510. Steve Costain seconded Peter James' motion to spend the \$510 and increase the page count. The motion passed.

Zoom conference software

Gary Canning, seeing the value of the pro license, purchased it himself for \$15 per month. The application can be used by the Guild's subgroups as well. Meetings can be recorded and played back on demand. The SC agreed with his assessment and will take on Gary's subscription. Gary will set up the account in the Guild's name.

GIS

Dave Foote will make the last corrections soon. He added that the issue of vetting members has to be covered.

GNHW Woodturning Symposium

Annamarie Pennucci reported that the symposium will be held on April 30 and May 1, 2021 or just May 1 if limited to a single day. She is still having issues dealing with the location as school administrations have more pressing matters to focus on. She asked about the practicality of planning the 2020 School Competition Program and if it should be cancelled. The SC agreed that the 2020 program should be cancelled.

Guild 30 Year Anniversary

Steve Costain suggested rescheduling the event until the fall. The event will be combined with the general meeting on September 19. He clarified that the cost of catering will be \$15 per person and will continue to plan on it.

Final Notes

Jim Forbes reported receiving a copy of the latest insurance policy and could furnish a copy to any member of the SC that wished one.

Jim Seroskie noted having no material of TouchUps, if will be held for about two weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07.