

NWW Board Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2022
Location: Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: President Rod Parker called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: Rod Parker, Will Alexander, Tal Birdsong, Brad Burdick, Greg Camrud, Pat Goddard, Sherry Greenleaf, Philip Kezele, Norman Lanford, Giovanni Monteferrante, David Pettenski, Ray Shields, Brad Thompson, and Tom Thornton.

Approval of Board Minutes: Brad Burdick moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 board meeting, with Ray Shields seconding. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Treasurer Philip Kezele's written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, showed that the Savings Account balance was \$6,100.72, the Checking Account balance was \$3,116.64, the PayPal account balance was \$750.44, Petty Cash was \$201.00, and Petty Cash/Store balance was \$200.00, for a total of \$10,368.80.

Phil noted that this sum will be reduced when he pays the \$3,222.45 the club owes to the Mount Vernon Christian School. He will copy the President and Vice President when the payment is made.

Ray Shields noted a minor error in the reported amount for PayPal in the February report and requested it be corrected. Phil agreed to make the correction.

Membership: Membership Chairman Brad Burdick sent out a report and club roster that includes the date new members joined the club. Brad reported that Will Alexander has taken on the responsibility for maintaining the membership data input so he will be able to update the membership spreadsheet whenever new data is received. Phil Kezele and Sherri Greenleaf will assist in relaying data to Will whenever they receive checks.

Brad reported that the club membership paid renewal rate is now at 83% for the year, 97 paid members. There are 22 members who have not yet renewed.

Will Alexander has a way to mail merge items that need to be sent to the entire membership in a manner that will not be rejected as spam. President Parker proposed that from this point forward all club-wide communications be directed through Will. This should be relatively few each month but include things like notices for the monthly meetings, Sawdust Saturday notices, notices for special events such as parking lot sales, and notice of publication of the newsletter. The main conduit to the club for detailed notices should continue to be the newsletter.

Brad Burdick, with Ray Shields seconding, moved to accept the revised proposed Bylaws changes concerning membership and re-send them to the club for vote at the April meeting. The Board agreed to present them to the membership at the April meeting.

Brad will also check with tool and wood vendors about any discounts they may offer to club members. Tom Thornton and David Pettenski suggested also checking the renewal of benefits with vendors like Craft Supplies which has traditionally given the club gift certificates based on membership.

Library: Librarian Tal Birdsong reported that the library is now on computer but the Wi-Fi at the MVCS was too slow to allow him to test it out at the last meeting. He proposed in the future to have club members review it online and reserve up to five books and/or DVDs they wished to check out. He would leave the actual library at his home, but bring the items reserved to the next meeting for the requesting member. Tal reported that there are 244 items in the library and normally five of 6 items are checked out each meeting, so this would greatly reduce the labor of moving the entire library each month.

Tal is currently using a test membership for the new library computer program. It is easy to add titles to the inventory and the program is only \$36.00 per year. President Parker asked Tal to pay for a year and get reimbursed by the Treasurer, or just send the payment link to Phil so he can pay it directly. The President also suggested putting a link to the library in the newsletter.

Tal also maintains the club's trailer and noted that some of the seals on it need to be re-caulked. He needs to also purchase replacement damp-rid. The cost of both should about \$50.00. He further noted that parts of the club decals on the trailer are beginning to curl. He will talk with Rick Erb about where they were printed. President Parker will send a PDF to Brad Thompson to see if the decals can be printed in house.

Tal also mentioned that Lea Presentin, the person who donated the cherry tree to the club, would like to have a letter stating the value of the wood.

Club Store: Brannon Mucke sent out a memo on the store's sales. He is also considering the viability of ordering Chroma-Craft in bulk for the club. He may put a link in the newsletter to determine the level of interest among the members.

Club Meeting Presentations: Presentations Director David Pettenski reported that John Shrader had not sent in a bio, but David will introduce him using data from his web page. Jimmy Allen from D-Way Tools will be the in-person demonstrator for the May meeting.

David reported that he had attended an IRD seminar that provided some good ideas for future programs.

Sawdust Saturdays: Sawdust Saturday director Giovanni Monteferrante reported that this month would be an open session and a regular schedule of classes would begin next month with "Woodturning 101". He has also contacted the Boy Scouts in Anacortes about their interest but they have not yet responded to his message.

Newsletter: Ray Shields noted that the deadline for newsletter submissions will be midnight, Sunday, March 27, 2022.

Upcoming Events:

Woodfest at Sedro-Wooley High School is scheduled for April 23d and 24th. The club will have the big lathe and several club 12-21's there for demonstrations and top turning. George Way is the contact for that event and will have sign-up sheets for participation at the April club meeting,

Also, on April 23d the club has been asked to turn tops at the Imagine Children's Museum in Everett.

Old Business: The payments to Mount Vernon Christian School were discussed earlier in the meeting with payment being authorized.

Sawdust Saturday was also previously covered.

The Membership proposal was also covered earlier in the meeting

New Business:

The first item concerned tools donated to the club, particularly from the Rod Mcardle estate. Tom Thornton reported that he has a couple that could be placed in the monthly tool raffle, but he has about a six month's supply of raffle tools without those, being three tool rests, a Beall buffing system, a bowl gouge, and a CBN wheel. President Parker reported that he had purchased about ten turning tools from the estate for \$200.00. Those included tools by Sorby, a carbide tool, an Alan Lacer skew, and an Air Shield Pro. He suggested that the club hold a tool/wood garage sale on a Saturday sometime in May or June, and putting a minimum bid of \$200.00 on the Air Shield Pro, and put the Lacer skew in a silent auction. President Parker will contact Brannon Mucke to see if June 4th or 11th would be good for the school. Brad Burdick moved to schedule a garage type sale and sell the tools there. Tom Thornton seconded the motion, which was duly passed.

Tom Thornton reported that there are several large maple kiln dried slabs remaining from the maple tree that he and Tal Birdsong had paid to have slabbed. The slabs are 2 to 2.5 inches thick, 18 to 24 inches wide, and 8 feet long. He reported that they had recovered their investment and wished to sale the remaining slabs at Woodfest at \$2.50 per board foot with proceeds going to the club. Permission was granted.

Tom Thornton also mentioned the possible availability of some poplar wood. Its availability may be moot, but, if available, the wood might be good for Sawdust Saturday use. This was left as an open item.

Adjournment: Ray Shields moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Brad Thompson seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Lanford
Secretary