

NWW Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2018

Location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Called to Order: By President Tom Thornton at 5:57 PM

Members Present: Tom Thornton, Norman Lanford, Ray Shields, Gary Moore, Jeff Phillips, Philip Kezele, Ron Means, Rod Parker, Les Books, Michael McCunn.

Also present: David and Sascha Vandette

Approval of minutes: Two amendments were made to the board minutes of February 20th:

1. Add Sherri Greenleaf's name to the kitchen crew for the All Day Demo.
2. Change the newsletter month from January to February.

It was moved by Ray Shields and seconded by Ron Means that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer - Total funds available is \$24,864. There may be a PayPal discrepancy of \$2,573 from the Stuart Batty demonstration but Jeff will settle this when he gets all the receipts from PayPal. There is still an issue with Brown Paper Ticket sales from Canada. Jeff is working on the problem. The All-Day Demo profit to the club is about \$1,300. Jeff was concerned that the advertised cost for the demo was not consistent. Also, Jeff thought the refund policy needs to be made clear on the posters and advertisement.

On the financial sheet handed out at the meeting, under "Lathe repairs" there is a \$542 expense and Jeff wanted to make clear this was for the electrical work at Gerrit's shop for the future addition of the midi lathes.

Jeff was wondering how the AAW will distribute tickets for those members who have paid NWW. Tom Thornton is working on getting all the AAW information we need and will pass that on when it is available.

The tool raffle received \$162 which was down by about \$30 from the month before; a slight loss for this month. The wood raffle received \$52.

Jeff and Mike both expressed concern about the current method for taking in dues and fees for classes and demonstrations. The way we receive the money now is prone to potential mistakes due to crowding around the table and the impatience of some members. To help eliminate some of the congestion a suggestion was made to have members put their fees in a pre-labeled envelope and deposit in a locked box. This method will be pursued at our next meeting. Positioning a table to compel the formation of a single line may be tried.

Membership – Mike reported there are 4 new members this month. There are 187 members in the club currently, 41 of whom have not paid their dues yet. Mike will send a two-part email to remind people to pay by the end of the month or they will be dropped from the roster. He will also have a form to check reasons why they chose to leave the club if they desire. This information is to help improve the club. What can we do better?

The lighting is very poor where Jeff and Mike take in proceeds and membership signup. A solution to better lighting needs further discussion.

Newsletter – Submission deadline is March 25th.

Mentors – Rod Parker held a meeting in Mt Vernon recently to plan "Meet the Mentors". Les Books made a draft PowerPoint presentation to outline the mentors which was augmented by Ron Means.

Librarian - Ron Wehde was not present but he called Tom and said Fred Holder's spouse gave the club all of Fred's book collection. Ron wanted to know what to do with the books, most of which are old. The Board thought it best to put them on a table and offer them for free to club members.

Sawdust Saturday – Ron Means has agreed to be the committee chair for SS.

March – making goblets (full)

April – no class because of WoodFest

May – Basic bowl turning (5 have signed up)

WoodFest – April 14-15 Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 10-3 at Sedro Wooley High School. David Vandette reported there are 17 Vendors, and 9 are Wood Arts & Crafts. 2 Sponsors: E & E Lumber and NCWA.

The radio station KSVR will interview Dave and two Sedro-Woolley High School students, one Woodshop and one CTE (career & technical education) for broadcast in prime time to promote Woodfest. CTE will be participants for first time, new theme is "From Timber to Tech"

There was a question of whether to be one of the sponsors for Woodfest next year. Ray Shields made a motion to table the decision about sponsoring Woodfest until the September meeting. Rod Parker seconded the motion and it passed.

Programs: Les Books reported Mike Mahoney has agreed to be our all-day demonstrator next March.

April – Our next meeting will meet in Burlington Community Center. After an introductory section by Rod Parker and PowerPoint presentation, Ray Shields will moderate a question-and-answer time with our club mentors. There will be 3 tables with 6 to 8 mentors available.

May – open, but Sara (Seri) Robinson, an expert on spalting, is a possibility.

June – open, but may have a Play Day with club members.

July – Charlie Philips, who combines turning and carving, will demonstrate (no classes).

September – possibly Bonnie Klein to present her method for making a 4-legged stool.

Old Business:

All-Day Demo – The board thought overall the demo was a success; however, there were a few details that need to be worked out for next year.

Phil Kezele ordered 130 meals, 5 more than signed up, but we had at least ten latecomers sign up at the door. Phil called Gere-a-Deli's and was able to get more meals last minute. Some people took more than one sandwich, so we ran low at the end of the line. There was one person that insisted on gluten free.

PayPal still needs to be addressed for payment from Canadian participants.

The kitchen staff were so busy they did not get a chance to see most of the demo. Tom Thornton is going to send kudos to the staff for all the hard work they did and give them each a gift certificate.

Rod Parker, Phil Kezele and Sherri Greenleaf will work on an organization plan for next year's demo.

Shop tours – Rod sent a survey of people interested in showing their shops. Seven members signed to have shop tours. There were 5 available in the Anacortes area. The board thought sometime this Spring would be a good time to arrange the tours. Rod will work on the details.

Backup for Jim Short (video) and other positions - At this point assistance and/or replacement for the photographer position and video position will be recruited. There was a discussion to try to recruit new members for some of these positions. One new member, Albert Ross, has photography experience and may

be someone to take over as photographer. Tom will promote getting new volunteers from the meeting and Ray will add a note in the newsletter.

AAW Symposium – Tom is waiting to get more information from AAW. He did mention that AAW promised that NWW will have a reserved table at the Saturday celebration dinner (cost of dinner is \$55.00 per person). He also said there will be free transit passes available at no charge when registering.

Tool Raffle/Wood Raffle – Stuart Batty said he would give the club an angle gauge for the next tool raffle. Norm Lanford has agreed to volunteer as the person to sell tickets for the tool raffle.

Tom is going to ask Sherri Greenleaf if she will sell tickets for the wood raffle.

Lathe Purchase/Stands – The club has 8 DeWalt stands for the midi lathes on order from Grizzly. Ray has received a bid from an East coast tool dealer for 8 Jet midis of \$6,345.00 which includes free shipping and no tax. George Way indicated that he saw the Seattle Woodcraft tool dealer at the All-Day Demo and asked him for a price. Currently Jet/Auburn has no scratch and dent lathes available, but would be willing to give us a quote on new Jet midis if we want to go that way. Ray will ask them for their quote.

New Business:

The board would like to recognize Jerry Holmes for getting the green maple wood for the Stu Batty's classes. Tom will give him a couple of Craft Supplies gift certificates.

The Board also wanted to thank Marcia Books (assisted by Joanna Shields and Ann Moore) for preparing delicious hors d'oeuvres for the get-together at the Books' home with Stuart after the demonstration.

Rod Parker brought up the idea of having a "Turn and Learn" time prior to each NWW meeting. The idea is to have a club member demonstrate and discuss a turning project. He provided a brief handout and suggested we discuss this at a later meeting.

Also, the board talked about honoring Laura Mathews for holding the longest membership in the club and for all the volunteer work she has been performing for the club over many years. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ray Shields and seconded by Rod Parker. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by President Tom Thornton at 8:19 PM

Respectfully submitted by Gary Moore, Secretary