

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 11/18/2015 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

Attendees

Alan Saffron Jon Siegel Dave Foote Robert Wyatt Ed Orecchio Jim Forbes
Claude Dupuis Michael DiMaggio Jim Seroskie Peter James Bob Couch

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the October minutes was supported by Peter James, seconded by Claude Dupuis, and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Robert Wyatt distributed his Treasurers Report sheet with the Guild's account balances.

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

Month ending October 2015

General Fund	\$24,430.56
Eduction Fund	\$20,991.30
GSWT	\$300.11
<u>Boat Builders Fund</u>	<u>\$852.73</u>
Total	\$46,574.70

NEAWT Meeting

Peter James reported attending a meeting of the New England Association of Woodworking Teachers at Mascoma Regional High. He was impressed with the meeting, of which approximately twenty teachers attended. Listening to conversations as well as the program, Peter concluded there was a lot of potential for worthwhile grants. Many teachers shared the same need of support with machine maintenance, and learning turning skills.

Jon Siegel reported working with Merrimack High School to initiate the Guild in Schools program in Merrimack, and most likely will follow with Pinkerton Academy. Jim Forbes reported that the Hillside Middle School in Manchester will likely participate as well.

Woodworking Competition

Claude Dupuis recommended planning begin soon for a competition in 2017.

Donation certificate

Mike passed around an updated letter, including IRS rules, to be provided to those making donations to the Guild, primarily for pieces donated for the Sunapee raffle.

LNHC/GNHW Workshop

Mike reported that the League was unable to secure the space and so is not pursuing their own woodworking shop at this time.

The Journal

Jim Seroskie reported that the 44 page winter issue went to press a little later than planned on November 16th.

Membership

Jim Seroskie reported current membership had dropped to 536. The drop was predictable, and is expected to drop further. He also reported two year memberships had increased to 37 members.

Jim updated the membership letter as a temporary card to reflect the lead time required by the new card issuing process.

The expiration date on the card will now show the system's lapse date.

Website

Jim Seroskie and Bob Couch spoke with Skvare in Texas and decided to move the website to them. The migration was completed during the last week of October and resulted in needed fixes and updates. Skvare's initial maintenance was done in a timely manner, and now includes security and protection. Skvare will pick up the CiviCRM development work on the member's site.

Jim also reported changing the website's domain registration from Hostgator to GoDaddy. Our domain name with GoDaddy has been secured and paid for five years, and our SSL certification, also through GoDaddy, has been paid for three years. Website email forwarding and outgoing email through CiviCRM was changed to Google for NonProfits. Jim distributed a sheet showing the website's recurring annual costs totaling \$3,725.

TouchUps

There was general agreement with Bob Couch's suggestion to send TouchUps to our advertisers and to encourage them to advertise and promote their events in it, as well as to list them on the Guild's calendar.

Education Program

Discussion continued with David Foote following up on the general consensus from last month that individual scholarships no longer seemed to be the best use of education funds by making a motion to eliminate scholarships. Alan Saffron seconded the motion. Discussion noted that eliminating scholarships would require changing article 8 of the bylaws beginning with an article published in TouchUps explaining the SC's reasons and soliciting input from the membership. With Alan Saffron's offer to write the article, discussion ended, the motion was called and passed.

Jim Seroskie distributed a proposition/analysis outlining his suggested program put forth last month which would eliminate scholarships to individuals, creating a formula based funding policy for the Guild's subgroups, adding a committee to manage the grants program, and developing objective based opportunities such as Guild in Schools (GIS) and youth woodturning competitions. Discussion centered on funding the subgroups based on activity and ended with the secretary being assigned to draft an education funding policy based on the consensus centering on Jim Seroskie's proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.