

GUILD OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WOODWORKERS

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 6/24/2020 by Claude Dupuis. Final 7-23-20

Location: Virtual via a GoToMeeting

Meeting to order at 6:00 PM by Robert Wyatt, President.

Attendees

Robert Wyatt, Dave Foote, Mike DiMaggio, Claude Dupuis, Jim Seroskie, Tony Immorlica, Steve Costain, Jon Siegel, Jim Forbes, C. Peter James, Annamarie Pennucci.

President's Report / Robert Wyatt

- Alan Saffron called to update me on his status as Secretary of the SC. He expressed his need to step down as Secretary/SC member. He indicated it would be best for him personally, as well as for the SC. I accepted his resignation, thanked him for his many years of service, asked him to keep in touch and wished him well.
- Claude Dupuis has agreed to be Secretary, subject to SC approval.
- Tom McLaughlin was elated to receive our \$1,000 sponsorship. He has already provided positive recognition to GNHW during at least two live stream episodes on his YouTube channel. He has also posted our Web Address as a sponsor on the YouTube channel.

Minutes

- Peter made a motion to accept the May minutes, seconded by Mike. After a discussion the May 27,2020 meeting minutes were approved. Tony asked about making a correction on the fee amount at the Currier Art Museum in the February 24, 2020 meeting minutes. The Feb. minutes may have to be recreated and Bob will look into it.

Position of Secretary

- Bob nominated Claude Dupuis to take over the Secretary position. Motion was made by Peter and seconded by Mike. After a brief discussion Claude's nomination was approved.

Treasury Report / Jim Forbes

- All financial documents were emailed to the SC prior to the meeting.
- Jim asked if there were any questions. Little discussion ensued.

Membership Report, Journal, Website / Jim Seroskie

- Membership: Current membership count is 624, 313 one year, 311 two year. This is where we stand as of June for the year, 89 joined, 181 renewed and 30 lapsed. Retention rate 86%. Online payments 95% and 66 covered the CC fee. Forty-two % hear about GNHW at retail stores, Lumber yard etc. We peaked at 625 and there has always been a down turn but it never gets back to the normal high. Jim S. provided spread sheets with all the numbers and graphs via email.
- Journal: This year's Journal stock has been depleted with the advent of membership growth. Jim mails out a copy to all new members that join after the initial mailing. Discussed a reprint to accommodate new members and or to use as a promotional tool. Counts of 50, 75 and 100 were discussed. Motion made and withdrawn in leu of Jim getting an actual quote. Vote for how many will be by email.

New Old Saw Jim/Mike

- Discussed the name "New Old Saw" and decided there were four choices.
 1. Leave the name the same "The Old Saw"
 2. Change to "The New Old Saw"
 3. Change to "The Old Saw Re-sharpened"
 4. Change to "The Old Saw Revisited"

Email your choice to Mike.

The new publication will be printed and mailed. It will have a page count of about 40 pages and will be in black and white print. The Journal will remain one per year at about 88 pages of new materials. The Old Saw would be issued one or two per year and would be a mix of new and old materials. The materials: Recycled Old Saw feature articles from 2005–2008—20 issues • Draw from ~ 450-500 pages of woodworking articles • New current material • Jim's list—Q&A, member gallery • Mike's list— Current news, president's message, interviews, etc. The TEAM will be: Jim Seroskie providing layout and printing/distribution. Mike DiMaggio as Editor providing content. First issue to be some time this fall. Jim provided a cost spread sheet. A 40-page edition with mailing will be about 3K.

Touchups/ Claude Dupuis/Bob Wyatt

- Touchups reporting and distribution has been going well. Not much on the Guild calendar from July through the remaining year. Bob and Claude have been reaching out to subgroup leads to try and get any type of virtual meeting on the calendar. Michael Moore is working on a HTC meeting with shop set-up/tour as the topic.

Honorary Memberships/Bob-Jim S.

- Discussed the current Honorary Member Bob Lacivita who's 5 year membership runs out next year. Discussed granting a HM to Tom McLaughlin. After some discussion, a motion, and a motion withdrawal, it was decided that the policy should be reviewed and that the matter is tabled for now.

Summer Trip, Annual meeting/Tony

- The Committee discussed replacing what would have been a summer trip in July with a virtual meeting. We agreed that until further notice all meetings will have to be virtual, including the Annual Meeting. Tony will see if a July virtual meeting can be put together. Maybe something on shops or safety in shops. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19th. Tony will reach out to the Currier to see if a virtual guided tour might be possible. GNHW Anniversary get together may have to be canceled.

Symposium/Annamarie-Jim Forbes

- Annamarie has been unable to get commitments from both possible venues and demonstrators due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Annamarie asked that the Committee wait and see before making and postponement decision. After some discussions it was voted (10-1) to postpone the 2021 symposium and shoot for 2022 instead. If something changes, we can make a dash to a 2021 symposium.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

Next SC virtual meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2020.