

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

Date: 3/23/2016 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

Attendees

Alan Saffron Jon Siegel Robert Wyatt Jim Forbes Mike DiMaggio David Foote
Claude Dupuis Ed Orecchio Peter James Bob Couch Tony Immorlica

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the February minutes was supported by Peter James, seconded by Ed Orecchio, and passed.

NH Furniture Masters Grant

Mike DiMaggio presented an annual grant request from the Furniture Masters of a \$1000 to support their preauction exhibit. Citing our history of support of this event, a motion to make the grant was supported by Peter James, seconded by Bob Couch, and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Forbes distributed the treasurers report & budget showing February's final balances and account updates through 3/23 totaling \$30,998.06.

Jim also initiated discussion regarding the Guild's conflict of interest documentation with a prepared sample form to be used to bring the Guild's documentation up to date. The pecuniary benefit transactions document kept on file to serve that purpose, was copied and replaced with the current date and signature of the secretary.

Month ending February 2016

General Fund	\$14,225.24
Eduction Fund	\$16,313.04
GSWT	\$386.61
<u>Boat Builders Fund</u>	<u>\$852.73</u>
Total	\$31,777.62

Non-profits grants and funding

Robert Wyatt distributed copies of the NH State Coucil on the Arts grants and funding of non-profit organizations explaining that the Guild appears to qualify for such funding for the work we do. The consensus was in agreement and gave Robert backing to move forward.

Small Meetings

Ed Orrechio discussed the results of the March Small Meetings, which went well. He brought up the issues presented by scheduling the meetings for a single day; it limits presentors and demonstrators, as well as members' learning opportunities. The SC was concerned with increasing conflicting events and meetings. A motion allowing Small Meetings to be scheduled throughout the months of March and October was supported by Peter James, seconded by Tony Immorlica, and passed.

Education Funding

Dave Foote distributed a summary of the proposed funding program which included the subgroup funding formula, notes on grants to schools with a draft application form and notes on grants for directed and aided programs. Also included was a draft of website page changes. It was noted that the subgroup leads would need to meet to learn about the program. For the grants to schools program, Dave Foote will write a cover letter for a mailing to the state's schools database. The consensus was that a formal scholarship/education committee was no longer needed. Bob Couch suggested that one SC member coordinate the program, and then made the motion to nominate Dave Foote as the coordinator. Ed

Orrechio seconded, and with the passing of the motion and his acceptance, Dave Foote became the program's coordinator.

Discussion ended noting a draft of the bylaws would be needed in time for the April general meeting.

Deerfield 250 event

Mike DiMaggio presented some information on the event, noting the opportunity for the Guild to participate.

Demonstrators would be needed.

Programs

Tony Immorlica discussed the agenda for the April General Meeting to be held at Tom McLaughlin's shop in Canterbury on the 23rd. It will include a discussion on sharpening as part of his What's in Your Shop series, subgroup reports, and a presentation by Tom.

Demo Day at WoodCraft was on June 11; demonstrators would be needed. The Luthiers was suggested.

The Summer Trip would be at Bingham Lumber on June 18, highlighting their processing of reclaimed lumber.

The Annual Meeting is being scheduled for September 24th. A flea market will again be planned and will use an honor system.

LNHC

The annual \$500 grant for the Best in Wood and Best in Turning awards given at the League's Sunapee fair was approved on a motion supported by Peter James and seconded by Bob Couch.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.