

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 6/22/2016 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 Peter James
Claude Dupuis Tony Immorlica Jim Seroskie Bob Wyatt Ed Orecchio

Guests

Dave Belsar
Michael Moore

Secretary's Report

In order to clarify his requested amendment regarding the Merrimack High School grant, Tony Immorlica asked that 'motor' be replaced with 'system'. Jim Seroskie noted the omission of the annual review which was part of his recommendation regarding the upgrading of PayPal. Robert Wyatt offered a motion to accept the secretary's report with the noted changes. After a second by Claude Dupuis, it was passed.

Makerspace in Manchester

Mike DiMaggio introduced Dave Belsar who came to discuss a current effort to establish a Makerspace collaborative in Manchester. He distributed a proposal and presented it to the SC. Makerspace is a nonprofit organization that provides the framework and support for autonomous groups of artisans and craft people to create a community to share space in a large location, allowing the group to benefit by sharing costs, capabilities of a large space, such as a loading dock, as well as the collective expertise, experience, and comradery of the group. Dave noted that Makerspace fits well with the Guild in that their members give classes and do public service.

Dave's objectives were to educate the Guild regarding the program and formation of the Manchester group so that Guild members could be informed and possibly take individual memberships (\$100 monthly), and so the Guild may consider taking a group membership (\$2500 annually). He also wanted to learn how the prospective group could request assistance from the Guild and members for technical assistance, equipment maintenance, education programs, and grant money. For this Dave was instructed to simply contact one of the SC members.

The SC discussed the advantages of a group membership; having a shop space to call 'home', reliable space for meetings, having basic, as well as specialty tools available for those who need them, having opportunities to learn from those of other trades and crafts, as well as being a membership recruitment and retainment benefit. A major concern was liability insurance; Dave will check with Maker Space and report back.

Grants

Dave Foote distributed the third draft of the Subgroup Funding Policy. He was asked to make a clarification regarding the use of their (the subgroups') funds. Peter James offered a motion to accept the policy with the correction noted. With Tony Immorlica's second, the motion passed. The final copy will be posted on the website and presented to the subgroup leads. Edits and corrections were reviewed.

Dave then distributed his third draft of the Grants Funding Policy. After two minor corrections were noted, Peter James offered a motion to accept the policy as noted. Claude Dupuis seconded and the motion passed.

The SC confirmed, at Dave Foote's request, that the Education Funding policy has been replaced by the Grants Funding policy.

Dave initiated discussion discussion of the education funds by distributing a report showing subgroup activities for 2015. The report calculates each group's share of the \$4000 budgeted for 2016 as determined by the formula defined in the subgroup policy. The treasurer will make the allocations as calculated. The SC went on to finalize a budget of \$8000 for application grants, of which approximately \$3000 has been given out, and \$2000 for Guild directed programs, leaving approximately \$4000 in the fund.

Treasurers Report

Jim Forbes distributed his monthly report and reviewed the balances. He will make a couple of minor corrections and clarify a line item description.

Month ending May 2016

General Fund	\$10,466.02
Education Fund	\$13,238.04
GSWT	\$386.61
Boat Builders	\$852.73
<u>Hand Tools</u>	<u>\$140.00</u>
Total	\$25,083.40

NH Council for the Arts

Based on Robert Wyatt's research on the NHCA, Jon Siegel suggested applying to the Council for grant money to cover the cost of legal advise on liability pertaining to the GIS program. The SC determined the request be for \$4500. Dave Foote will file the application on their website.

Membership

Jim Seroskie reported membership at 534, sixty five of which are two year memberships. He reported 41 transaction issues in the past eleven months, thirty seven of which are due to Wild Apricot's shortcomings.

Website

Jim Seroskie told the group about a conference pertaining to CiviCRM that he attended on his own. He found it valuable and "learned a lot".

Hand Tools Subgroup

Mike DiMaggio reported that Michael Moore will take over as subgroup lead. In order to initiate some carving activities, Michael will incorporate carving into the subgroup's activities.

Tony Immlorlica suggested forming a subgroup dedicated to scroll work work. He suggested Greg Brown as lead and instructor.

Programs

Tony Immlorlica reported that the summer trip went very well, and reminded the group that the annual meeting will be in Canterbury with members of the Timber Framers Guild giving a presentation.

Michael Moore

Mike DiMaggio introduced Michael adding that he volunteered to become a member of the SC. Michael had been on the SC before as editor of The Old Saw. Mike DiMaggio offered a motion to accept Michael Moore on the SC. With a second by Claude Dupuis, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.