

NWW Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2020
Location: Skagit River Brewery, Mt Vernon

Called to Order by President Rod Parker at 5:56 PM

Members Present: Norman Lanford, Rod Parker, Gary Moore, Ray Shields, Tom Thornton, Angela Hills, Rick Terney, David Pettenski, Sherri Greenleaf, Tal Birdsong.

Approval of board minutes: A motion was made by Ray Shields and seconded by Norman Lanford to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – (Rick Terney is acting Treasurer while Phil is away). Before Phil left for vacation he transferred some money from checking to savings because of the large amount sitting in checking.

Rick Terney said that because the January meeting was cancelled his duties will be very minimal. However, as money comes in he will turn it over to Rod Parker.

Membership – Angela Hills reported that there are now 169 members in the club. Angela wanted to know if we should extend the deadline for membership dues an additional month because the January meeting was cancelled. The Board decided to leave it at the regular schedule.

Librarian – Tom Thornton has made a few changes in the library to help speed checking material out. He will make a list of overdue resources. He will make a list of what is available for checkout each month.

Tom would like a Wish List of books or videos that members would be interested in having the club purchase. Rod will ask for suggestions at the next meeting.

Club Store – Tom reported that the store is stocked and in good shape for now, needs no new purchases at this time.

Tom is looking for a better way of keeping track of what is being purchased from the store. He also needs a volunteer to man the store during the meeting and receive money from the purchases. Rod Parker will put the request on the agenda for the next meeting.

Club Meeting Presentations – David Pettenski presented an update on his work for club meeting demonstrators. David reviewed the past ten years of NWW newsletters and developed a spreadsheet listing each club meeting demonstration as a baseline for topics and speakers from the past. A copy was emailed to each board member.

David explained that as part of a 2020 initiative the AAW has developed a Demonstrator Search page as well as a tutorial on how to be a Demonstrator. David used the AAW Demonstrator database to develop a list of about 33 potential demonstrators. He also prepared a list of Demonstrator Profiles from the AAW data. Only 17 of the

33 demonstrators had profile data. The demonstrator listing and profiles were previously submitted to the Board members via email for their interest and review.

David provided some additional sources of demonstrators, specifically Dick Gerard, provided by Norman Lanford; Tom Willing and John Beechwood, provided by Mike Meredith via Terry Gerros (all from the Portland area); and the web site of the Portland Northwest Woodturning Guild, Portland, Oregon.

David expressed concern about not knowing most of the potential demonstrators as well as not knowing what the club wanted in terms of presentations. The Board recommended that a topic survey be conducted at the next club meeting. The board indicated that the progress to date made for demonstrators by David was fully satisfactory and commendable. Rod asked members to provide whatever input they might have on demonstrators to David.

In conclusion David indicated the following demonstrators are now set up: Dale Larson for February and Jay Shepard for May. John Shrader had been scheduled for the cancelled January meeting but will be rescheduled, probably for June. David also mentioned he has secured Eric Lofstrom for July 2021 including some classes at the club shop. David stated that when he has contacted potential presenters, he has been asking not only for the remainder of this year but also 2021 since some speakers book well in advance."

Newsletter – Ray Shields said we will have a newsletter for this month and the deadline for submissions is January 26th. Ray also reported that he is still on a learning curve as Webmaster but is making continued progress. He is now able to post to the calendar so as the information comes in he will add info such as Sawdust Saturdays and demonstrator schedules.

Old Business:

March Event Status Report – Tom Thornton, others - Tom handed out a spreadsheet of tools and material that Nick Agar will need for the March Event. Tom will be looking for dry maple spindle stock, platter blanks and bowl blanks. Nick indicated he would like us to have on hand either a Vicmarc or a Oneway chuck.

Action items and assignments

1. George Way will sign up for Church building.
2. Melanie Mankamyler will organize the food.
3. Rod will provide Tom Thornton a worksheet for all of the other required assignments.

Open Club Positions- Rod Parker is asking board members to be looking for new volunteers for the following positions:

- **Secretary**
- **Membership Chairperson**
- **Sawdust Saturday Coordinator** – Tal Birdsong stated that he would be willing to assist with SS but given his other duties, does not want to be the Coordinator.
- **Mentoring Lead**

New Business:

Sponsor for 2020 Club Events - Rod Parker handed out a list of 2020 events so that an overview of the year's activities is available to us and that a coordinator for each of the events can be identified:

January – Meeting was cancelled due to snow. **John Shrader** will reschedule for a later date.

February – Demonstrator at meeting: **Dale Larson**

March – Demonstrator at meeting: **Nick Agar**

21st - All day Demo in Anacortes – Coordinator, **Tom Thornton**

April – Demonstrator at meeting: **NWW Mentors**

16th - Club Meeting Mentors Session, Coordinator _____

25th and 26th - Woodfest, Sedro Woolley – Coordinator _____

May – Demonstrator at meeting: **Jay Shepard**

June

July

13th - Mt Vernon Top Turning – Coordinator _____

31st, Aug. 1st, 2nd Anacortes Arts Festival – Coordinators, **George Way and Rick Erb**

August -

1st - Bellingham Top Turning – Coordinator, **Ray Shields**

TBD Club Picnic – Coordinator _____

September

13th Everett Top Turning – Coordinator - **Tal Birdsong**

October

November

19th Holiday Dinner – Coordinator – **Melanie Mankamyer** (Sherri Greenleaf will verify)

December

TBD Christmas Tree

Other New Business:

There was discussion about coordinating with the 2021 Oregon Symposium to get a demonstrator for our March All-Day Demo. One potential benefit would be getting a price break on transportation. Currently, both the Oregon Symposium and our All-Day Demo are scheduled for the same weekend in 2021. However, it may be feasible to move up our March demonstration to the week before the Oregon Symposium.

Motion: Angela Hills made a motion to investigate setting our March All-Day Demo for March 13, 2021. Ray Shields seconded the motion and it passed.

Shop Tours - Rick Terney is working on organizing shop tours. He will try and arrange 3 shops tours per area.

Clip boards and stands- Tom Thornton picked up 12 clip boards and Velcro-attached pens to make available for use at the meetings. He also bought clear sign stands for the club.

Donated wood - Ray Shields heard from one of our new members who has a friend whose woodturning husband passed away. Her husband had a lot of turning equipment and dry wood, and he had wanted the wood to go to other turners upon his passing. Ray has already picked up some of the wood and is looking for a place to store the additional wood. Some of this wood could go to the wood raffle and possibly to the Nick Agar demo or classes if suitable. Also, some could go to the Silent Auction at the end of the year. Ray will put an article in the newsletter about this man.

There being no further new business, Ray Shields moved to adjourn the meeting and Rick Terney seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Moore, Secretary