

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

**Date:** 11/16/2016 at 6:00 PM

**Recorded by** Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

**Attendees**

Alan Saffron    Jon Siegel        Jim Forbes        David Foote    Peter James  
Bob Wyatt    Michael Moore        Bob Couch    Ed Orecchio    Claude Dupuis

**Treasurer's Report**

Jim Forbes distributed the monthly Treasurer's Balances report and the Treasurer's Summary report. Peter James made a motion to accept the report. Claude Dupuis seconded and the motion passed.

As of November 15, 2016

General Fund	\$11,311
Grants Funds	
Unallocated	\$14,757
GSWT	\$1,486
Boat Builders	\$1,228
Hand Tools	\$390
BIG	\$625
Luthiers	\$750
Period	\$875
App Grants	\$3,391
<u>Guild programs</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total Grants	\$25,502
Total Guild	\$36,813

**Secretary's Report**

Peter James made a motion to accept the October minutes. Robert Wyatt seconded and the motion passed.

**Membership**

Dave Foote reported current membership at 541 with 73 new members. Two year memberships are now at 18.7%.

**October Small Meetings**

Ed Orecchio reported that the October meetings went well, and save one, were well attended. The multiple meeting dates appears to be successful.

**Sub Group Guidance**

Michael Moore suggested that the subgroup leaders receive some clarification of Guild policy regarding the advertising and posting of non-Guild events on the Guild's website and email system. For the benefit of our liability insurance, the SC defined covered Guild events as those appearing on our calendar. There is concern that non-Guild events posted on our website or included in Guild emails be confused as covered events. Website or email content can and should include such information as deemed helpful to our members, but should have that content labeled as not being a Guild event and that the Guild bears no responsibility for people's safety at them.

**November General Meeting**

It was reported that Tony Immorlica had the general meeting arranged, however, additional video recording and projection expertise continues to be a concern.

The business session will include a brief treasurer's report, subgroup activities review, membership numbers, and a report

of our grants activities.

### **Somersworth High School Grant Request**

Dave Foote presented Somersworth High School's request for \$669.98 for turning chisels and lathe accessories. Jim Forbes motioned to approve the requested funds and was seconded by Claude Dupuis. Concern that the school had the equipment and know how to sharpen the chisels was voiced. After noting that the investment in the turning chisels would be ensured by the accompaniment of a sharpening system, it was concluded that the high school be encouraged to request \$300 for a sharpening system should it be needed. The motion then passed. Bob Couch motioned to add \$300 for a sharpening system to this grant request, allowing the school to purchase the system quickly. Jim Forbes seconded, and the motion passed with one nay and two abstentions noted.

### **GIS Program**

Jon Siegel reported speaking with Jack Grube and having some answers to concerns voiced previously. As regarding coliability with the schools, Jack pointed out that plaintiffs most often sue those with the most resources, which would be the school systems with resources that dwarf those of the Guild. Jack added that lawsuits involving the school systems are rare. And, any fees connected to CORI inquiries required by the schools would be covered by the schools.

It was concluded that it is the Guild's responsibility to write policies regarding members' responsibilities in completing school requirements, and that the Guild start with a 'pilot' program, allowing the schools to benefit from the program, and the Guild to learn and gain experience while the program is developed.

### **MakerSpace update**

#### **Claremont MakerSpace**

Ed Orecchio and Peter James reported that the CMS was in good financial condition; they owned their 11,000 sq ft building, and had \$65K in grants and \$750K in other resources, but expressed the need for machines and other equipment. The Guild's support might include demonstrations and skills based educational opportunities. In exchange, the CMS could offer membership discounts and meeting space. Asked about their liability insurance, they replied that it was not yet firmed up.

#### **Manchester MakerSpace**

It was noted that the MMS was struggling financially, but had some machines, equipment, and membership activity. The GSWT donated lathe equipment and received a one year membership for its members, which actually extends to all Guild members.

### **December SC meeting**

After a brief discussion, the December meeting was moved up from Dec 28 to Dec 21.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.