

## **The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Steering Committee Minutes**

**Date:** 8/26/2015 at 6:00 PM

**Recorded by** Alan Saffron, Secretary

**Location:** Cobb Hill Construction, 206 N. State St., Concord

### **Attendees**

Alan Saffron    Jon Siegel    Bob Couch    Robert Wyatt    Jim Forbes    Victor Betts  
Claude Dupuis    Michael DiMaggio    Tony Immorlica    Jim Seroskie    Peter James

### **Guests**

Al Hansen

### **Secretary's Report**

A motion to accept the July minutes was supported by Peter James, seconded by Robert Wyatt, and passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Robert Wyatt reported adding \$3000 to the Education budget for the Subgroup grant accounts. Robert distributed his sheet with the Guild's account balances.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Peter James, seconded by Victor Betts, and passed.

Month ending July 2015

General Fund	\$19,455.95
Education Fund	\$9,144.20
GSWT	\$300.11
<u>Boat Builders Fund</u>	<u>\$852.73</u>
Total	\$29,752.99

### **George Saridakis Donation**

Claude Dupuis reported that GNHW and LNHC member George Saridakis is donating his shop's equipment and tools jointly to the Guild and the League, and to be used in a space the League is considering adding at their Main Street location. The joint donation presents significant concerns. Any partial ownership may open the Guild to liability when used at LNHC events, which may then not be covered by our insurance. As the Guild would have limited access to the tools and shop, there seems to be little benefit or purpose for any ownership. Claude and Bob Couch will follow up with the League's Jane Oneail first for their perspective on the donation.

### **Sunapee Recap**

Al Hansen reported that the Guild grossed \$13,300 at the Fair.

Al distributed a proposal recommending a committee be formed to replace a single coordinator. The SC agreed that the event has grown in complexity and would support a committee to run it each year. Al was encouraged to move forward by recruiting people to take on the various responsibilities.

He also reiterated his recommendation that the Subgroups take a more active role and should be featured in the presentation of the Guild. He also suggested space in the tent be used to exhibit members' work.

Al will address the members at the annual meeting in September.

### **Mentor Program**

Mike DiMaggio reported that ten people expressed interest in participating in the program. After Mike expressed his feeling that the program survey would benefit from presentation to members in a hard copy format, Jim Sersokie suggested printing and mailing it with the next issue of The Journal.

### **Scholarship Budget**

Robert Wyatt noted that with the Sunapee receipts, the Education fund now has sufficient money to resume making grants and scholarships. With Claude's direction that any education policy discussion be taken up at a future meeting, Peter James moved that approval of scholarships and grants be held until the SC was able to review the policy. With Tony Immorlica's second, the motion passed.

### **Student Woodturning Club**

Jon Siegel reported receiving requests from several high school teachers for support from the Guild for their students' woodturning clubs. Woodturners are needed for assisting teachers, demonstrating, teaching woodturning techniques to teachers, technical help, and machine maintenance. Jon recommends establishing a program to coordinate member volunteers with teachers. The program fulfills the Guild's mission, encourages young people to do woodworking, and provides members an opportunity to participate in the Guild aside from just attending meetings. Jon emphasized a common need among teachers which Guild members may be particularly able to help with; machine and tool maintenance, repair, and sharpening. Members' out-of-pocket costs could be reimbursed through the education fund. The SC's only concern was with liability, which will need to be checked. Jon was encouraged to move forward with this program.

### **Copyrighted Articles and Pictures**

Alan Saffron reviewed his inadvertent posting of a copyrighted SAPFM American Period Furniture article on the Guild website for use by the PFG, and the SAPFM's response to Claude. The article was taken down by Jim Seroskie, and Alan will author an apology. Those adding posts to the Guild's website are limited to those Jim Seroskie grants authorship rights, making author oversight possible.

### **Annual Meeting**

Claude reported that all arrangements for the annual meeting were set. The auction will be kept limited.

### **Journal**

Jim Seroskie reported that the next issue of The Journal will be forty four pages and mail in November.

### **Membership**

Jim Seroskie reported current paid membership at 564 members, 13 lapsing, and 23, or about 16% have opted for two year memberships. Eighty eight to ninety percent of renewals are done online.

Jim described representative issues faced by our membership chair, and the time needed to deal with them. Most of the problems arise from the email address based Wild Apricot system; most of which should be eliminated by CiviCRM.

### **Website**

Jim Seroskie reviewed work on the Statement of Work for the contract with Commonplaces to complete the CiviCRM requirements of the website. To ensure web applications security requirements work with the Guild's website, Jim recommended that the work include getting a SSL certificate even though that will impact the website's performance. The SC agreed that the security requirements were necessary.

### **November General Meeting**

Tony Immorlica asked for comments and suggestions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12.