

NWW Board Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2022
Location: Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: President Rod Parker called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Members Present: Rod Parker, Tal Birdsong, Brad Camrud, Pat Goddard, Philip Kezele, Norman Lanford, Brannon Mueke, David Pettenski, Ray Shields, Brad Thompson, and Tom Thornton

Approval of Board Minutes: Ray Shields moved to approve the minutes of both the November 23, 2021 meeting and the called meeting of January 13, 2022. The motion was seconded by Tom Thornton and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Treasurer Philip Kezele's written report showed that the Savings Account had a balance of \$6,100.54, the Checking Account balance was \$3,199.53, the PayPal Account balance \$1,140.17, Petty Cash was \$200.00, and the Petty Cash/Store balance was \$200.00, for a total of \$10,840.24.

Phil also reported that as of this meeting 25 persons had signed up for the all-day Nick Agar demonstration. That number included the seven persons who had signed up prior to the called January 13, 2022 board meeting. He provided the board a list of those who had signed up for the event.

Phil advised the board that the club has yet to receive a bill from the Mount Vernon Christian School (MVCS) which is now up to five months plus the electrical installation cost, for which the club is aware, but which has not been invoiced. Tom Thornton asked that whomever talks to MVCS about invoices also speak with them about opening the kitchen for club use during the meetings.

Membership: Membership Chairman Brad Burdick did not attend the meeting and there was no membership report.

Library: Librarian Tal Birdsong reported that a DVD which had been checked out of the library pre-Covid, was returned to President Parker at the January 20, 2022 meeting.

Tal asked that since the February 17, 2022 meeting would also be an IRD, if the club trailer would be necessary except for coffee and the camera stands. He also noted that the trailer had a fair quantity of soft drinks that might be saved for the March event.

Club Store: Tom Thornton reported that he and Brannon Mucke had met to discuss purchasing for the store. They decided to create a spreadsheet to identify the items of most interest and to help move out the items of less interest and to move the store more toward consumables. Tom reported that at this time the store has approximately \$2,500.00 in inventory.

The store took in \$80.00 at the January, 2022 meeting, down from the \$300.00 to \$400.00 per month that the store was doing pre-Covid. The drop is probably due to the loss of actual attendance at the meetings, as there were 25 persons in physical attendance at the meeting with another 19 viewing the meeting on Zoom. At future meetings, he will set up a table for the close-out, slow items, priced at 50%, to move them out of the inventory. He will then check each month on ways to reduce inventory costs.

Club Meeting Presentations: Presentations Director David Pettenski reported that the February, 2022 presentation will be an IRD by Mark Dreyer from Chicago on pen making. The April demonstration will be in person with John Schrader demonstrating metal inlay.

David noted that the most pressing topic at this time was the Nick Agar all-day demonstration set for March. If Agar does not come in person, he has agreed to do an IRD for the regular Thursday night meeting. If he does the in-person demonstration and classes, David noted that his use of air brushing in his art raises an air quality issue at Garrett's shop.

David reported that he has not had consistent contact with Agar and there might need to be a board meeting on whether to proceed with the all-day event. The caterers have not yet been contacted about food for the event. Ray Shields suggested a cutoff date of February 1st as the point to decide whether to proceed with the all-day event. David suggested February 20th to allow time to determine interest in classes and to allow time for other clubs to fill any class vacancies. Ray Shields then moved to fix February 20th as the decision point for the all-day event. Both Tom Thornton and Tal Birdsong seconded the motion.

During discussion of the motion, President Rod Parker reviewed the cost analysis spreadsheets to find the break-even point. Agar's fee for the event is \$800.00, plus travel of approximately \$1,000.00, hall rental is \$700.00, another \$250.00 for fees, \$150.00 for decorations, and \$100.00 for advertising, for a total fixed cost of \$3,300.00 plus \$15.00 per attendee for lunch. With this estimate, it would take 126 attendees to cover the cost of the event and the club to break even. Ticket prices are currently \$45.00, rising to \$50.00 for those who sign up later. Persons attending any class would be charged \$150.00 plus cost of materials. The classes would need at least six attendees each to cover Agar's \$800.00 per day cost.

After the discussion, the motion to make February 20, 2022 the cut-off date was duly passed by the board. It was suggested that an email be sent to club members stating that three-fourths of each class should be club members, or the class vacancies would be opened to other clubs.

Sawdust Saturday: Two persons expressed interest at the January meeting and President Parker will pass their information on to Giovanni Monteferrante.

Newsletter: Ray Shields noted that the deadline for the next newsletter is midnight, Sunday, January 30, 2022.

Upcoming Events: Tal Birdsong reported that the first top turning event will be in April. The status of Woodfest is unclear at this point.

New Business: The membership change proposals that were previously mentioned by Membership Chair Brad Burdick was tabled until he could properly present the proposals to the board.

Brad Thompson is working on ideas for future direction of the club and requested a club email list to assist him in developing a focus group. He also mentioned including the focus group idea in the newsletter. There were no other updates.

Tom Thornton reported that the Tool Raffle produced only \$65 at the January meeting, which did not cover the cost of the tool. He proposed opening the raffle to members who attend the meeting via Zoom using something like PayPal for ticket purchase. Pat Goddard moved to let Tom pursue the idea of remote participation in the tool raffle and figure out the logistics. Tal Birdsong and Phil Kezele seconded the motion, which was then duly passed.

Adjournment: Ray Shields, with Tom Thornton seconding, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. President Parker announced the President's Challenge would be something chess piece inspired in light of this month's club presentation, and with that announcement, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Lanford,
Secretary