

GUILD OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WOODWORKERS

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 7/22/2020 by Claude Dupuis. Draft 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, Gary Canning.

President's Report / Robert Wyatt

- Bob laid out Virtual SC Meeting Protocol (trial basis) – Moderator will use the “mute everyone” Feature, unmuting individually recognize speakers one at a time. Attendees with poor audio transmission capabilities through their internet connection will be muted and asked to dial in via a telephone for audio transmission capabilities.

Minutes

- Claude noted that minor changes were made from the original and the latest version was emailed to the SC on Monday the 20th. Bob suggested a revision date be added on future distributed copies. Bob noted one spelling error on current issue. No other corrections noted. Jim F. made motion to accept the MM as amended and Peter seconded. After a brief discussion the June 24 ,2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasury Report / Jim Forbes

- All financial documents were emailed to the SC prior to the meeting. Peter James asked a grant question that Jim answered. Little discussion ensued. Nice job Jim.

Membership Report, Journal, Website / Jim Seroskie

- Jim provided a Membership Spreadsheet prior to the SC meeting and reviewed that document at the meeting. The membership reached a high of 630 and the current count is 628, 310 one year, 318 two year. This is where we stand as of 7/21 for the year, 98 joined, 190 renewed and 35 lapsed. Online payments 95% and 72 covered the CC fee. Jim feels this is a trend worth noting and that new members recognize that the Guild is a non-profit organization. We peaked at 630 and there has always been a down turn in Aug/Sept but it never gets back to the normal high.
- Jim explained how he has setup Guild group emails. SC and sub-group leaders should be using these as it protects personal email accounts and allows emails to large groups. Emails are sent via Neon CRM using the GNHW domain name (this allows large group emails). Feature is free.
- Events are now the responsibility of sub-group leads to post. Jim has provided instruction and will continue to help leaders through the learning curve as needed.
- Journal. Jim received the additional 100 copies of the Spring 2020-issue NO. 29. It took a couple of weeks to get them and appears to be the new normal given the covid-19 status. Jim posted a new website “Home” picture/ad reading: *Join now and we will include our Guild magazine to celebrate our 30 year anniversary. The Journal is packed with 92 pages of quality woodworking articles and information. Advertisement-free and while they last!*
- Jim S. provided details about the newly acquired survey tool “SoGoSurvey” at \$300 annual cost. Jim explained how the GSWT sub-group is planning to use it for their upcoming Sept. elections. Jim Forbes made a motion then seconded by Gary that this process be approved by the SC and after some discussion it was felt this was not necessary and Jim F. withdrew the motion. A similar approach might be used for the Guild upcoming Sept. annual meeting elections.
- There was a discussion regarding GSWT member list qualified to vote that will be taken up off line. Jim F and Annamarie to provide Jim S with the list of voting members.

Annual meeting/Tony

- Tony is working on details for the Guild Annual Meeting. The Currier Art tour is out as it is closed till mid Aug. Phil Lowe's school is closed and he is ill and not able to provide the guided tour. Tony is working with Michael Moore to arrange three virtual shop tours for the meeting. Discussed including a safety aspect and Tony will see if the shop tour presenters can work safety into their guided tour. Meeting will be Sept. 19 and start at 9am. Details will be finalized by next months SC meeting.

New Old Saw Jim/Mike

- Discussed the name and after a show of hands agreed the new name would be the "Old Saw Re-sharpened". Mike has interview commitments with David Lamb and Terry Moore and maybe Garrett Hack. Looking at Joshua Clines.
- Mike noted that he had spoken with John Forna (spelling?), Owner of Ridge Carbide Tool Co. Saw and that he is willing to provide a 10% discount to Guild Members for both product and services. Jim S. asked for vender details in order to set them up as an advertiser, include them in the list of advertisers and then promote them in TUs. Mike will follow-up with request.

Touchups/ Claude Dupuis/Bob Wyatt

- Touchups reporting and distribution has been going well. The last two weeks newsletter were pretty sparce with new content. New suggestions were to promote the League Virtual Fair and to include Claude's schedule of live demos as it might be of interest to our membership. Jim suggested a note about the Guilds new survey tool SoGoSurvey. The recent Boat Builders picture could be a news piece. Claude agreed and noted someone would need to provide a write-up with appropriate details.

Honorary Memberships/Bob-Jim S.

- Tabled till next meeting. Bob will work on a draft that he will present then.

Other

- The SC discussed the thought of changing the name "Steering Committee" to "Board of Directors". Jim F said he has been using the name BOD in state and federal reports. Tony asked if we are a corp. and Jim S noted that we are a 501c3 non-profit Group not a corp. Change sounds like a good idea but would require a By-Laws change. Jim noted that we should look at the By-Laws for other things that might need updating and requiring a change so that it can be submitted at the Annual Meeting for approval. One example needing an update is our privacy policy. Bob tabled this discussion to next months SC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Next SC virtual meeting is scheduled for Aug. 26, 2020.