

Cascade WoodTurners Association –Board Meeting

The Cascade WoodTurners board held their first meeting of the year via Zoom on January 10, 2024.

The meeting was called to Order at 6:03 pm, Jan 10, 2024.

Those in attendance. Via Zoom, were: Kevin Jesequel, Steve Newberry, Steve Strawn, Len Otto, Kathleen Duncan, Steve Walgrave, Joyce Botsch, Dale Larson, Gerald Stutts, Gary Borders, Harvey Rogers, Ian Harding, Brett Williamson, Bill Karow. All board members were present – there were no absences.

Kevin opened the meeting with a brief review of the agenda.

Steve Strawn presented a treasurer’s report. The club bank account currently has a balance of \$33,824.20. He also reviewed a spreadsheet which he had sent to all board members which presented the anticipated incomes and expenses for the coming year, as best as he could currently discern. Income and expenses are anticipated to roughly balance at around \$11,000 each per year. It was suggested that henceforth, only the treasurer and the storekeeper should have access to the PayPay account. It was further suggested that all amounts in PayPal be auto deposited to the club bank account, and any payments or refunds via PayPal be drawn from the club bank account, and thus the PayPal account be kept at basically a zero balance.

A membership report a was presented by Steve W. The summary is that we are basically maintaining membership year to year. Summary details are:

End of year 2023	118	As of Jan 10, 2024	53
End of year 2022	115	Feb 1, 2023	87
End of year 2021	106	Feb 1, 2022	94

The demonstration schedule for 2024 arranged by Dale was discussed and summary is as follows:

January	Jim Piper	
February	Dave Gutschmidt	
March	Kathleen Duncan	
April	Steve Newberry	
May	TBD	
June	TBD	
July	Craig Timmerman	w/ classes
August	John Beaver	w/ classes
September	Club Auction	
October	Mike Jakowski	
November	TBD	

Dale’s open shop was briefly discussed. Last year was basically deemed as unsuccessful because not enough turning projects or new turners showed up. Some sessions were gab sessions only as no turning was even done. Hopefully this year will be better. It was suggested that outreach to new turners be increased and that it may help to have themed classes/sessions.

AAW Symposium update was relayed by Dale. We have committee leads for all major committees. Still in need of leads for: Volunteer booth; Merchandise Booth; Spouse Craft Room. Jennifer Newberg and

Jay Brown of AAW will be in town late next week and will have a meeting on Saturday for all committee leads to discuss the symposium operations and any questions as well as 'Sign Up Genius' and its use for signing up volunteers.

Club Store operations were reviewed – all is good and all purchases and sales will be reported to the Treasurer monthly.

Meeting space was also discussed. Kevin was tasked last year to investigate potential new/better meeting space, but had limited time to do so and had no luck. We should continue pursuing this. Bill K. said he has some time to help with this. Steve W. will forward to him a list of area Community centers. It was suggested that area VFW halls, Grange Halls and church basements are also possibilities, and if anyone has contacts or ideas to bring them forward. Any help in this area will be appreciated.

Meeting equipment was also discussed. From discussions with audio equipment store owners it was discerned that our storage situation at Wild Lilac is far sub-optimal and is contributing to our speaker problems. Steve W. will purchase a new speaker from Costco (returnable) to see if it works better. It was also suggested that the club purchase a simple laptop computer to check and assist with zoom issues as well as making presentations easier. This was approved. Additionally, we have upcoming needs for a white-board and markers, and this will be checked and addressed in the near future.

Newsletter issues were also addressed. Harvey will continue to be the editor. Jim Piper has agreed to photograph the 'Show and Tell' and prep them for the newsletter. Someone to write the safety article is needed, but Kevin will continue for the time being, using the same article that he writes for NWWT. It is unknown if Suzanne will continue writing the member interviews, but it is hoped so as the ones done last year were highly treasured. Bill K. suggested that all members should be solicited for 'Tips and Tricks' that could be put in the newsletter.

Community Outreach – The Troutdale Arts festival is in early June, and the timing is such that it is not feasible for us to be participants. We do plan to participate in the Gresham Arts Festival and Len O. reviewed this event. Brett W. and Joyce B. volunteered to be organizers if Suzanne was not going to do such and would help no matter.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid April, potentially on a Wednesday evening.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Walgrave – CWA Secretary