

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 1/27/2016 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 Tony Immorlica

Secretary's Report

Alan Saffron distributed a revised December minutes document indicating a correction requested by Jim Seroskie regarding the honorary membership policy's process. Jim also requested the minutes report that one nay vote was made with regard to the Bob LaCivita vote. A motion to accept the December minutes with the corrections noted was supported by Peter James, seconded by Tony Immorlica, and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Forbes distributed the treasurers report with 2015's final numbers, and initial budget figures for 2016 based on 2015. The report indicated that the general fund would end the year in the red. Discussion included some corrections and changes. Bob Couch supported a motion to transfer the 2015 turning symposium net income of \$2013.80 to the general fund. Peter James seconded, and the motion passed. Jim Forbes will make the changes and submit another draft budget.

Month ending December 2015

General Fund	\$14,396.50
Eduction Fund	\$18,660.84
GSWT	\$386.61
<u>Boat Builders Fund</u>	<u>\$852.73</u>
Total	\$34,296.68

Advertisers

Peter James reported that Brentwood Machinery had diversified into other businesses and was no longer appropriate to include. He also pointed out that as Mike Dunbar was retiring, The Windsor Chair Institute could also be taken off. Ed Orecchio verified New London Wood Products as an appropriate advertiser offering the 10% discount to the Guild.

Membership

Jim Seroskie distributed a graph showing our membership levels and trend since 2002. He suggested we watch the trend as our membership has dropped off to 2013 levels.

The Journal

Jim Seroskie distributed his year end cost report for the Journal and TOS. 2015 costs increased \$492 over 2014 due to the additional printing of TOS and a drop in members opting out of receiving The Journal online only and now getting a paper copy. Jim included as part of the report, eight options varying issues published and page counts for the SC to consider to reduce costs. Claude Dupuis made a motion to accept Jim's recommendation of publishing just two issues with a total of 96 pages for The Journal and 16 pages for TOS. After Jon Siegel's second, discussion considered making TOS part of The Journal. After discussion noting their different purposes, Claude amended his motion to publish two issues of The Journal as offered earlier, and publish TOS on line at no cost. Jon again seconded, and the motion passed.

Education Funding

Dave Foote first summarized the various discussions over the previous several months regarding the proposed reorganization and funding of the Guild's education program. The reorganization will allow the SC to budget and expend the funds raised at the current year's Sunapee event in the next fiscal year. Those funds will be allocated to application

grants, the Guild's subgroups, and Guild directed programs.

Each year the Guild will invite schools to write proposals for application grant money to be made available the following January. A committee will vet the proposals for the SC to approve and budget.

Subgroups will receive funds to be used at will for expenses meeting SC determined criteria. Each active subgroup will receive a percentage of the funds allocated by the SC for the subgroups. The percentage will be determined by a formula reflecting group activity. The funds will belong to the subgroup, and be rolled over each year. As the Sunapee event is the source of education program funds, the subgroups will then have an incentive to participate at the event to raise more money.

Guild directed programs will include Guild in Schools efforts, school woodworking competitions, and other efforts initiated by the Guild. The SC will divide the funds allocated for directed programs at its discretion.

Dave distributed and briefly reviewed the current education funding policy with his proposed edits highlighted. He also distributed a revised draft formula for allocating subgroup funds to the groups. Bob Couch made a motion to adopt the formula. After Claude Dupuis seconded it, discussion clarified that as part of the formula relies on a group's participation at Sunapee, the SC will provide the Guild Sunapee Coordinator with criteria with which to evaluate each subgroup's participation. The motion passed with one objection.

Pittsfield Middle High School Grant Request

Mike DiMaggio presented an urgent grant request from Pittsfield Middle High School for \$250 to cover a sharpening machine. The grant was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19.