

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 5/25/2016 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 Tony Immorlica Jim Seroskie Bob Couch

Secretary's Report

Noting no correctons, Bob Couch made a motion to accept the secretary's report, it was seconded by Tony Immorlica, and passed.

Treasurers Report

Jim Forbes noted that income was low, but is normal for this time of year.

Jim Seroskie noted that the internet development line may be confusing and recommended breaking out the developer's returnable deposit so the figures reflect actual spending. Jim Forbes will make the requested change.

Bob Couch offered a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Claude Dupuis seconded, and the motion passed.

Jack Grube Letter

Jon Siegel reported that the letter of appreciation to Jack Grube from the GNHW was read at the New England Association of Woodworking Teachers recent meeting, but was not presented to Jack as he was not there. Jon handed off the letter to Steve Sackman, a woodworking teacher at Pinkerton Academy, which will then be presented to Jack at a retirement ceremony for him being held by the Academy.

NEAWT

Jon also presented NEAWT's request for several Guild members to demonstrate appropriate skills for middle school students to the teachers at their next meeting in October. Topics suggested by the SC included hand tool maintenance and scroll saw techniques.

Bob Couch expanded on the tools maintenance topic and suggested that the Guild create a program to train and certify teachers in machine and hand tool maintenance. Noting accreditation issues, the SC suggested receiving legal advise before going forward.

Grants

Dave Foote reported that Merrimack High School withdrew one of two grant requests submitted. Bob Couch made a motion to approve the \$1275 requested for a lathe vacuum faceplate kit. After Mike DiMaggio seconded, discussion continued. Tony Immorlica requested an amendment to limit the motion to \$617.70 to cover the cost of the vacuum system only. After no second to the amendment was offered, the SC voted and passed the original motion with one objection.

Dave then distributed the second draft of the Grants Funding Policy. After corrections were reviewed and a payment process was added, the timing of grant submissions and the availability of funds was discussed, concluding that the timing would not be an issue. The SC also confirmed that subgroups can apply for grants in addition to their annual allocation of funds.

Dave also distributed a draft of the Subgroup Funding Policy. Edits and corrections were reviewed. Dave will present final drafts of both policies at the next meeting.

Website

Jim Seroskie began with membership figures. Current membership is at 531, down from 567 in May 2015. Jim noted that 83% of all new member and renewal transactions were done online, and that there still are a significant number of problem transactions that do not go through. This results in angry members and prospective members giving up on joining the Guild, as well as a significant time commitment to dealing with them for Jim. Paypal's vague option to pay by credit card is most likely the issue. Jim suggested Paypal's new option, Paypal Pro that can be incorporated into websites. Jim recommended upgrading to Paypal Pro, which he can incorporate into our website with clear instructions, greatly reducing the problem. The \$360 annual cost for the Paypal Pro upgrade was quickly approved with the upgrade to be reviewed in one year.

Jim reviewed the development work with Skvare. He feels progress on the CiviCRM/Drupal integration is good and expects tangible results in July.

Parliamentary Procedure

Jim Seroskie ended the meeting with the suggestion that a set of rules appropriate to the SC be drafted to give order to our discussions. There was general agreement to go forward with the suggestion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12.