

Cascade WoodTurners Association –Board Meeting

The Cascade WoodTurners board held a meeting via Zoom on April 20, 2023.

The meeting was called to Order at 6:02 pm, Apr 20, 2023.

Those in attendance via Zoom were: Harvey Rogers, Ken Kirkman, Len Otto, Steve Walgrave, Joyce Botsch, Steve Strawn, Dale Larson, Gerald Stutts, Suzanne Jensen, Kathleen Duncan, and Gary Borders (most of the meeting). Absent was Kevin Jesequel.

Harvey opened the meeting and referenced his agenda which he had sent out previously.

Items and Issues addressed were:

1. Status of Kevin’s facility search – Harvey relayed that even though Kevin could not attend, he had informed that he had not found anything yet, and said that we may have to pursue trying to find something which is a union facility, as they may be more amenable to our cause.
2. Treasury report – Ken relayed that we still owed \$1425 to Dan Tilden, but after that deduction our balance is still \$15,402.44.
3. Vendor discounts – Joyce reported that some of the usual commercial vendors have agreed to give us their 10% club discount, except Gilmers as yet. These vendors include: Rockler; Wood craft; Wood Crafters. Other vendors are still to respond yet but are being contacted.
4. Oregon Woodturning Symposium – Dale reported that the OWS went very well: there was a good turnout for the symposium; there was good help from club members for the set-up and for the tear-down. The next OWS will be Mar 12 – 16, 2025. Paul Hirt, who was lead organizer tis year, will most likely step down for 2025.
5. Cascade Auction --
 - a. Our auction this year will be held at the July meeting.
 - 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. Hopefully a helper will be able to do some pick-ups and will have some room for storage before the auction.
 - c. Steve Strawn said that he would help as he is available.
 - d. Dale offered his place to cut and store wood as needed.
 - e. It was mentioned that, in particular, finished member pieces, as well as tools and equipment generally bring in more proceeds than raw wood, and should be encouraged
 - f. 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.
 - g. It was discussed and agreed that we will NOT pursue donations from commercial vendors.
 - h. It was agreed that this auction would be a Cascade only auction, not a joint auction with any other club.
6. New equipment – it is desired to acquire a new hand held camera for our meetings which is easier to set up and has a clean HDMI feed. After discussion the consensus agreement was to proceed with the acquisition at a cost of up to \$750.00.

7. Troutdale Arts Festival – Len brought up the invitation we have received to participate in this festival on June 2 – 4. Realizing that this timing overlaps with the AAW symposium and that we have very little time to organize and prepare, as well as no organizer, we decided to pass on the invitation for this year.
8. Hand-on equipment – Dale relayed that we need two spur drives for our club lathes, not knowing where they might have disappeared. Agreement was that Dale would purchase new ones and send the bill to Ken.
9. Name tags – the question was brought up at to whether we should ask \$5.00 for name tags or just give them to members as part of their membership. It was agreed that we would offer them free to new members who want one and to existing members who do not have one and who want one. The question will be in the New Member application.
10. Ever present question of how to improve our meeting and club – Some suggestions were made: Need a hand held microphone for the show-&-tell so the ‘shower’ can be heard by all, including the zoom participants;
11. Next board meeting -- The next board meeting will be in June, on the evening of the 4th Thursday.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Walgrave – CWA Secretary