

Cascade WoodTurners Association - Board Meeting

Meeting called to order 10:07 am.

Those in Attendance: John Replinger – Pres; Rick Rich – VP; Ken Kirkman -Treas; Steve Walgrave - Sec; Len Otto – Librarian; Geraldine Clark – Video Library; Russ Coker – StoreKeeper; Jerry Klug – Newsletter.

Not in Attendance: Kathleen Duncan – Web Mistress (at AAW); Harvey Rogers – Safety Officer (at AAW); Jim Piper – Past Pres; David Williams - Member at large

Items Discussed:

Meeting Minutes from Sept 9, 2018 were reviewed and Approved.

Board meeting location was brought up. Geraldine relayed that the owners of NBH were fine with our continuing to use their conference room for our meetings. She would get John R. a business card for contact.

Treasurer's report;

- Ken K. stated that 2018 started with \$12,686 and ended with \$24,455 in our account. Wells Fargo has improved their procedures and service levels such that they are now a very acceptable institute to work with, and we will keep our account there. Two people (Ken K. and Howard Borer) are on file with signature authority on the account.
- The club now has a credit card, linked to our bank account, for use on significant expenditures (elimination the need for officers use personal sources to cover significant costs and then get reimbursements). StoreKeeper will retain the card, but other officers may request the card's use for expenditures, after getting President's approval. Receipts for all expenditures must be forwarded to the Treasurer.
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Budgets: Motion was made and approved to create a \$400 budget for each of the Librarian and the Video Librarian for 2019. This budget is to be used at these officer's discretion, with receipts to be forwarded to the treasurer. The budget is to be used for books, videos, and related storage devices and related library items. This action was after discussion of expenditures, needs, approval levels, etc. Also, new library additions need to be communicated for announcement in the newsletter.

Demonstrators: There was significant discussion about demonstrators, how many times to bring in well-known demonstrators, typical and high and low costs, for meeting demonstrations, all day demos and for hands on classes. Jerry relayed that he had a list of every demonstration since the club's inception, if anyone would like to review the info. As part of the discussion we were reminded that costs for demonstrations and classes are all in line with fulfilling the charter and primary purpose of the club to educate and spreading the art. It was also noted that sessions or demonstrations could be arranged to bring in vendors or authorities in such subjects as tools, glues, sandpapers, finishes, etc.

Memberships:

- Per the Bylaws, memberships run from February 1 through Jan 31. NEW memberships started in the last three months of a year will be good for 13 to 15 months, ending in January of the second year following. Online entry of memberships, which have automatically generated renewal requests on the anniversary of the initial membership, will now be due in January. Harvey will be requested to modify the program/database to show January renewal dates for all members.
- Free and/or reduced rate Student memberships would require a change to the bylaws and can be addressed at the next board meeting if desired.
- A list of members and their status would be a good way to determine lost members and/or unpaid memberships. The CWA website should contain this info and a listing of such should be capable of being generated. Jerry was to check with Harvey.
- Membership cards (still with the old logo) will be available at the next monthly meeting.

AAW Memberships: It was noted that AAW is offering ½ year Free memberships to NEW AAW members. This would have to be handled through the Charter Groups, like us. Details on how this would be handled were not available and would be resolved between John and Kathleen.

NewsLetter Archives: There are many digital format newsletters on the old website. These can be migrated to the new website – Jerry is to talk with Harvey and Kathleen to see if this can be done. Additionally, there are may even older newsletters which are paper only, which Jerry has in inventory. Jerry will get some of these to Steve to be scanned into PDF digital format.

New Positions: It was proposed that the club create two new position, 1 – AV Tech, and 2 – Show&Tell Person. Having these positions would give us more consistency and reliability in our meetings. Rick was to bring this issue up at our next meeting and get feedback.

- AV Tech position would oversee and coordinate the use of the equipment.
- Show&Tell Person would add the consistency of reviewing and giving positive feedback and/or light critique on works brought in.
- Along the same lines, it was requested that more info about the Show&Tell items be available in the newsletter, such as Author, Type of wood, author comments or input, etc. Show&Tell person responsibilities could encompass these details.

Equipment:

- It has been noted that the live centers on the Guild's Jet lathes are less than stellar and should be replaced. John said that he would follow up on this. It was brought up that Woodcrafters will give CWA a 10% discount and going through them would also support our local businesses.
- It was noted that the microphone system is also less than stellar and could be more reliable and easier to use, potentially going to a lapel clip on type which would not interfere with masks and shields. John will approach Roger Crooks to advise on this.
- The cables in the audio/video storage should be sorted and potentially decreased so as to decrease confusion during setup.

- Lighting for Demonstrators could be enhanced, to be more like that used at the AAW Symposium last year. Russ and Steve were to get a two-tube 4 ft LED lamp and see about getting it integrated into the safety shield.

Outreach: Len has continued to investigate outreach possibilities. He has found that 7 (seven) of the local High Schools still have some degree of woodshop (20%), and he distributed an info sheet with additional info on these seven. It was suggested that we could also contact local vendors, supply shops, senior centers, etc. to offer free demos so as to increase the exposure of this art form to more of the public. It was also suggested that if we are to pursue this outreach effort that we might want to create a group to coordinate and plan these efforts and their content. More discussion to follow.

Board Meeting Minutes: It was suggested that our board meeting minutes be made easier to find on the website. Currently they are attachments to newsletters, which requires that one remember what newsletter they are attached to. Either they could be a separate entry in the 'Newsletter' list, or they could have their own tab. Request will be made to the Web Mistress to see what can be done.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Walgrave.