

NWW Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2022
Location: Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: President Rod Parker called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Members Present: Rod Parker, Tal Birdsong, Brad Burdick, Greg Camrud, Pat Goddard, Sherri Greenleaf, Norman Lanford, Brannon Mucke, David Pettenski, Brad Thompson, Tom Thornton, and George Way.

Approval of Board Minutes: Tal Birdsong mentioned that the proposed Minutes of the March 22, 2022 Board Meeting were unclear about the estimated cost of the caulking and damp-rid for the trailer which together should total about \$50.00. The minutes were amended to reflect this clarification in the final version. Tal Birdsong then moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 board meeting, with Brad Burdick seconding. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Treasurer Philip Kezele was not present, but President Rod Parker reported that Phil had mentioned that he would prepare a report for the Board and there were several bills that he intended to pay. President Parker also reported advising Phil of the need to proactively pay the Mount Vernon Christian School (MVCS).

Several days after the meeting, the Treasurer sent the Secretary the account balances via email. They show the Savings Account to have a balance of \$6,100.72, the Checking Account balance of \$2,484.36, the PayPal Account balance of \$724.41, Petty Cash of \$201.00, and Petty Cash/Store of \$200.00, for a total of \$9,710.49. Philip advised, however, that the balances included funds from the check for \$3,222.45 that was sent to the MVCS for rent and electrical service, which they had not yet cashed. He advised that he would prepare a complete report for the May 24, 2022 Board Meeting.

Membership: Membership Chairman Brad Burdick sent via email updated rosters and updated Bylaws, both of which are filed with these Minutes. Brad reported that Will Alexander is working on an issue of being unable to send attachments in a club-wide email. Until that issue is resolved, he may have to send copies of the roster out in small group emails.

Brad reported that the club membership is currently 137 members, with 103 having paid dues for 2022. The renewal rate is now at 85% for the year, with two new members. There are 20 members who have not yet renewed and Brad will send them a cut-off notice urging them to renew.

The Board then discussed a possible membership category of Next Generation Membership. Brad Burdick suggested \$20 per year for that membership category, and someone proposed it be \$0.00. George Way suggested \$10 per year and Brad Burdick suggested it be something so the members would have something invested in their membership. Brannon Mucke raised the issue of the level of interest in that age group. The matter of that membership category was then tabled until a later board meeting.

Brad Burdick also noted that logging into portions of the web page continues to be an issue.

Library: Librarian Tal Birdsong reported that this past month only one person had requested items from the library, but several items were returned at the meeting and the library has acquired several new items. Continuing the discussion of the web page, Tal noted that the library was removed from the web page. Will Alexander will continue to put a note in each newsletter about accessing the library.

Club Store: Brannon Mucke reported that the store did a little over \$400.00 in sales at the April 21, 2022 club meeting. He will reorder Starbond for the store.

Brannon also mentioned that Cody, who had been the point of contact for the MVCS, has left for a new job, so we do not know who the new contact will be, but Brannon suggested making sure the financial arrangement with the school continues uninterrupted.

Tool Raffle/Wood Raffle: Tom Thornton reported that the two raffles produced \$170.00 at the April 21, 2022 meeting. The silent auction raised \$270.00 from the sale of the Airshield Pro and two slabs. In total, the club raised \$275.00 from the sale of three slabs, including the one sold at Woodfest and the two sold at the meeting.

David Pettenski raised the question of the store taking up Nick Agar's offer of a possible club discount on Chrome-Craft gilding paste that he used in his demonstration. President Parker said that he had the sample kit that Agar had sent when he expected his demonstration to be live and would put it in the upcoming silent auction.

Club Meeting Presentations: Presentations Director David Pettenski reported that Jimmy Allen from D-Way Tools will be the in-person demonstrator for the May meeting and would most likely bring some tools to sell at the meeting. President Parker requested that David ask Allen to discuss the hardened steel rod that D-Way is offering for cast iron tool rests. David said that he would discuss it with Jimmy Allen.

The June demonstrator is John Beaver, noted for his wave bowl. Beaver is willing to do classes, but the issue of the need for a band saw and use in Garrett's shop was raised as was the issue of necessary lead time to fill and arrange classes.

Eric Lofstrom will be the July demonstrator. The August picnic in lieu of a regular meeting is still a strong possibility, and the demonstration slot for September is still open.

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

Sawdust Saturdays: George Way will conduct a basic introduction to turning for this month's Sawdust Saturday on April 28, 2022. Rod Parker and Tal Birdsong will assist him.

Newsletter: Ray Shields was out of town and did not attend this meeting, but President Parker announced that the deadline for newsletter submissions will be midnight, Sunday, May 8, 2022.

Old Business: Sawdust Saturday was previously covered.

Status of Woodfest: George Way noted that there were not many new faces at Woodfest, but that the Board was well represented. He further noted that both the Chamber of Commerce promotion and participation and the public attendance were disappointingly poor and he will discuss both issues with his contacts at the Chamber of Commerce.

Discussion of Education Coordination currently being handled by George Way. Pat Goddard volunteered to help him. David Pettenski suggested presenting the artistic side of wood turning to art classes to promote interest.

Brad Thompson, Tal Birdsong, and Steve Coddle conducted the top turning event in Everett. They reported a steady stream of children and reported that the event went well. They expect to be invited to the Grandparent's Day event in September.

The Bylaw update was passed at the April 21, 2022 club meeting.

New Business:

Garage Sale: The idea of having a club wide tool and wood sale was discussed. Although previous discussions had more or less settled on June 11, 2022, the discussion noted that there would be problems with conflicting graduations at MVCS during that time frame. Tom Thornton suggested doing the sale at the annual picnic. It was noted that at previous picnic sales, some of the items for sale were not in premium condition. The scheduling of such a sale was tabled.

Zoom input was covered, and it was noted that about a half a gig of the meeting was recorded. There was a question if the club web site had sufficient capacity to handle recorded meetings. David Pettenski suggested that the recorded meetings and demonstrations be put on YouTube. Brad Thompson, who has been instrumental in the AV setup at the meetings will not be available for the June meeting. There was a suggestion that the club work with the Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association to develop inter-club competency with the audio-visual system at the MVCS. There was also mentioned the need to have a club set-up team to ensure the meetings are setup appropriately.

Adjournment: Tal Birdsong and Brad Burdick jointly moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. The motion carried and the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Lanford
Secretary