

Seattle Woodturners Board Meeting – Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 30 April 2019
Time: 7-9 pm
Location: Madison House
Present: Earl Bartell, Eric Cutbirth, Andy Firpo, , Jim Hogg, Jim Kief, David Lutrick, Tom Street,
Absent: Brian Flippin, Steve Gary, Russ Prior, Tim Tibbetts

1. Minutes of board meeting held 2 April 2019

Approved

2. 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.

It was noted that Woodcraft will allow 10% discount only for classes we hold at their premises.

3. Treasurer's Report

Action: Steve Geho to perform audit in next 30 days

~~The new lathes, chuck and stands have arrive. Action: SteveG to haul them over to Russ' shop. Done.~~

~~BurtH will run a "tops shop" at his workshop on 20 and 27 April. EarlB & JimK will lend a hand. Done.~~

There was a question about why the club liability insurance had increased so much. But SteveG was not present to answer.

4. Recap

Tool sellers won't be able to attend our club tool swap on 11 July: most will be attending the AAW annual symposium in Raleigh.

5. Program Update

~~Action: AndyF to provide summary writeup of his "Pen Making". Done.~~

Action: TimT + SteveG to research alternative to SignupGenius. Continued.

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.

~~Action: SteveG to 'hassle' non payers by phone. Done.~~

DavidL has bookd Don Jovag for our August meeting. He specialized in segmented bowl and bangles. Will need a desktop bandsaw for the demo.

Also a demo on woven willow baskets, whose formers are turned on the lathe, for our November meeting. Featuring Bill Reeder and Heidi Mills.

The October demo slot is still open.

It was noted that if we hold any club meetings at Woodcraft, demonstrators will not be allowed to seel their tools. But a workaround, for Eric Lofstrom and others, might be for folks to order them ahead, but be delivered at the workshop. (The same rule applies for Rockler. But overall, it seems a less useful venue: just 4 lathes, one of which is poor; and the lathes are in the midst of the sales area)

DavidL will continue to engage Woodcraft as host for our June workshops with Ashley Harwood. (AndyF noted that this is unlikely to work: Woodcraft classroom is normally booked 3 months in advance). **Action:** DavidL to resolve venue by next Thursday; and to ask Ashley what tools will be required at the workshops.

The members mini-symposium and tool swap so far has just one volunteer – John Shrader. JimK will try to enlist Burt Hovander. And possibly Sylvia Allen, for wood-burning.

6. Old Business

The heater somehow burned out the external power lapsupply socket in the club trailer.

~~Action: Russ to contact Don Mittet for advice. Done.~~

~~Action: JimK + TomS to advance the proposal for "President's Challenge" (or whatever new name we choose). Done.~~

Members seem reluctant to participate: should we delay "The Challenge" until after the summer, when parents will have more time as kids return to school? After discussion, it was agreed to go ahead with 4 Challenges per year, and perhaps with a July

kick-off session (regular meeting in the VFW) with lathe stations: turn egg-cups at one, spinning tops at another, etc? **Action: JimK and TomS** to decide and proceed.

Action: JimK to send disposal list to TimT for inclusion the The Newsletter. Continued. However, what's left could well be termed 'junk'.

~~**Action: JimK** to discover whether any of the board has 'promised' John Shrader the old camera. Outcome: John is not interested in the camera. Done.~~

Burt will cover the tops. But we need someone to drive the overall organization. **Action: JimK** to explore other options.

Action: JimK to liaise with BAM for KidsFare. Started discussions.

50 pieces have been submitted for the 25 slots for the BAM exhibition. JimK would like more engagement by club members: many of our experienced turners participated last year.

Action: EarlB+DanR to organize staffing for BAM KidsFare. Continued.

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.

7. Communication

~~**Action: TimT** to ask feedback for ideas on prizes for donating BAM tops. Done.~~

It was agreed we should standardize Board email addresses (eg: Treasurer, President, etc)

8. New Business

Action: JimK to organize jurying of pieces for BAM exhibition (DavidL offered to help). Done?

~~New software for the new laptop? **Action: JimK**: to tell DanR to proceed with purchase. Done.~~

Action: AndyF to help DanR with the spec for the laptop

After the meeting, RussP asked whether the club would support paying \$80 to equip his workshop with LED work-lights above the lathes, to improve workshops and sawdust session at his shop. Voting (via email) was as follows:

- Yes: AndyF, SteveG, EarlB, JimH, TimT, TomS, RussP, JimK, DavidL
- Abstain: BrianF, EricC

Wood raffle: Norm cannot make the April meeting. **Action: EarlB** volunteered to run the raffle. AndyF will bring along cookies.

For next Thursday's meeting, we should explain the work done to remodel the trailer:

Action: JimK to explain the background for the remodel to the members

Action: JimH to provide background notes on the remodel for JimK

DavidL explained that the Art East gallery in Issaquah might display members' works for 4-6 weeks during September and October. (Members can set a price on their items, with no restrictions: the gallery currently has objects on sale in the range of \$3 to \$15,000). Commission on sales is 35%. A possible Jury might include: Bill Lucci, Bonnie Klein and Stephen Hatcher. Such 'big names' jurists could help attract more customers. The run-up to the event might include an opening meeting for all those with work on display. Question: should DavidL proceed with this possibility? A resounding "yes" from the Board.

9. Around the Room

Nothing