

Cascade WoodTurners Association –Board Meeting

The Cascade WoodTurners board held a meeting via Zoom on February 23, 2023.

The meeting was called to Order at 6:02 pm, Feb 23, 2023.

Those in attendance via Zoom were: Harvey Rogers, Kevin Jesequel, Ken Kirkman, Len Otto, Steve Walgrave, Joyce Botsch, Steve Strawn, Dale Larson, Gerald Stutts, Suzanne Jensen and Kathleen Duncan (later).

Harvey opened the meeting and referenced his agenda which he had sent out a day before.

Items and Issues addressed were:

1. Should the club open the Wild Lilac facility for member participation for the upcoming Zoom “Conversation with Richard Raffan”, as well as for Show & Tell, raffle and supplies sales? Consensus of the group was “No” we do not need to have the meeting at Wild Lilac and will conduct the meeting via Zoom only.
2. Who should have access to the Zoom links for the meetings, only paid members or all current and past contacts? After discussion, the consensus was that the email with the meeting Zoom link should go to currently paid-up members. The email announcing the newsletter and other info should go out to all contacts, current and past whether paid-up or not.
3. Kevin is starting the process of searching for a new meeting location. He asked the group for input on important requirements. The following were suggested: secure storage area for our equipment; 220v power availability; convenient restrooms; adequate WiFi; adequate room to set up tables, lathe and seating for up to approx. 80; availability of chairs; adequate parking; and reasonable access, preferably on the east side of Portland.
4. Oregon Woodturning Symposium equipment move -- The club's Powermatic lathe will be trailered, using Steve Strawn's trailer, to Dale's shop in the near future. Dale will then load it into his pickup and deliver it, with the lathe shield, the tarp and other equipment to OWS, planning to arrive there around 1:00 pm that Thursday. Steve Walgrave will bring down the cameras and cables and all other video equipment needed and arrive around the same time. All set-up should be completed by Thursday evening. Dale and Steve W. will be the prime contacts for any issues that arise during the symposium.
5. Brochure for OWS -- Len reviewed the design and content of the 3 club brochure being prepared for handout at the OWS. A couple of small changes were discussed, but in general, everyone thought it looked great!
6. Public/Outside requests -- On occasion, people outside of the club will present requests for custom work or will advise of wood availability, or such. The question was raised whether we as a group should forward these requests/info to the membership. The consensus was that forwarding these requests/info is a public service and is supported by the board.
7. Cascade Auction --
 - a. Typically our auction is in the fall of the year, but this year the only month that does not already have a scheduled demonstrator is July. After discussion, it was agreed that our auction would be held in July, on the regular meeting night.

- b. Gary Borders has again volunteered to be the coordinator for the auction. A helper is needed to assist Gary in the coordination and preparation effort. No one present in the meeting volunteered.
 - c. To help in generating interest and participants, it is requested that pictures and descriptions of items/wood to be auctioned be forwarded to the club in advance so that we can better advertise and promote it.
8. Local business discounts – It is unknown which or how many of our local businesses give Cascade members the 10% discount any more. The request was made for someone to take on the effort to find out which of our listed sponsors still give us a discount, and if not what they would need to give us the discount. No one present in the meeting volunteered.
9. AAW presence at OWS -- Jennifer Newberg with AAW will be present at OWS with a booth. It is a great opportunity to get better acquainted with and give feedback to AAW, and members are advised to make good use of the opportunity.
10. Ever present question of how to improve our meeting and club – Some suggestions were made: better lighting; video monitor for the demonstrator; 2 TV's instead of 1. It was also suggested to establish a 'set-up' committee to help with setting up the Wild Lilac facility for our meetings. Suzanne agreed to head this effort.
11. Next board meeting -- The next board meeting will be in April, on the evening of the 4th Thursday.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Walgrave – CWA Secretary