

# Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

## Board of Directors Meeting

**Location: virtual via Zoom**

**Date: 6/22/22, 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, Jim Forbes, Gary Canning

1. **Secretary** The minutes from the meeting of 5/25/22 had not been made available prior to the meeting so no vote was taken for approval. They were distributed during the meeting and will be voted on at the July meeting.

2. **Treasurer's Report** - the report was sent to all members prior to the meeting. Jim Forbes explained that the DOJ Charitable Trust report is made every year in the spring and the Secretary of State requires a report every 5 years, and that is why there are old addresses when a search is made on the state website of our organization. The Guild is up to date with all registrations with the state.

3. **President** The Guild's forum was discussed and it was agreed that the sole purpose is discussion of woodworking. If a Guild member has concerns he can attend a BOD meeting as explained in Touch Ups, or he can voice those concerns at our annual meeting. The Guild's bylaws clearly explain that the BOD makes all decisions for the Guild with the exceptions of election of officers and the cost of dues.

Jon made a motion that masking for meetings going forward is optional except when the host or demonstrator asks for masks. Elliot seconded the motion and the motion was carried by unanimous vote. ***This will be explained in the next President's message in Touch Ups.***

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It was noted that intended changes to the bylaws must be announced at least 15 days in advance of any general meeting.

Tony made a motion that the vaccination requirement for meetings be dropped. This was seconded by Stan and passed by unanimous vote.

**4. Membership** It seems that the membership has plateaued at about 720 members over the first half of the year.

**5. Program** The annual meeting is now scheduled for the Homestead School 10/1. Tony will check with the woodturners to make sure there isn't a conflict.

The 20 tickets for Sturbridge Village will be offered to board members, subgroup heads and others such as Owain Harris and Al Hansen as a reward for their work for the Guild. Mike will contact those members to make the offer.

**6. Mentoring Program** – Mike will be contacting directly individuals who have expressed interest in the program to try to connect them with mentors most appropriate to their needs. There will be a box in Touch Ups going forward for this program.

**7. Sunapee League Fair**– Donations of raffle items continue to come in with 25-30 identified so far. There is \$3000 due at the end of the fair. The plan is to have 2 lathes and 2 other demonstrators working every day.

**8. Exhibition**– Elliot has created a committee of Gary, Claude and Steve Costain to work on the exhibition. Tentative date is 10/21-28/2023. Possible locations are Portsmouth, Concord or Shaker Village. This will be a ticketed event with fees for submission of pieces. The pieces will be juried for entry.

**9. Market Days 6/23-25 Concord** – It was noted that there were still 4 open slots.

**10. Furniture Masters Event** – 9/17 and it has been suggested that Guild members do demos from noon to 4:30pm. The idea of a raffle such as at Sunapee has also been considered.

**11. Maker Spaces** – Gary and Jon visited the Claremont Maker Space and learned that the Guild is welcome to hold meetings there. There are 11-12 Maker Spaces around NH now, and it is hoped the BOD members will visit as many as they can and communicate there about the Guild, including leaving Guild literature. At least half of the Maker Spaces have been supported by Guild Grants.

**12. Sub Groups** – They have all met this year with the exception of the Intermediate group and the Metal Workers. There have been 24 small meetings thus far this year.

**13. New Business** – The question was raised about increasing the number of members of the BOD. This must be done at the annual meeting via an amendment to the By Laws. It was suggested that there always be an odd number of members and that any increase should be considered very carefully for the sake of efficiency at meetings.

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