

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Board of Directors Meeting

Location: virtual via Zoom

Date: 7/27/22, 6:30pm

In attendance: Jon Siegel, Mike DiMaggio, Peter Breu, Peter James, Claude Dupuis, Elliot Savitzky, Bob Wyatt, Tony Immorlica, Jim Seroskie, Gary Canning, Al Hansen

1. President – Jon explained that he will run for a second term at the annual meeting in October and the other officers will as well. The Covid policy will remain unchanged until being reconsidered at the next BOD meeting.

2. Secretary The minutes from the meeting of 5/25/22 were moved for approval by Claude and seconded by Tony. They were approved unanimously. The minutes of the 6/22/22 meeting were moved for approval by Claude and seconded by Gary with the following change:

In item #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 ***the cost of dues, and approval of changes to the bylaws.***

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

3. Treasurer's Report - the report was sent to all members prior to the meeting. Jim Forbes was absent. No concerns were raised.

4. Sunapee Al Hansen reported that David Foote spoke with Miriam who expressed her pleasure at the Guild's attendance. Like the Guild she explained that finding volunteers is a challenge. The subgroup banners remain missing and would be expensive to replace – approximately \$150 each. How the volunteers will receive their badges is still a detail to be worked out. SignUp Genius remains the way to determine slots yet to be filled. Turners are welcome to come and double up in a slot since working the entire slot is challenging.

5. Membership, Website and SignUp Genius The membership is at a high of 725. It is important to keep our cards at all the MakerSpaces. Jim has cards and will also bring them to Sunapee. The new website is on track for release at the end of the year. We now have an

annual plan for SignUp Genius. We also have an annual plan with Survey Monkey. Our YouTube subscribers continues to grow but we need to get to 1,000. When posting a video it is important to avoid copyrighted music.

6.. Program The annual meeting is scheduled for the Homestead School 10/1. Tony explained the schedule which includes a presentation on figured wood by Dale Bergdahl, Emeritus Professor of Forest Pathology at UVM. Questions were raised about the size of the indoor space and need for portapotties. The business meeting is 10:30-11, presentation from 11-12, lunch 12-1 and auction from 1- 2:30 (?)

7. Mentoring Program – Mike will be in charge of the program. Lists of interested members can be kept on the Guild’s database. This program should have a formal launch.

8. Exhibition– Elliot is continuing to look for venues. He spoke with a guild in MN and learned how they did their exhibition.

Elliot noted that Dan Faia suggested that the Guild host a symposium at Rollingsford Mill with the furniture masters there as presenters.

9. Furniture Masters Event – 9/17 Owain is in charge. David Lamb hoped to see hand work demonstrated. Jon will talk to David and Owain to firm up plans for the Guild’s involvement. Postcards noted the Guild’s participation are soon to be mailed to the public. A motion to grant \$1,000. to the Furniture Masters was made by Peter James, seconded by Claude and passed unanimously.

10. New Business – A motion was made by Jim S. and seconded by Mike to propose an amendment to the bylaws to increase the Board of Directors to 15. This was passed unanimously. ***An announcement of this bylaws change must be made at least 15 days in advance of the annual meeting.***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm by unanimous consent.