

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

**Date:** 4/27/2016 at 6:00 PM

**Recorded by** Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

### **Attendees**

Alan Saffron    Jon Siegel        Jim Forbes    Mike DiMaggio    David Foote  
Claude Dupuis    Peter James    Tony Immorlica    Jim Seroskie    Robert Wyatt

### **Guests**

Rob & Barbara Matthews for the Deerfield 250 presentation

### **Deerfield 250 Celebration**

Rob and Barbara Matthews presented background and information on the town of Deerfield's 250 year anniversary celebration, part of which is being held at the Deerfield Fair Grounds on July 16 and 17. They were requesting the Guild's assistance in recruiting woodworkers to demonstrate woodworking skills appropriate to the 18th and early 19th centuries. The SC suggested contacting Dave Emerson, and offered suggestions of artisans and sources of information.

### **NHFMA grant**

Mike DiMaggio presented a request from the Furniture Masters to increase our grant from \$1000 to \$1500. The SC turned down the request citing budget limitations.

### **Secretary's Report**

It was noted that an entry regarding a demonstration by David Ellsworth was simply a side comment and not germane to the Programs discussion. Alan Saffron will delete the line before posting the minutes. A motion to accept the March minutes as corrected was supported by Peter James, seconded by Mike DiMaggio, and passed.

Alan announced his intention that due to health reasons, he would finish the year as Secretary and step down from the SC. The SC acknowledged the notice and expressed patience, assistance, and an option to stay on.

### **The New England Student Woodworking Design Competition**

It is noted that the SC voted by email on April 8th to approve a \$300 grant to Brookline High School to support the woodworking competition.

### **Programs**

Tony Immorlica reviewed the arrangements for the summer trip at Bingham Lumber on June 18.

He also reported that Demo Day at WoodCraft on June 11 was mostly arranged; he still needed a demonstrator for turning.

The Canterbury Town Hall will be looked at as the location for the Annual Meeting on September 24th. Members of the Timber Framers Guild will give a presentation for the afternoon program. The rental of additional tables for the flea market was discussed and may be considered.

The April meeting was reported as successful. Parking was managed and went well. The 'What's in Your Shop' discussion on sharpening went very well. Tony will continue to use the format at general meetings.

Given Bob Couch's absence, Tony expressed the concern of video recording at future meetings. An additional video coordinator will be needed.

### **Spaulding High School Grant**

Peter James presented the school's request for a donation to send students to a national competition in engineering. Citing no connection to the learning of woodworking, Peter made the motion to turn down the request. Dave Foote supported the motion, and with Mike DiMaggio's second, the motion passed.

**Named Grants**

Peter James pointed out a paradox regarding the Guild’s grants named for Roy Noyes, Peter Bloch, and Jack Grube. As the honorees were so important to the Guild, the SC has limited the grants to special cases, making the awards so rarely they do nothing to honor the people for whom they are named. After agreement that predetermined dollar amounts were an unnecessary constraint, Dave Foote supported a motion to allow the SC to attach an honoree’s name to a grant based on the merits without regard for the dollar amount. Claude Dupuis seconded the motion, which then passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Jim Forbes distributed the treasurers report & budget showing March’s final balances and account updates through 4/26. Peter James supported a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Robert Wyatt seconded, and the motion passed.

Month ending March 2016

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund              | \$14,233.25     |
| Education Fund            | \$16,313.04     |
| GSWT                      | \$386.61        |
| <u>Boat Builders Fund</u> | <u>\$852.73</u> |
| Total                     | \$31,785.63     |

**Education Funding**

Dave Foote distributed drafts of proposed changes to the subgroup and grants funding policies. After the the changes were reviewed, Dave was directed to make the edits and present final drafts of the documents for SC approval.

**The Old Saw**

Jim Seroskie proposed making the TOS an ongoing collection of articles published on the website, thereby eliminating the need for a single editor, and opening submissions to those willing to write articles pertaining to Guild news.

**Jack Grube Letter**

Jon Siegel proposed a letter of appreciation from the Guild to Jack Grube for his service to be presented at the next meeting of the New England Association of Woodworking Teachers, at which they will be presenting their own award to Jack. Tony Immorlica seconded the motion, which then passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.