

Seattle Woodturners Board Meeting – Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 30 July 2019

Time: 7-9 pm

Location: Madison House

Present: Earl Bartell, Eric Cutbirth, Andy Firpo, Brian Flippin, Steve Gary, Jim Hogg, Russ Prior, Tom Street, Tim Tibbetts

Absent: Jim Kief, David Lutrick

- **Minutes of board meeting held 02 July 2019**

Approved

- **Board Actions**

- **Action:** All Board Members to send photo and bio to Tim before next board meeting. Only two remaining: RussP and BrianF. Continued.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- **Program Update**

- ~~• Action: DavidL to book Seri for a meeting in 2021. Done.~~
- ~~• Action: AndyF to check with Woodcraft how many folks can attend the two Eric Lofstrom workshops (14, 15 Sep), and whether we can bring our own lathes. No limit by Woodcraft. Yes we can (and should) bring our own lathes. Done.~~
- ~~• Action: DavidL to check with Eric Lofstrom on how many 'pupils' he would teach at his September workshops. Eric Lofstrom says 8 maximum at each session. Done.~~
- David Lutrick emailed the following details before the meeting:

ArtEast has closed. No exhibit.

Don Jovag demos at August meeting. Segmented turning – “ bangles”

Ed Hajek Is supposed to bring his bandsaw for the meeting. I will contact him email the day before to remind. Set up the large lathe, put a tarp under the band saw, too, please.

No sawdust session August 10, unless Russ wants to host something.

September 12-16 – The Eric Show I'll open w/s registrations on August 1. Complete planning for associated activities at Woodcraft – logistics for getting our lathes set up, brochures, etc. PLEASE NOTE, PARTICIPANTS MUST SUPPLY THEIR OWN WOOD OR PURCHASE IT. David will not be providing the wood this year. \$100 fee 8 attendees for each workshop 9:30- 4:00 workshops Eric recommends your own grinder in his course outline.

October 10 Meeting demo– Diana Friend -End-grain Cups: A simple but elegant way to show off sapwood vs. heartwood. Will include some hand sawn "Tie" work plus tricks to speed up the work.

October 12 S/D session – David not available – someone else could lead – open for topic to be covered

November14 meeting demo– Basket making – Bill Roeder and Heidi Miller

November 16 S/D session - open for topic to be covered

Seri Robinson is booked for September 2021, meeting and all day demos tentatively scheduled

- **Recap of Recent Meetings/Events**

- BAM KIDS Fair take-aways: for next year, we should create better signage to explain what's going on. The tables, provided by BAM, were too high for some of the younger kids. Dan Robbins worked hard to make new, motor-driven 'cranking' machines. The Board should consider re-imbursing his expenses; and recognise his contribution in the Newsletter. **Action: Earl + Eric – create a short write-up of the event to be included into the Newsletter.**
 - Shop Tours. Took place on 3 August at 4 member shops. Good turnout. Good feedback. TimT will be organizing a few more of these tours.
- **Old Business**
 - ~~We need an inventory of all club A/V equipment from DanR. Action: TomS to inventory the A/V equipment. Done.~~
 - Add Jim Kief (President) as signature on the checking account. The bank requires a signed copy of the chapter minutes. JimH has provided the signed copy of minutes. **Action: JimK to complete action with the bank.**
 - **Redmond Parks&Rec.** 3-hour class scheduled for 5 October. AndyF is point-of-contact. Attendees should be 10 years or older. The leader needs to be CPR certified – should be AndyF or JimK. We need to purchase 8 face shields (\$20-\$40 each) and dust masks: the Board approved a budget of \$300 for these items (available on Amazon.com). We also need 7 mentors for the event. **Action: AndyF to 'sign up' 7 mentors.** We also need to acquire 8 sets of lathe tools. And a safety shield (similar to those provided by BAM). **Action: SteveG to investigate getting a custom-made safety shield.**
 - **Communication**
 - ~~Survey? Web, Facebook, Instagram? which should we prioritize? TimT is already busy with club work. But Gary, at Rockler, has offered to help (he is a survey "pro"). Action: AndyF to ask Gary to contact TimT by email. Done. (but will meet with Gary at next meeting to pursue)~~
 - Standardization/anonymization for club interface. Ongoing
 - - Use of standard emails for board positions. Ongoing
 - - PO box for club mailings. Ongoing
 - - Club visa for auto-renewals (domain registration, privacy registration, Wordpress) Ongoing
 - TimT spent \$30 for tools from Victor; and \$8 for private Whois registration for domain. **Action: TimT seek reimbursement from SteveG**
 - Sawdust Sessions:
 - August – informal session at RussP's workshop
 - Late September – 'dry run' for Parks&Rec class?
 - October – bowls? (but who will lead, since DavidL is unavailable)
 - November – stabilization?
 - **New Business**
 - ~~Action: AndyF to help DanR with the spec for the laptop. Put on hold. AndyF to discuss with DanR at next meeting. Superseded. Action: TimT and AndyF to decide model.~~
 - ~~Sharon Doughtie has offered to sell rotary burr tools to club members. Action: TimT to collect orders at the July meeting and place a bulk order with Sharon. Done.~~
 - ~~Action: JimH, as Secretary, to sign and date a copy of the club Bylaws. Done.~~
 - **Action: TimT to upload/archive signed Bylaws to Website and Google Docs.** Continued.
 - Mentorship for new members – pretty haphazard. Maybe be more pro-active in contacting mentees, rather than expecting vice-versa? Perhaps step up Sawdust Sessions as mentorship? **Action: BrianF to draw up a plan for mentors/mentees.** (Mentor guidelines might include – offer up to 8 hours per month for free; any more would be subject to payment by mutual agreement). SteveG would like a volunteer to whom he can hand off new members.

- A new member that signed up last Thursday, indicated he would like to volunteer. He did not indicate any particular area he is interested in helping with. He is an intermediate turner. His name is: Paul Masson, 206-405-0930, paulj@ecostargroup.com. Did anyone follow-up on this? Yes, EarlB did, but payment fell through due to a PayPal glitch. **Action: EarlB to follow up.**
- Woodrats: poor turn-out at Norm's "big oak" session in Seattle. **Action: RussP to follow up with NormV.**
- Woodrats: should we share over-abundance of picks with nearby clubs? No! – ok to pass on leads in their entirety, but not to share joint events (issues with safety and club insurance)
- Donations (eg: from Eric Lofstrom, Ashley Harwood) – auction off? Yes. It was reckoned Eric's signed piece might retail for \$500, so require minimum bid of \$300. (Ashley's piece is not signed, so less expensive)
- **Around the Room**
 - RussP proposed we buy bags to hold the tools for each of our 7 lathes. This was approved. **Action: RussP to choose and buy appropriate tool bags.** Continued.
 - Quarterly Challenge. The Board agreed we continue this activity, but provide more lead time. Next challenge? – Xmas ornaments (following John Moe's class). AndyF volunteered to make a trophy as prize for the winner.