

Seattle Woodturners Board Meeting – Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 4 June 2019

Time: 7-9 pm

Location: Madison House

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

Absent:

- **Minutes of board meeting held 30 April 2019**

Approved

- **Actions Arising**

- **Action: All Board Members** to send photo and bio to Tim before next board meeting. Specifically **EarlB** and **JimH**. Continued.
- **Action: JimH, TimT, BrianF** to archive existing minutes into Google Docs. Continued.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- ~~**Action: Steve Gehe** to perform audit in next 30 days. Done.~~ Outcomes:

- a) Need a second signer on the club's Bank Of America account. An action was proposed by EricC that JimK be added as signatory. Seconded by AndyF. Vote passed.
- b) Minor tweaks to the P&L format.
- c) We should use a debit, rather than credit card, with an account for about \$500, for club purchases

- ~~The club's annual insurance premium rose about 40%. No special reasons given by the Insurance Company. (SteveG noted that his personal company liability insurance rose by the same percentage)~~

- **Recap**

- **Program Update**

- ~~**Action: TimT + SteveG** to research alternative to SignupGenius. Continued. Done.~~
- ~~**Action: JimK** to talk discuss with DavidL, the above ideas and research. Perhaps researching SignupGenius was prompted by the Glen Lucas even, which was huge? To stop popup ads in SignupGenius would cost around \$500 per year. It's been a long time since anyone did not pay for an event after registering. While Tim continues to investigate alternatives, DavidL will continue with manual signups. In particular, he won't use SignupGenius for the Ashley Harwood workshops. Done.~~
- ~~**Action: DavidL** to resolve venue by next Thursday; and to ask Ashley what tools will be required at the workshops. Done.~~
- Next week's meeting features Tom Henscheid from Pratt Fine Arts Center.
- Next week's workshops will be held at Russ Prior's shop, and given by Ashley Harwood. Saturday: bowls. Sunday: platters. (All 16 slots are filled)
- July meeting will be members' Tool Swap, and Tops Contest, with 4 lathes set up in the VFW. (However, there will be no vendors – they are off to the National Symposium in Raleigh).
- September sees two classes by Eric Lofstrom, on Skew Chisel, and Sharpening. To be held at Woodcraft.
- October meeting is still open. **Action: DavidL to investigate whether Seri Robinson, from Oregon State University, might lecture again on spalting. Seri's booking now for 2021. Diana Friedn will do the October demo.**
- Next year? Possibly Stephen Hatcher for 2 days? And Mike Hosaluk? Another possible interest would be casting and stabilization for pen turning.

- **Old Business**

- ~~• Action: JimK and TomS to decide and proceed with “The Quarterly Challenge”. Announce at next week’s full meeting, and hold the first judging at the September meeting. Done.~~
- Action: TomS to issue the Quarterly Challenge at next meeting – turn something interesting from a 3 feet 2 by 4.
- ~~• Action: JimK to send disposal list to TimT for inclusion the The Newsletter. Continued. Done.~~
- The disposal list of items after ‘spring cleaning’ the trailer: Les Dawson is interested in some items, for his youngsters’ Wood Turning class, in Montana. But he cannot collect it for some weeks. RussP agreed to keep the items under a tarp at his shop.
- The list includes the OneWay Bowl Steady. To be sold at the July tool swap.
- It was agreed to dispose of the 2 large projector screens to Goodwill.
- We need an inventory of all club A/V equipment from DanR. Action: TomS to inventory the A/V equipment. Action: SteveG to list all receipts he has for A/V equipment. Sent to TomS, so Done.
- There’s a plan to hold a reception at the BAM to celebrate the club exhibits (26 selected) on view from 7 June. Action: JimK to negotiate a suitable date, preferably early during the exhibition. Now arranged for July 5, 5-7 pm.
- Google Docs ‘remodel’: Action: JimH to update, as time allows. Continued.
- Action: JimH to record the vote on accepting the new bylaws at the next (May) members meeting.
- Exhibition at ArtEast Gallery. Contributions will be invited contributions, using a website to register the photo submissions. The club will qualify for some money from ArtEast to help with promotions. Exhibition space will comprise about 80 feet of 12” deep shelves, plus pedestals and glass cases. Target dates: mid-September to October. Jury members: Bill Luce and Dave Schweitzer. The plan is to ask all members to submit pieces; if not enough by some to-be-decided cutoff date, then open the event to other wood turning clubs in the area.

