

NWW Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting

Called to Order by President Rod Parker at 7:10 PM

Members Present: 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 Sherrie Greenleaf to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Phil was not present but he reported to Rod that the club's finances are in good order.

Membership: Angela Hills reported that there is one new member this month which brings our total membership to 178.

Librarian: Tal Birdsong will bring the library to the Saturday August 22nd Store/Library/Wood event at the Hillcrest parking lot.

Tal also wanted the board to know that he has completed the inventory of the library. There are some items still missing. Tom Thornton will send an email out to the club members reminding them of the library meeting and asking those who have items checked out to return them.

Store: Tom Thornton reported that the store is well stocked. He did order a new item, "Wonder Slick" (or Slick Stick) used to clean CBN wheels. His total supply order was \$250.00. He also wanted to remind club members he has some Larch wood for purchase and raffle.

Tom will send an email to members about the upcoming Saturday parking lot store and library event at Hillcrest parking lot. There will be a wood raffle and silent auction for some manzanita burls. There will be hand sanitizer provided and facial coverings are mandatory. He also has some Palm wood, Larch, old growth red and yellow cedar. The store will open at 11:00 AM and the wood raffle will be at 12:00 o'clock with the store open until 12.30 PM. Pay pal or cash is the preferred method of payment.

Newsletter: Ray Shields said the due date for the newsletter submissions is Sunday August 23rd at 11:59:59 PM

Old Business:

2020 All Day Demo – Because of the Covid pandemic the March demonstration remains up in the air at the present time.

Outreach for support of Christmas Tree Ornaments: There was discussion about informing the club that we will be sponsoring a Christmas tree to be auctioned virtually at the Bellingham Senior Center. Because this event will be virtual the ornaments need to be collected by November 1st in order to give the videographer time to edit the tree trimming for the December 4th Auction. Gary Moore was concerned about getting enough ornaments in time for the tree trimming and how to collect them. Suggestions to have area specific drop off locations, for example Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom County. Rod Parker, Sherri Greenleaf

and Gary Moore volunteered for drop off locations at their respective homes. Also a box to collect the ornaments will be available at the Saturday store/library at Hillcrest Park. Rick Terney suggested having a contest for the most ornaments with a prize. The board decided to give certificates for the first, second and third place.

Rod Parker entertained a motion for Gary to sign us up with the Bellingham Senior Center to trim a 6 foot tree. Angela Hills seconded the motion and it passed.

Rod asked Gary and Angela to submit an email to the club requesting ornaments for the tree and informing members the email will be followed up with a phone call.

Feedback on Martin Saban-Smith's demonstration: Most of the feedback for Martin's demonstration was positive with one suggestion to start with the coloring instead of showing the turning of the piece to be colored. Martin asked for feedback and David will work with Tom Thornton to send him feedback on his demo. David would like more feedback from club members and the board about what we want in a demonstrator. Rod and David will discuss this more in detail and report back to the board.

David Pettenski reported that Martin's charge for the demonstration was \$218.23. He said that most IRD demonstrators were asking about \$300.00. David was wondering if we should give Martin \$300.00. After discussion the board voted to pay what was asked by Martin. David will work with Phil Kezele to get the payment to him.

For future fee schedules Rod said David has discretion to pay up to \$350.00 without authorization from the board. If the fee is more than that he is to check with Rod, Phil or Angela for approval.

New Business:

Upcoming Demonstrations: David Pettenski has been working hard on lining up demonstrators for future months. He has done a great job under difficult times. Current scheduling is as follows:
September - Carl Jacobson will do an IRD on using Epoxy Resin in turnings
October – Unscheduled, but Tom Willing is a possible for slip-lidded boxes if he can do an IRD, which is tenuous at this point.
November -
January – Unscheduled, because the person lined up cannot do an IRD
March - Open but Rod is working on a possible demonstrator (we may or may not be able to have an All Day Demonstrator session.
April – David has someone from California if we are able do in person demos
July – Eric Lofstom

Rod requested that David write up a newsletter piece to ask club members what they would like to see in future demonstrators.

Thoughts on 2021 dues and other issues (Holiday Party, March Event '21, 2021 Officers): Rod wanted to know if we should consider reducing the dues to \$10.00 because of the pandemic and not being able to meet in person. After discussion of the pros and cons, it was decided to continue the dues at \$35.00/year.

Most members felt the November Holiday Party will not be able to take place and in fact the majority felt we may not be able to meet in person until July or later.

David asked for thoughts as to why we are not getting more attendees at the IRD demonstrations. There were only 38 people signed in to the Martin Saban-Smith demo. After considerable discussion Rod asked the board members to send him their thoughts on why more members are not participating and what

we could do to improve by end of day Thursday 8/20 so he could consolidate and give Ray information for the newsletter.

Other new business:

There is still no decision about whether we can have the traditional March All-Day demo.

Officers for next year - Rod asked us to think about elections and nominations for new officers coming up for next year.

Tom showed a wooden turned hat that Mike Young gave to the club. The hat needs to be finished with a hat band, some color and repair a small crack. Tom would like to pass it on to a board member to finish. He will bring it to the Saturday store.

There being no further new business, Rick moved to adjourn the meeting and Ray seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Moore, Secretary