

# Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

## Board of Directors Meeting

**Location: virtual via Zoom**

**Date: 11/30/22, 6:30pm**

**In attendance:** Jon Siegel, Mike DiMaggio, Jim Forbes, Peter Breu, Peter James, Claude Dupuis, Bob Wyatt, Jim Seroskie, Stan Paras, David Foote, Tony Immorlica

Jon lost power just as the meeting started and rejoined via his phone at 6:50

Gary Canning attended from 7:35 to 7:45

Mike left the meeting at 6:52

Peter James ran the meeting

**1. Mentor Program** -Mike mentioned that the mentoring program has started well with 10+ mentoring connections. He clarified that the program is just for Guild members.

**2. Competition** – a synopsis of the notes from Elliot was presented by Mike. There are now 10 sponsors including SAPFM and Fine Woodworking. The level of the support in most cases is still to be determined. A number of cash donations have been received including \$3,000 from the DiMaggio family and \$1,000 from Susan Slater. Phil Carle has agreed to run the student competition with assistance from Jack Grube. Fees for student participation is yet to be determined. Press releases, a promo video, social media are all still in the works. The Guild's website will have pages dedicated to the competition. Mike is interested in presenting plaques to individuals who deserve recognition and suggested up to 15 names should be considered and suggested by the board.

**3. Secretary** - Claude moved to accept the minutes of the 10/26/22 meeting, Jim F. seconded. Jon asked that the minutes be changed in the Covid Policy to read "masks are optional except if requested by the host or demonstrator." This was approved unanimously. The term "nomination" must be replaced by "suggestion" when the new members of the BOD are considered as the president alone has the authority to make nominations. With these corrections the minutes were approved unanimously.

**4. Treasurer's Report** - The report was received by all BOD members prior to the meeting for their review. Jim F. has added lines in his spreadsheet for the Competition. He had added those in the Grant Funds but with a note from David this was changed and the funds are now in the General Funds.

**5. Election of new BOD members** – Jon nominated Laurie Farrell and this was approved by unanimous vote. He has decided not to nominate a second member at this point.

**6. Membership and Website** - The membership has dropped slightly to 720. The next “Journal” should arrive at mailboxes by the end of the year. It has 48 pp.

The new website is almost ready with Jim having spent considerable time making it ready for mobile phone use. It will go live by the end of the year. The content is all loaded.

Jim requested \$600 for the purchase of the “Knack” database app to allow for improved database use. This was moved by Bob, seconded by Jim and approved by unanimous vote.

**7. Grants** – Dave noted that there are 3 outstanding requests made during Covid when the decision was made not to spend other funds. They are \$1600. for a scroll saw for John Stark HS, \$3200 for a SawStop table saw for Bow HS, and \$2700 for 5 scroll saws for Hillside Middle School of Manchester. Discussion included offering to share costs with schools and also offering lesser amounts for less expensive machines (specifically in the case of John Stark’s request.) Dave also reminded the board that other expenses from the Grants budget included \$600 for awards at Sunapee and \$1,000 for the Furniture Masters. More discussion included other uses of funds including paying for presenters or offering \$1,000 grants open to application. Jon felt strongly that our current policy of letting the schools lead and seek funding for specific needs is the best policy.

**8. Insurance** – Bob started the topic by saying that he would meet with Dave Gazeway. Many members spoke about the high cost of our current policy and Jim F. noted that the current coverage is \$2171 yearly with \$750 being the D&O liability coverage. By comparison the AAW provides insurance to local chapters for \$200 yearly (plus up to \$800 for D&O coverage.) Also it was noted that our current coverage did not include medical expenses and the rate was determined when we were intending to offer a “Guild in Schools” program. Dave noted that the current rate was determined by making a comprehensive list of our activities. **Bob will research other groups and their insurance coverage and report to the BOD at the January meeting.**

**9. Covid Policy** – this remains unchanged from last month. Masks are optional except if requested by the host or demonstrator.

**10. Videography** – Jon explained that his vision is that all subgroup meetings will be filmed so that anyone in the Guild who was not able to attend could see the meeting. He posited that perhaps the best way to achieve this is to have each subgroup own their own video equipment. He noted however that some subgroups are not interested in being filmed. Many questions remain when considering how to move forward with these ideas. A meeting of the subgroup heads was mentioned as perhaps a way to move this idea forward.

By a unanimous show of hands the meeting was adjourned at 8:543pm.

