

NWW Board Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2019
Location: Bob's Burger and Brew, Burlington

Called to order by President Norman Lanford at 5:48 PM

Members Present: Norman Lanford, Phil Kezele, Rod Parker, Tom Thornton, Angela Hills, Rick Terney, Ray Shields, David Pettenski, Giovanni Monteferrante.

Approval of board minutes: A motion was made by Rick Terney and seconded by Rod Parker to approve the minutes of the February 26th board meeting as written. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Phil Kezele reported a current balance in Checking of \$6,003.90 and in Savings of \$6,071.25. However, there are pending liabilities of approximately \$3,600 for Mahoney expenses.

He gave a quick update on the recent All Day Demo with Mike Mahoney and handed out a preliminary accounting sheet showing both income and expenditures for the event. It showed a net profit of \$2,968. However, it was uncertain whether the total expenditure for the church was included, and it was noted that the purchase of wood for Mike's classes was not included.

Phil asked for clarification on whose registration fees for the Demo should be waived. A discussion of the pros/cons of fee waivers for members who work during the actual demo (such as A-V, camera, kitchen crew). Prior minutes will be reviewed for the past recommendations.

Additionally, some members brought their spouses along for the Demo and lunch, even though a single registration fee had been paid. It was agreed that spouses are welcome to attend, but need to register separately (i.e., registration is *per person*). Rod Parker will work on drafting a notice to members addressing these last two issues.

As a separate issue, Phil inquired about an inventory of club-owned property. Tal Birdsong has done an inventory on the trailer contents, but there is a fair amount of other property as well. Everyone felt that we need a way to keep track of the club's property, and several members made suggestions as to how we might do it. Phil will work on developing a form with an associated way of tagging items.

Phil also mentioned that there have been concerns about members purchasing equipment and supplies without prior authorization from the board, often using their own credit card or PayPal account. After reviewing what is contained within the Policies & Procedures Manual, a reminder statement will be distributed.

Membership - Angela Hills noted that 6 new members have joined within the past month, bringing our total paid membership to approximately 135. Currently about 40 members have not renewed. She will provide an updated membership list to the board members.

Mentors/ Turn and Learn, Shop Tours – Rod Parker said he will be setting up a planning meeting to establish the structure and content of April's regular meeting in Burlington. The planning meeting will take place in the next 7-10 days. Rod stated that due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict due to shoulder surgery, he will not be able to attend the regular meeting in April.

Librarian – Our newest Librarian, Tom Thornton, announced that he is getting set to do a physical inventory of the books and DVDs, as a number of them appear to be missing. The books and DVD's are now stored in the trailer.

Store - Rich Turpin and Lisa Albrecht (husband and wife team) will take over management of the club store. They have been exchanging calls and emails with Richard Mabie to get up to speed on ordering and tracking merchandise.

Sawdust Saturday – Rod Parker reiterated that the topic for this month's SS is tool sharpening. In conjunction with teaching sharpening techniques, the aim for the session will be to sharpen the club's tools in a uniform manner so that they all have the same grind.

Newsletter – Ray Shields thanked Norman for filling in as acting newsletter editor during the past month. The deadline for the next issue's submissions is midnight March 31st, and not a minute later.

Programs: As noted previously, Les Books will continue to be the Program chairperson for 2019 but will be stepping down after this year. Consideration of a "committee approach" to the Programs position is being entertained; Rick Terney and David Pettenski have allegedly volunteered to work together with Les on this.

Possible demonstrators for next March include Richard Raffan (Mike Mahoney offered to contact him and recommend us). Les will follow up on this. Rod Parker will be checking with Glen Lucas about coming in 2021 or 2022.

Old Business

Events: Norman is attempting to gather the dates of all the coming events.

WoodFest - Sedro Wooley HS, April 27-28th. Norman will check with S.W. Chamber of Commerce.

Mt. Vernon Top Turning - Hillcrest Park, Sat, July 20th.

Anacortes Arts Festival - Downtown Anacortes, Aug 2-4. George Way will coordinate.

Bellingham Top Turning - Civic Field, B'ham, Sat, Aug 3rd. Ray Shields will coordinate.

Everett Top Turning - Imagine Children's Museum, Everett, Date TBD

Website update: Our current Webmaster has moved to Seattle due to a job change. For the time being he will continue to update the website as required. We will scout for a potential new Webmaster among our members.

New Business:

Wood Gathering Policy: A proposed draft on wood gathering was circulated via email prior to the meeting. Ray Shields felt the draft was more complicated than it needed to be, and submitted a simplified version. After a broad ranging discussion, David Pettenski reminded members that the impetus behind the policy development was to make wood gathering safer for all. Norman said he would review all the written materials (he had received additional comments via email).

Tool Auction: Tom Thornton said he had initiated contact with Jimmy Clewes regarding obtaining some items for our tool auction. He might be placing a relatively large order (perhaps in the \$600-900 range) and wondered if that would be okay. So long as he stays within the previously established budget, there didn't seem to be a problem and he could use his discretion to obtain the best deal possible.

There being no further new business, Rod moved to adjourn the meeting and Giovanni Monteferrante seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Shields, Acting Secretary