

Seattle Woodturners Board Meeting – Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 03 Sep 2019

Time: 7-9 pm

Location: Madison House

Present: Earl Bartell, Steve Gary, Steve Geho, Jim Hogg, Jim Kief, David Lutrick, Russ Prior, Tom Street,

Absent: Eric Cutbirth, Andy Firpo, Brian Flippin, Tim Tibbetts

- **Minutes of previous board meeting** (held Tuesday, 30 July, 2019)
Approved
- **Treasurer's Report**
Minor glitch: Linda Shulman lost receipts for recent refreshments.
- **Program Update**
 - September Demo: Eric Lofstrom, 12 September (End grain bowl)
 - September Woodcraft: Eric Lofstrom, 14 September (Skew chisel)
 - September Woodcraft: Eric Lofstrom, 15 September (Sharpening)
 - October: Woodcraft Fall Show & Sale: 4,5,6 October (Jeff Marsden). The Board agreed that we should leave this event entirely to the Fife Club. **Action: JimK to inform Woodcraft we will not participate. However, an email from JimK on 9/12/2019 said he confirmed with AAW that the Club WILL support this event – and be headed-up by JimK and AndyF**
 - October Demo: Diana Friend, 10 October (End grain cups)
 - October Sawdust Session, 12 October. Diana Friend will lead this session.
 - October Ornament Class #1: 26 October (At John Moe's). JimH will haul the trailer for 8 am Saturday. **Action: SteveG to circulate signup sheet.**
 - October Ornament Class #2: 27 October (At John Moe's)
 - November Demo: Bill Roeder + Heidi Miller, 14 November (Basket making)
 - November Sawdust Session: 16 November. Casting + Stabilization (AndyF, TimT)
 - Redmond Parks & Rec: class delayed until January?
 - **Action: DavidL to devise signup sheet for Sawdust Sessions**
- **Recap of Recent Meetings/Events**
 - ~~BAM KIDS Fair. Action: Earl + Eric – create a short write-up of the BAM KIDS Fair event to be included into the Newsletter. Done~~
 - Woodrats: Maple at Phinney Ridge; Maple on Washington Boulevard; Cherry on Mercer Island; Horse Chesnut on Capitol Hill. **Action: RussP to create a writeup on these events for the Newsletter.**
- **Old Business**
 - ~~Add Jim Kief (President) as signature on the checking account. Action: JimK to complete action with the bank. Done~~
 - **Redmond Parks&Rec.** 3-hour class, now scheduled for sometime in January 2020. AndyF is point-of-contact. ~~Action: AndyF to 'sign up' 7 mentors. Dropped, due to delay in schedule.~~ And a safety shield (similar to those provided by BAM). **Action: SteveG to investigate getting a custom-made safety shield.** The Board approved a \$250 budget for this item. (It was also suggested that SteveG investigate any AAW designs)
 - Library: plan for while George is out? **Perhaps BrianF?** (but not present)
 - Library acquisitions:
 - The Perfect Edge (Ron Hock)
 - Beyond Basic Turning: Off-Center, Coopered & Laminated Workd (Jake Cox)

- Northwest Trees: Identifying and Understanding the Region's Native Trees (Stephen Arno)
- Gilding & Chemical Patinations (David Marks, Grace Baggot)
- **Action: SteveG to order those Library items**
- **Action: SteveG to send Library spreadsheet to JimK to publish on our website**

- **Communication**

- 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. Done.~~

- **New Business**

- New Laptop. **Action: TimT and AndyF to decide model.**
- **Action: TimT to upload/archive signed Bylaws to Website and Google Docs.** Continued.
- Mentorship for new members. **Action: BrianF to draw up a plan for mentors/mentees.** Continued.
- A new member (Paul Masson) joined and volunteered to help. ~~Action: EarlB to follow up. Done.~~
- Woodrats: poor turn-out at Norm's "big oak" session in Seattle. ~~Action: RussP to follow up with NormV. Done.~~
- Microphone issues and A/V investigation. Meet Wednesday 11 September at VFW? Done. Tidied cables and practised assembling the gear, but could not replicate the problem with the microphone.
- Wood-turning requests from the public: how best to handle?
Various options were discussed. Eventually agreed on three actions:
 - **Action: TimT to add, to our Club website, links to any members who have personal websites**
 - **Action: JimK will reply to any requestor – suggest visit our website and its links; then offer the work to all current members** (to include a disclaimer that Seattle Woodturners does not warranty any such work – it's a personal undertaking between requestor and requestee)
- First-Aid kit for Woodrats? **Action: SteveG to buy a second first-aid kit**
- Nominating committee: Board & membership members. TomS will chair the committee, with Steve Geho and EarlB. TimT will move to our new Director of Programs. DavidL agreed to cover DoP for those times when TimT is out of town
- Staffing for Eric Lofstrom event. Done.
- National AAW sponsored Rockler Pen Turning Classes: November 9. Four, 1-hour sessions, using our own tools, or Rockler's. Use Rockler kits. **Action: JimK to forward email invite to the Board**
- Empty Bowls event: February 2020. We need someone to take over organization of this program. **Action: JimK to announce/invite at next membership meeting**
- The Fun Challenge: participation was poor. It was suggested that every Board member should create an entry (for November's challenge – a Christmas ornament)

- **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. Done.~~