

Cascade WoodTurners Association –Board Meeting

The Cascade WoodTurners board held their first meeting of the year via Zoom on January 4, 2023.

The meeting was called to Order at 6:03 pm, Jan 4, 2023.

Those in attendance. Via Zoom, were: Harvey Rogers, Kevin Jesequel, Ken Kirkman, Len Otto, Kathleen Duncan, Steve Walgrave, Joyce Botsch, Steve Strawn, Dale Larson, Gerald Stutts, Suzanne Jensen, Gary Borders. All board members were present – there were no absences.

Harvey opened the meeting with the general question of what should Cascade WoodTurners be doing to make the club one that people enjoy and want to participate in. Also, what should we be doing to distinguish us from other clubs in the local area?

Dale noted that basically all of the groups in the area are one group in that we share and support each other. Many people are members of multiple and/or all of the clubs, and the other clubs in the area are offshoots of the original Cascade group, primarily resulting from location issues.

With this in mind, Dale proposed that Cascade WoodTurners share our demonstrator calendar with the other clubs in the area, and would like board approval to do so. Other members added comments on the proposal, primarily being the request that other clubs do the same. The board approved this proposal by consensus.

Kevin suggested that we make our newsletter available to non-members and suggested that we have a mailing list for the newsletter to include non-members who wish to get the newsletter.

Dale noted that the upcoming Oregon Symposium in Albany is a great opportunity to recruit members and to inform the public of the clubs in their area and the availability of classes, demonstrations and the other benefits of the clubs. Dale felt certain that the symposium would allow a table to be set up to disperse info, flyers, maps and pamphlets during the symposium for all four of the local clubs.

To support this opportunity, the following people volunteered as part of a literature team to create a pamphlet/brochure describing Cascade WoodTurners and the benefits of being a member: Kevin J., Steve S., Len O., Joyce B., Harvey R.

The question of whether to continue broadcasting our meeting via Zoom was brought up. Our next meeting features Rick Rich and is planned to be on Zoom. It was suggested that the quality of our Zoom broadcast be improved: Steve S. suggested that we get zoom training; Len O. suggested that we get better lighting; Kathleen suggested that we train more operators. It was also noted that AAW has a group dedicated to developing and using Zoom and that they should be consulted.

Dale noted that Out-of-town demonstrators may not allow their demonstrations to be recorded.

It was noted that Suzanne has volunteered to be the Hospitality Coordinator for the club.

This year we have several demonstrators who will be doing the Thursday evening club demonstration, followed by full day hands-on class and/or a full day demonstration class. The plan is that if the full day hands-on class has more than 8 attendee signups that a second day of hands-on will be offered. All day demonstration classes are planned to cost \$25.00 per person, and the all day hands-on class are planned

to cost around \$125.00 per person. The intent is that the Thursday club demonstration costs come from the member dues, and that the all day demonstrations and Hands-on classes basically pay for themselves.

It was noted that we still need a photographer for the Show & Tell items of our meeting. Kevin J. volunteered to take this on and would contact and coordinate with Doug Pizac, who had previously volunteered before his injury.

Harvey also noted that we need newsletter content. Dale suggested that the club president should pick a board member each month to write up a short article about their turning history, accomplishments and adventures.

Future meeting times were discussed and it was agreed that future meeting would be held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm via zoom.

Prior to the board meeting, Harvey had sent out a couple of memos requesting input relative to enhancing Cascade's meetings and mission. Some of these items or suggestions are summarized below. If anyone has ideas or suggestions, we request that you forward them in an email to the board for consideration. With the intent of keeping our meeting to an hour, we should try to keep all board members informed and up to date and to gain consensus where we can ahead of the meetings. Things to consider:

- Should we be doing something to distinguish our club from others? Or can our club address some area that other clubs are not covering?
- Should we continue broadcasting on Zoom, and if so, how can we improve?
- Should we have member challenges, especially following demos?
- Are there other ways that we can capitalize on the demonstrators that we do bring in?
- Should we participate in or have (more) community projects? If so, what?
- How can we enhance our website? What added content would be useful or interesting?
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- Other ideas or suggestions?

Respectfully submitted by Steve Walgrave – CWA Secretary