

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Board of Directors Meeting

Location: virtual via Zoom

Date: 8/24/22, 6:30pm

In attendance: Jon Siegel, Mike DiMaggio, Jim Forbes, Peter James, Claude Dupuis, Elliot Savitzky, Bob Wyatt, Jim Seroskie, Gary Canning, Stan Paras, Al Hansen, Steve Costain

1. President – Jon expressed his thoughts about the overall success of the Sunapee Fair. Lots of work but worth it!

2. Secretary - Bob made a motion, seconded by Jim F that it is critical to document in the BOD minutes the spending of funds. This passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report - A check from Al Hansen to the Guild for \$12,915 from Sunapee was deposited. There is no bill yet for the tent. A motion was made by Peter James, seconded by Bob Wyatt to spend no more than \$3,000 for the tent. This passed unanimously. It was noted that there are still going to be some shipping expenses on top of the approximately \$500 in misc. expenses for the fair. The general fund stands now at approximately \$15,000.

4. Sunapee - Jon read many comments from members about the fair covering topics including the raffle tickets, the lack of Facebook postings, concluding the raffle and shipping items. There was considerable discussion about the role of the BOD in the organizing of the fair. Jon expressed his thoughts that it is a committee's job and perhaps the committee needs to be larger. Al explained that going forward he will not be attending every day so clearly there needs to be daily directors who can run the day's events. He will be working with his committee to plan for a better raffle ticket system among other items.

The subgroup banners remain missing and Claude will put a note in TouchUps asking for their return.

At the end of the fair the League director expressed her pleasure with our attendance.

5. Meetings – Discussion about the annual meeting included whether to offer a hybrid meeting so members could watch it live. This was rejected in favor of offering a live stream for some BOD members who could not attend. The meeting will be listed in TouchUps as an in-person meeting, and the presenter has asked for all to be masked. ***Tony will bring a box of masks for those who forget to bring theirs.***

There was discussion about the overlapping of subgroup meetings as this annual meeting was scheduled at the same time as the Fundamentals group. This is inevitable as there is no coordinator and there seems to be no will to return to a rigid scheduling system as there was in the past. Jon will discuss with David Foote about possible coordination of meetings so that video gear is available, etc.

The subgroup coordinators are responsible for making a video of their meetings.

6. Furniture Masters Event (9/17 at Kimball Jenkins)– Jon expressed his feelings that this should be a very well done event since it is the first time the Guild has been offered to work at a Masters function. It is from 1-5pm. Jon, Myrl and possibly Gary are going to demonstrate, but more are sought. There will be a large tent for the demonstrations. Jon will coordinate this and will call David Lamb seeking advice.

6A. Membership – The Guild is at a record high of 731, but with 38 renewals due immediately there is likely going to be a fall off. The increase of dues makes the 2 year membership almost \$100 which Jim S. suggested might be off putting.

7. Covid Policy – this remains unchanged from last month. At the request of a host or a demonstrator masks will be worn at meetings.

8. Mentor Program – nothing new to report

9. Exhibition – at the October 26th BOD meeting Eliot will make a lengthy report including a proposed site for the show scheduled for October 2023. His committee of Claude, Gary and Steve Costain are meeting and have met virtually with 3 other Guilds across the country who do similar exhibitions of member's work. He requested 30 minutes of time at the October BOD meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:30pm.