

# The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

## Steering Committee Minutes

**Date:** 8/24/2016 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    Bob Wyatt    Michael Moore    Jim Seroskie    Ed Orrechio    Tony Immorlica

### Secretary's Report

Noting a point of accuracy, David Foote recommended a wording change to the Makerspace item. With all in agreement, Peter James supported a motion to accept the minutes as amended. With Claude Dupuis's second, the motion passed.

### Treasurers Report

Jim Forbes reported the gross income from Sunapee at \$13,203, with \$13,118 attributed directly to the raffle ticket sales. He also distributed his monthly report and reviewed the balances. One correction was requested. With no further discussion, Peter James supported a motion to accept the report as amended. With Claude Dupuis's second, the motion passed.

Month ending July 2016

General Fund	\$32,425.76
Education Funds	
Unallocated	\$3,847.04
Subgroups	\$5,379.34
Grants	\$3,391.00
<u>Guild programs</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total	\$47,043.14

### Miscellaneous Business

Mike DiMaggio recognized Claude Dupuis for winning the Best in Turning Award at LNHC Sunapee fair.

Mike then presented an invitation he received from Mr. Nick Starr for a private showing for Guild members of his renowned antique tool collection.

He also presented a request from the Littleton Chamber of Arts asking for woodworkers to demonstrate 18th century woodworking skills at their Festival on September 24th. Noting the event conflicts with the Guild's annual meeting, it was decided to include the request in Touchups.

### Slate of Officers

Claude Dupuis initiated discussion as to the slate of officers the SC would present to the members for election at the Annual Meeting. The SC decided to present Mike DiMaggio for a second term as president, David Foote as vice president, Jim Forbes to continue as treasurer, and Alan Saffron to continue as secretary.

### Annual Meeting

Tony Immorlica reviewed his arrangements for the Annual Meeting. It will be held at the Canterbury Town Hall in Canterbury Center, and start with a flea market followed by a brief business meeting and election of officers. The afternoon program will be a presentation by representatives of the Timber Framers Guild on timber frame building and their organization.

Noting the need to plan for tables, Tony cited the need for members to register on the website. Jim Seroskie will setup the event registration to allow the members to register as sellers needing a table or just as an attendee. The Guild will man a table for members wishing to donate items for the Guild to sell and keep any proceeds. Sellers will be asked to donate

10% of their proceeds to the Guild, raising money for the general fund. Advertising was also discussed.

Jim Seroskie requested the members be asked to submit questions for the Journal's Q&A column. He suggested having a door prize to encourage submissions.

### **Grants**

Dave Foote reported following up with Ed Philpot, the Laconia resident and former school board member working to reinstate the woodshop program at Laconia High School. Dave explained the Guild's grants program and expressed the Guild's willingness to support his efforts.

Dave also reviewed our presentation at the LNHC Sunapee Fair. He cited member participation as good, crediting the emphasis on the subgroups. The raffle proceeds were on par with last year. He also noted how well the new subgroup banners looked. Dave suggested having a dedicated membership table with the ability to sign up new members and allow them to pay electronically at that time. An electronic payment system will be looked into for next year. He also added emphasizing the Guild as a nonprofit organization. Discussion continued on promotion, raffle item quality, and the need for a committee to plan and manage the event.

### **GIS Program**

Jon Siegel reported on his conversations with Jack Grube, former Guild president and newly retired from Pinkerton Academy, and Ben Kellman, current president of NEAWT and woodshop teacher in Billerica, Massachusetts. They want to work with the Guild to develop the Guild in Schools program. Jack has already done detailed administrative work on applications, volunteer vetting, and calendar procedures. Both will attend the September SC meeting to discuss the program.

### **The Journal**

Jim Seroskie reported progress on the fall issue which will be 56 pages.

### **The Old Saw online**

Jim Seroskie noted the need for articles to keep the membership informed on Guild activities. He suggested an article explaining the subgroups and grants funds connection, a treasurer's report on the budget, the GIS program, a Sunapee report, and an article explaining the expansion of the Small Meetings program.

### **Membership**

Jim Seroskie reported membership at approximately 550, down from 564 LY. He noted two year memberships are now at 89, up from 72 last month, and 5 better than August of last year.

### **CiviCRM Update**

Jim Seroskie briefed the SC on his progress. As part of his current work, Jim investigated and compared three electronic payment systems, PayPal, PayPal Pro, Stripe, and IATS Payments. As costs are based on the number of transactions, he calculated an average annual cost based on a three year period for each system with and without a recurring payments function. The SC supported Jim's recommendation to use the IATS Payments system with a recurring payments function, which would have a higher average annual cost (over our current system using PayPal) of \$400. In anticipation of next year's Sunapee fair, he noted IATS will process mobile payments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14.