

GUILD OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WOODWORKERS

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 8/26/2020 by Claude Dupuis. 1st Draft 8/26/20

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, Gary Canning.

President's Report / Robert Wyatt

- An article in the 8/24/20 Concord Monitor noted that on Thursday, 8/20/20, the Currier Museum of Art re-opened to the public. It will be using a new timed-ticketing system to ensure the safety of its guests. All guests will be required to wear masks when inside the museum. Free admission on Thursday evenings, 5:00 to 8:00 and on the second Saturday of each month, beginning on 9/12/20.

Minutes

- Peter made a motion to approve the 7/22/20 meeting minutes and Gary seconded. After a brief discussion the meeting minutes were approved.

Treasury Report / Jim Forbes

- All financial documents were emailed to the SC prior to the meeting. Jim Forbes noted that he made a spread sheet clerical adjustment regarding the \$1800 Grant issued to Portsmouth Makerspace. It was a General Fund vs Grant Fund clerical correction.

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 624, 295 one year, 329 two year. This is where we stand as of 8/25 for the year, 108 joined, 238 renewed and 47 lapsed. Online payments 95%. We peaked at 630 and there has always been a down turn in Aug/Sept but we would not expect it to drop below 600. The 2 year membership is at an all time high at 53%, that a 27% growth.
- Jim noted that during the new website transfer there were two Russian Accounts. These were not memberships but an account for no apparent purpose. Both were deleted. New people signing up in the past were able to create an account and that did happen a few times. Jim has disabled that function and accounts can no longer be made. One person actually created two accounts and joined using both. Jim called the person, they agreed to delete one account and refund the membership fee leaving him with one account/membership. Transaction fee was minimal where in the past Paypal charged \$20. The GNHW currently has 2167 accounts with our plan providing a limit of 5,000. We should be good for another 14 to 15 years.
- Nothing to report on the Journal or Website.
- Jim F. made a plea to GSWT to vote in the upcoming on-line system.

Annual meeting/Tony

- Tony is working on finalizing details for the Guild Annual Meeting. Due to Tony's poor internet connection Jim S. suggested the meeting be broadcasted from his house. Tony agreed. There will be a Business meeting, a Power-point presentation then a video followed by a question and answer live session. 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 month's SC meeting.

New Old Saw Jim/Mike

- Tabled to next month's meeting.

Touchups/ Claude Dupuis/Bob Wyatt

- Claude noted as a result of Covid-19 new content is slow in coming. Claude received a comment that the register here link in the Annual Meeting post did not work. Claude asked whether to issue an immediate correction follow-up mailing or a correction in next week's mailing. Tony opted for an immediate mailing.

New recorded video/Jon

- Jon provided his thoughts on how the GNHW might move forward with new video content. The go to platform had been Vimeo but is now YouTube and our content might be well served there. Maybe live stream videos similar to what Epic Woodworking. Somehow create or approximate a live in-person experience. Use slow-mo, fast forward, captions and the like to produce refined videos. Condense videos from 2hr to 10/15 minutes. A good example would be what ABOM 79 is doing with his Youtube videos. The SC (soon to be re-named "The Board of Directors") agreed but would need to find someone with editing skills, preferably a volunteer and not someone we have to pay. Bob Wyatt noted he will reach out to the membership for an editor. Discussed existing VHS tapes and DVDs might be given away to makerspaces or women's prison. Bob said he would pursue an avenue.

Small Meetings

- Steve made a plea to resume small meeting presentations. Discussed and agreed in person meetings sanctioned by the Guild is still on hold due to Covid-19 regulations. Discussed and agreed there was just too much liability with the current conditions.

By-Law Changes/Jim S

- Reviewed and discussed line by line re-lined set of By-Law changes and made several adjustments. Motion by Jim and second by Peter to approve the red-line draft was approved. Bob will make and distribute a final draft for Board review. Notice needs to be disseminated to the membership 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Note made that a copy of the By-Laws need to given to the State.

Email Policy / Bob

- Discussed email policy using 15 as a cut off point for using BCC. Bob noted he would provide a policy draft for discussion and the next Board meeting. Discussed how to get the word out and agreed we could use Touchups and a website terms and conditions clause.

Honorary Memberships/Bob-Jim S.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM

Bob suggested a interim Board meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. Date and Time to be determined.

Next regularly scheduled meeting 9/23/20