- **BAM KIDSfair**

- ~~• Action: JimK to explore other options for staffing. JimK will mail out to members. EarlB agreed to help. BAM will provide one intern every day for the top coloring station. Sign ups at June meeting. Still need more staff, more tops.~~
- Action: JimK to liaise with BAM for KidsFare. Underway. Signage content updated. Need to complete sign-ups & background checks by July 17th.
- Action: EarlB+DanR to organize staffing for BAM KIDSfair. Continued. Still need more staff, more tops. Need to complete sign-ups & background checks by July 17th.

- **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.
- SignupGenius research? Dropped.
- Shop Tours. TimT will organize when he returns in 2 weeks.

- **New Business**

- ~~• Action: JimK to organize jurying of pieces for BAM exhibition (DavidL offered to help). Done.~~
- Action: AndyF to help DanR with the spec for the laptop. Put on-hold. AndyF to discuss with DanR at next meeting.
- ~~• Action: EarlB volunteered to run the April wood raffle. Done.~~
- ~~• Action: JimK to explain the background for the remodel to the members. Done.~~
- ~~• Action: JimH to provide background notes on the remodel for JimK. Done.~~

- DavidL will not be continuing as Director of Programs next year, unfortunately. **Action: TimT to include an 'advert' in the next Newsletter for a volunteer as Director of Programs**, starting January.
 - Use of Woodcraft for future events. We are holding 2 days of classes by Eric Lofstrom in September. Jeff (at Woodcraft) would welcome a "Seattle Woodworkers' Weekend": with some members 'manning' a table to advise customers on coring systems. Or perhaps demo the Oneway coring system. AndyF offered to demo, and EarlB agreed to help. **Action: DavidL to check with Eric Lofstrom that he is ok with this arrangement.** (Eric can sell his tools at the club meeting on the Thursday evening immediately before) **Eric is good for it. Board should discuss plans for Demo and Workshop.**
 - Redmond Parks & Recreation have offered classrooms if the club would deliver wood-turning classes for the public (for which the Club would retain 65% of the income from each event!) They might also provide an alternative venue for monthly meetings, instead of the current VFW venue. DavidL suggested we consider giving a 1-day beginners' class on Spindles and Bowls. This would entail significant expenditure – tools, masks, lights, etc. However, that expenditure would be a good candidate for AAW grants. EricC proposed (and TimT seconded) that the club pursue this opportunity. There is a deadline of 12 June to submit proposals that cover Redmond's September-November schedule. **Action: DavidL to draft a proposal. Done.**
 - In order to deliver any course for Redmond Parks & Rec. several members would need to undergo CPR training, costing around \$60 per head, for a group of 10. Similarly, Redmond would require we submit to background checks, costing around \$20 per head.
 - 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.**
 - Woodrats: RussP has a new work schedule which prevents him from wood-rattng for the next several weeks. The following volunteers stepped forward to help: JimH, EarlB and Jim Gregory.
 - RussP won't be able to attend any July Sawdust Session, but offered club use of his workshop. After discussion, DavidL suggested (as Director of Programs) that we instead cancel the July Sawdust Session.
 - RussP noted that the new LED lighting in his shop is working well; and that those lights are owned by the club.
 - Payment for Club events. Discussion of PayPal (and, in particular, why we pass on their CC charge to members). Or should we adopt Venmo? **Action: JimK, EricC and TomS to return with a recommendation to the Board. Action: SteveG to consider whether Venmo would help or hinder his work in collecting fees from members. Subsequent to the Board meeting, SteveG has decided not to use Venmo and stick with PayPal.**
 - Empty Bowls. Members should bring any donation to the June meeting: Jimmy Allen, who is hauling a trailer to the AAW Symposium, will transport them to Raleigh.
- **Subsequent to this Board Meeting, there was a vote of Members at the next club meeting (Thursday 13 June). Revisions to the Club Bylaws were accepted.**

- **Around the Room**

Nothing