

Guild of NH Woodworkers Annual Meeting 10/1/22
Sanborn Mills Farm, Loudon, NH

The meeting was called to order by Jon Siegel, President

1. Election of officers run by Tony Immorlica

By a unanimous vote by show of hands the proposed slate of officers were voted into office to serve another year. Jon Siegel President, Mike DiMaggio Vice President, Peter Breu Secretary and Jim Forbes Treasurer.

2. President's Message

Jon expressed that the past year was a challenge with Covid and hoped that this coming year will be far better. He noted that in 2019 there had been 63 meetings with the subgroups and full membership. In 2020 there were no meetings. The Sunapee fair this year was a great success both with the fundraising raffle (over 60 pieces were raffled off) and with the demonstrations of woodworking. Jon asked that everyone consider helping at the 2023 Sunapee fair as it requires many hands to be a success.

The Furniture Masters' exhibition at the Kimball Jenkins School on 9/17 was a new event for the Guild. 10 Guild demonstrators worked in the afternoon. The Masters offered a private guided tour of their exhibition to Guild members on 10/22.

Jon thanked our host Colin Cabot of Sanborn Mills Farm and gave him a Guild shop apron as a token of our appreciation.

3. Amendment of Bylaws

By a unanimous vote by show of hands the Guild's bylaws were amended to increase the Board of Director membership to a maximum of 15. See the amendment below:

Article III - Governance

Section 1: The BOD shall be the governing body of the Guild. The BOD shall be comprised of nine (9) to ~~thirteen (13)~~ **fifteen (15)** members of whom at least five (5) members must be unrelated. Each BOD member must be a member of the Guild in good standing. Members shall consist of the currently elected officers and other At-Large members nominated by the President. Nominated At-Large members shall be confirmed by the BOD and will serve open terms at the discretion of the BOD.

4. Treasurer's Report – Jim Forbes

The Sunapee Fair raffle generated \$13,602. Expenses were \$5,706. At present the General fund total is \$17,500 and the Grant fund is \$39,200.

5. Membership Report – Jim Seroskie

In the last 3 years there has been a 33% increase in membership with the current total of approximately 725. A new website will be launched by the end of this year with many new improved features.

6. Guild Exhibit – Elliot Savitzky

The Guild will have a juried exhibit of member's work in October 2023 held at the McAuliffe-Shepard Planetarium. The Furniture Masters will judge the works. Elliot asked for members to consider volunteering to assist in the planning and running of the exhibition. A call for entries will be made in January 2023.

7. Guild Mentoring Program – Mike DiMaggio

This new program is getting started with lists being created of both mentors and mentees. Mike will work to connect those Guild members wishing to learn from a mentor.

Dale Bergdahl, Professor Emeritus of Forestry, UVM presented on the topic of figured wood.