

# The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

## Steering Committee Minutes

**Date:** 9/23/2015 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  
Claude Dupuis    Michael DiMaggio    Tony Immorlica    Jim Seroskie    Peter James

### Guests

David Foote

### President's Welcome

Mike DiMaggio reported that Victor Betts resigned from the SC, citing personal reasons.

Mike introduced Dave Foote and put forth his nomination to join the SC. Bob Couch supported the motion, and with Peter James second, the motion passed.

### Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the August minutes was supported by Peter James, seconded by Bob Couch, and passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Robert Wyatt, covering for Jim Forbes, distributed his sheet with the Guild's account balances.

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

Month ending August 2015

General Fund	\$27,799.03
Education Fund	\$21,071.26
GSWT	\$300.11
<u>Boat Builders Fund</u>	<u>\$852.73</u>
Total	\$50,023.13

### Annual Meeting

It was noted that the slate of officers was elected unanimously by the membership.

Robert Wyatt reported income of \$116 from the items auctioned and \$782 from both the Guild's flea market table and the 10% share of member sales. From discussion, it was estimated that the income from the members' sales was about \$500, inferring that about \$5000 in transactions changed hands, which supported observations that the flea market went pretty well.

Although considerably fewer items were auctioned, there was some confusion. It was concluded that similar operational support is needed as with the larger auctions of the past.

### PFG

It was noted that the PFG attended a demonstration and presentation given by Alan Breed at Canterbury Shaker Village. There was concern regarding an admission fee at a Guild event. Alan Saffron noted that Ed Taylor, the PFG coordinator, had little experience in Guild business. Alan anticipated seeing Ed at the next PFG meeting on September 26 and should find out more at that time. Peter James moved to table further discussion until our next SC meeting. Bob Couch seconded and the motion passed.

### Mentor Program

Mike DiMaggio reported that the survey would be on the website and in TouchUps soon.

## **Grants**

Claude presented two grant requests as they were forwarded to him from Peter Breu.

David Auerbach of the Innovation and Invention Program at the Cardigan Mountain School requested \$832 to purchase two Rikon 70-100 - 12x16 mini lathes. The grant was approved with the funds being released after the pending review of the education policy.

Dave Shinnlinger of Mascoma Valley Regional High School requested \$1200 to cover materials and expenses for a special project. Several of his woodworking classes will design and build an artisan bench to go in the newly renovated school entry. This grant was also approved with the funds being released after the pending review of the education policy.

## **Teachers requesting Guild assistance**

Jon Siegel reviewed his suggestion made last month to establish a program to match members with woodworking teachers to assist them with learning woodturning techniques, machine maintenance, sharpening, and demonstrations as requested. Jon reported receiving an additional request from another teacher and now feels that such a program emphasizing assistance to woodworking teachers may be much more in demand. He calls his initiative GIS, Guild in Schools. To gauge demand, Dave Foote will generate a list of vocational directors to query and Jon will speak with Jack Grube for his advise.

## **Carving Subgroup**

Claude will compile a list of interested participants so that a contact person can be delegated and an organizational meeting can be arranged.

## **Woodworking as a Business Subgroup**

Mike will query Roger as to his ability to coordinate the group. The consensus is there is sufficient interest to continue the subgroup.

## **Membership**

Jim Seroskie reported current paid membership at 559 members, 2 fewer than last year, with 33 renewals pending, most of which are expected to lapse. Jim believes that we will see over the long term that Guild membership has leveled out. Jim reported that as a result of the lag time resulting from batch processing the cards, many members' current cards actually expire before they receive the new card. Jim will back up the renewal email prompt so it goes out earlier, and take advantage of our grace period. Instead of showing the actual expiration date, the cards will show the later lapse date.

## **Website**

Jim Seroskie reported that work on the Statement of Work for the contract with Commonplaces to complete the CiviCRM application had broken down, and that he and Commonplaces agreed that the Guild work is no longer a good fit, primarily because they cannot provide the support necessary. Researching replacement firms, Jim contacted eight, and decided on Skvare in Texas. He then distributed a cost analysis with three options, including the suggestion to save some of the additional cost incurred with a reduction in pages in The Journal. The consensus was not to cut pages from The Journal. Bob Couch put forth a motion that Jim go forward and establish a relationship with Skvare. With Dave Foote's second, the motion passed.

## **November General Meeting**

Tony Immorlica asked for comments regarding having a round table discussion at the November general meeting. He was encouraged to pursue it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.