

# Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

## Board of Directors Meeting

**Location:** virtual via Zoom

**Date:** 5/25/22, 6:30pm

**In attendance:** Jon Siegel, Mike DiMaggio, Peter Breu, Dave Foote, Peter James, Claude Dupuis, Elliot Savitzky, Bob Wyatt, Tony Immorlica, Jim Seroskie, Stan Paras

- 1. Secretary** A motion to accept the minutes of the 4/27/22 BOD meeting as sent to members was made by Claude and seconded by Stan. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. President** The vaccination policy for all meetings remains unchanged. After discussion it was agreed that an email will be sent to all members specifically explaining the Covid policy – all attendees at all meetings of subgroups and general meetings will be correctly masked. Speakers at a meeting may choose to remove their mask when they speak. A separate letter to the subgroup leaders will also go out explaining that they need to enforce this rule. ***Jon Siegel will create these letters and they will be approved by the BOD before being sent.*** Jon stressed the continued importance of filming the meetings so that anyone can watch the meeting either live or later in the safety of their homes.
- 3. Treasurer's report** Jim Forbes was not in attendance, but submitted his report prior to the meeting. One comment was made by Jim S. that the Journal invoice (Spring issue) had been paid and payment included in the report.
- 4. Mentor Program** – Jim S. will create an email to go to the membership allowing members to either choose to be a mentor or seek a mentor. This is proposed to be a self guided process – a member seeking a mentor will be able to search on the website to find a mentor. Jon emphasized that this is an entirely new and exciting direction for the Guild, and wants that to be clear in the email going to members.
- 5. Sunapee League Fair**– Bob W., Dave F. and Al Hansen are actively working on the fair. Many raffle items have already been donated so it seems there will be a typical quantity and quality of items. SignUp Genius has been activated by Jim S. so that can be used now. Claude wants current information for the next Touch-Ups.
- 6. Furniture Masters 9/17 Event** – Elliot will work with Owain Harris (president of the Furniture Masters) re the Guild's participation. Later in the meeting Jon commented on the possibility of future combined events given the overlap of both membership and interests.

**7. Membership, Journal, new Website** – Jim S. reported that the membership continues to climb – currently at 722 – although not as quickly as previously. One possibility is the increased dues.

The Journal costs have come down significantly with the new printer with costs now of .09c a page vs. .15c of the last issue. A problem is with the weight of the larger Journal where going over 13 ounces greatly increases the mailing costs.

The new website will likely be ready by the beginning of 2023. There will be significant savings by going to WordPress – from \$1800/yr currently to approximately \$800/yr.

There are 58 videos on YouTube now with 600+/- subscribers.

**8. Programs** – the spring meeting Zoom attendance was not strong (approx. 22 attendees) so it is clear we don't need 4 general meetings a year and will go back to 2 meetings – late winter and early fall (with an auction as well as elections.) ***The 20 free tickets to Sturbridge Village will be listed on Touch-Ups in the classified free section. First however Mike will check that the tickets are still valid.***

**9. Exhibition/Symposium** – Elliot suggested that we consider holding an exhibition where members can have their works judged in a fashion similar to the MN show. Peter B. mentioned that there is a similar exhibition/show in Saratoga Springs, NY <https://woodworker.org/about-showcase/> which is a very large and elaborate several day event. There was general agreement that an exhibition of member's work would be exciting.

**10. Sanborn Mills Farm Old Buildings and Trades Fair** – this was a successful event with 500+/- attendees with a Guild booth. The owner expressed interest in greater Guild participation in the future particularly with the newly designated shop building.

**11. Market Days 6/23-25 Concord** – Claude will use SignUp Genius to organize the volunteers to man the booth. There are two 4 hour shifts each day with 3 volunteers needed for each shift – one turner, one woodworker and one presenter.

**12. Woodcarving Subgroup** – Laurie Farrell will head up the group. Jon commented that subgroups need several leaders so they can continue in spite of leadership changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm by unanimous consent.