

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Board of Directors Meeting

Location: virtual via Zoom

Date: 9/28/22, 6:30pm

In attendance: Jon Siegel, Mike DiMaggio, Jim Forbes, Peter James, Claude Dupuis, Elliot Savitzky, Bob Wyatt, Jim Seroskie, Gary Canning, Stan Paras, David Foote, Tony Immorlica

1. President – Jon summarized this past year highlighting several things including the start-up of the woodcarving subgroup, the restart of the handtools group and many good videos. Ed Orrechio is the liaison for the Maker Spaces. **A question about the Guild's insurance coverage when a meeting is held at a Maker Space will be pursued in a future BOD meeting and Dave Gazaway the insurance agent will be contacted to clarify this coverage.** The need for greater participation specifically for the Sunapee fair was noted. New members should be asked to help with such Guild events. The Furniture Masters were very pleased with our participation at the Kimball Jenkins School show and they will give the Guild a private tour of their collection on 10/22.

2. Secretary - Minutes of the August meeting brought up the following comments:
The \$3K for the Sunapee tent was previously approved
The missing Subgroup banners were supposed to be mentioned in Touch-Ups
George Adams will be contacted by Bob W. since he might have the banners
The minutes were approved by a unanimous show of hands.

3. Treasurer's Report - The Sunapee fair grossed \$13,020. The tent was \$3,000, misc expenses including shipping raffle items were \$931 leaving a net of \$9089. The dues income is 10% above estimated in the budget.

4. Membership and Website report – The total continues to climb but there are only 38 women. The YouTube channel has 69 videos and 10 have exceeded 1000 views. There are 826 subscribers to the channel.

The new website has all the content loaded and now Jim is working on the performance review. It will have all the Journals to access as well as the BOD minutes with restricted access. **The BOD agreed to spend \$200/yr to have a searchable index. (note: this was not by formal vote.)**

5. Meetings – The annual meeting will be at the Sanborn Mills Farm in Loudon. It is in the barn. To date 55 members have signed up via "Ticket Tailor." Guest speaker Dale Bergdahl requested that the audience be masked. Gary will record the presentation. The venue fee is \$400. **The travel expenses and honorarium for the speaker are yet to be determined.**

The business meeting will include annual election of officers, voting on the bylaw amendment as well as reports from the treasurer, membership and the 2022 Exhibition.

6. Furniture Masters Event (9/17 at Kimball Jenkins)– The event went well although not greatly attended and required considerable work from several members to set up and take down. 11 demonstrators put on a good display. Owain Harris was very pleased with our participation.

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 – Jim S. and Jon will assist Mike in getting this important new program going. There are many new members who as beginners would make use of this program.

9. Exhibition – Elliot presented a lengthy explanation of the progress to date in planning for the “1st Annual New England Woodworking Competition” to be held on 10/21/23 at the McAuliffe-Sheppard Discovery Center in Concord. His committee including Steve Costain, Gary Canning and Claude Dupuis have met many times to work on the details. By studying and visiting several other such competitions across the US (Saratoga, NY, Minnesota and San Diego) they have created a framework for the event including a proposed budget with entry and attendance fees, prizes, donations from sponsors, etc. The working premise is an attendance of 150 with 50 entries in 10 categories. The primary purpose is to raise awareness of the Guild. The Furniture Masters will support with selection of pieces and judging. A call for entries will go out January 2023. Elliot asked for more support as the planning evolves.

Elliot made a motion seconded by Peter J. to commit to the event as currently planned including a deposit for the venue. ***This motion was not acted on.***

N.B. It was incorrectly noted that the Concord MakerSpace had relocated to NHTI where the Discovery Center is located. This relocation did not happen as hoped.

A motion was made by Jim F. and seconded by Mike D. to permit Elliot to proceed with the plans and make a deposit for the venue. This passed by a unanimous show of hands.

N.B. no specific \$ amount was mentioned for the venue deposit.

10. Clearance of old Guild merchandise – Bob requested permission to discount the old merchandise some of which is 12 years old. A motion was made by Jon to give him permission to discount as he sees fit, seconded by Tony and passed by a unanimous show of hands.

11. Jon noted that with the likely passage of the change in the By Laws to allow for 2 additional BOD members, the topic will come up at the next BOD meeting in October, and members of the BOD should be prepared to make nominations. The President will formally make nominations and the BOD will vote to approve any nominations.

Jon also noted the continuing need to improve the video taping of subgroup meetings. This will be discussed at future meetings.

By a unanimous show of hands the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm