

# The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

## Steering Committee Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 05/27/2020 at 6:00

**Recorded by:** Robert Wyatt

**Location:** Online Video Conference using GoTo Meeting

**Attendees:** David Foote, Claude Dupuis, Jim Seroskie, Tony Immorlica, Steve Costain, Jon Siegel, Jim Forbes, C. Peter James, Mike DiMaggio, Gary Canning, Robert Wyatt

**President's Message:** The League of NH Craftsmen's Board of Trustee's decision to cancel the 2020 Craftsmen's Fair at Sunapee due to concerns for everyone's well being related the COVID-19 pandemic. The League is exploring the possibility of organizing an interactive virtual fair for later this summer. Details will be forthcoming. The SC Committee affirmed the importance of maintaining our organization's common alliances with the League.

**Secretary's Report:** Not available for this meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Forbes distributed via email the most recent Treasurer's Summary Report plus the full detailed report (dated 05/26/2020). During his presentation he provided adjustments to reported:

- General Fund Income, originally listed at \$5,321, to the updated figure of \$6,033, an increase of \$638 attributed to new income, including dues;
- General Fund Expenses originally listed at \$8,184, to the updated figure of \$17,944, an increase of \$9,760 for expenses related to the new Journal.

**Membership Report:** Jim Seroskie provided information on:

- Total number of members is now 609 as of 5/27/2020; 2-yr memberships (305) surpass 1-yr memberships (304) for the first time, and from a revenue/budgeting consideration the 2-yr group is reasonably balanced between odd-numbered and even-numbered years;
- Issues related to personnel changes with the membership card vendor that has contributed to an 8-week backlog in processing our quarterly mailing of new and renewed membership cards out to our members.

**Journal/Website:** Jim S. reported the publisher experiencing uncharacteristic delays of a few weeks getting the new Journal printed and mailed out. This was attributed primarily to new staff inexperienced in how to meet the specifications for printing and mailing the Journal.

**Touchups:** Claude Dupuis noted there was not much going on to report. Steve Costain shared that Claude should to include in the next Touchups a Small Meeting scheduled for Friday evening, June 5, a Zoom virtual demonstration by Bob Couch on making a multipurpose tapered leg jig. Jim Seroskie shared that meeting organizers should send Claude the information if they would like it included in Touchups.

**Advance Setup of Online Meetings – Issues, Eventzilla Questions:** Claude pointed out issues where both a subgroup lead and another participant/co-lead will send out conflicting instructions on how to access a scheduled virtual meeting, creating unnecessary confusion for everyone:

- Jim S. provided an explanation of how Eventzilla works with both Zoom and GoTo Meeting platforms for virtual meeting access links and instructions. Once a virtual meeting is set up using Zoom or GTM, the link and login information is now available to be copied into Eventzilla scheduler by the subgroup lead of co-lead;

- Jim S. will set up an initial Eventzilla meeting template for each subgroup lead that can be used as a clone for subgroup leads to use when setting up subsequent meetings.

**Possible Fundraising Ideas in lieu of Sunapee raffle:** Bob Wyatt discussed possible alternatives to our normal Sunapee raffle fundraiser. In the end, it was decided that each option presented more problems (lack of technical expertise, for-profit vs. non-profit issues, shipping logistics issues, etc.) than solutions. The SC acknowledged a high level of difficulty to pursue any of these alternatives on our own. Dave Foote and Steve Costain recommended we connect up with the League's virtual Fair, if they would allow us to do so. Dave and/or Bob will reach out to Miriam Carter to see how the Guild may fit with their plans for a platform to conduct a virtual Fair. Dave and/or Bob will keep Al Hansen informed of any developments related to GNHW participation in the LNHC virtual fair, when details become available.

**GNHW Donation/Sponsor of Epic Woodworking Online Instructional Videos:** Bob Wyatt/Dave Foote provided the following background - In recognition of the free instructional woodworking project video content that is being live-streamed by Epic Woodworking (Tom McLaughlin), to benefit the woodworking community, including many of our Guild members the Steering Committee should support/sponsor this initiative with a monetary donation in exchange for a brief camera shot of our banner and a plug to recognize GNHW for its support.

**Steve Costain** made a **Motion** to authorize the President (Bob Wyatt) to approach Tom McLaughlin to offer up to \$1,000 in exchange for a weekly plug or a pop-up of the GNHW logo or banner recognizing GNHW for its support, for the season. **Peter James seconded the Motion.** Following a period of discussion **the motion passed unanimously.**

**The "New" Old Saw planning:** Mike DiMaggio shared his thoughts on how he would like to proceed with creating a "New" Old Saw, beginning with the first edition being published sometime later this year. He has in mind a mix of new and old content for each edition. New content will likely include interviews with knowledgeable woodworkers like Joshua Klein and Paul Sellers. Old content will be from archived GNHW content pulled from nearly 500 pages of original Old Saw articles. In a handout, Jim S. provided a table that provides a breakdown of publishing, postage and handling costs for editions with page counts of 12 to 40 pages, black and white with color covers vs. total color. Mike D. will provide to the SC at its next meeting a preliminary budget estimate for the upcoming year, based on the frequency of editions, publishing costs using the information provided by Jim S., and other possible costs.

**Symposium Notes:** Annamarie was not able to attend the meeting but emailed a handout that provided an update of symposium planning. The following summarizes the handout:

- The event is tentatively set for April 30-May 1, dependent on it being a 1-day or 2-day event;
- A letter has been sent to the Manchester School District outlining our requirements;
- She has begun inviting demonstrators, noting final dates, times and locations are TBD;
- She has begun inviting vendors, starting with the most successful from the prior symposium.

**Other:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.