

NWW Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2022
Location: Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: President Rod Parker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

The following topics were discussed:

Club Management Software: The current software for the club **website** is WordPress. President Parker expressed the need to set up a subcommittee to examine available options to improve its functionality. Brad Thompson indicated that he had located a person through the AAW who has done a functional comparison of two club management platforms and suggested that person's research would be a good starting point.

One platform, Club Express, is expensive, but the AAW is negotiating with them for a reduction for member clubs. Club Express has a number of YouTube videos showing an overview of its workings. Other platforms mentioned for the subcommittee to examine were Wild Apricot, **WordPress**, and WordPress with extensions. A possible point of contact for the subcommittee might be Alan Zenreich who has recently retired from Club Express. He is a member of the Lucid Woodturners in New Jersey and is active in the AAW and has assisted in setting up of IRDs.

President Parker moved to appoint Brad Burdick, Brad Thompson, Ray Shields, and Will Alexander **as** members of the subcommittee. Brad Thompson seconded the motion, and all of the members agreed to participate. (Brad Burdick had joined the meeting late but agreed to participate after being briefed on the proposal.)

March, 2023 All-Day Event: The first item discussed was setting the date of the event, since the Oregon Woodturning Symposium is set **for** March 16–19, 2023. One ~~item~~ **consideration** in setting the date was that any shift in the date would not fit with Nick Agar's schedule, so another headliner would be required. President Parker suggested using two different turners, to which David Pettenski suggested Graham Priddle and wife, Melissa, from New Zealand. A number of other prospects were discussed, including some persons participating in the Oregon Symposium and some who are not scheduled to be there.

President Parker reminded the Board that a choice should be confirmed by August, since the AAW ~~has to be notified in~~ **requires notification by** October for the event to be listed in the AAW Journal. David Pettenski will explore the Oregon participants, and Tom Thornton will work with the AAW to present a short list of potential headliners to the President at the July club meeting.

Future Events: David Pettenski advised that Eric Lofstrom would conduct a rice bowl class on July 22nd, and a skew class on July 23rd. At the time of this meeting there were two members signed up for the bowl class and four for the skew class. The classes are \$125.00 per member attending. Lofstrom charges \$750.00 per day. David will send out a membership-wide email reminding members of the classes.

Jay Shepherd is currently scheduled to demonstrate finishes at the October general meeting.

Adjournment: Ray Shields moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Sherri Greenleaf seconded, and the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Lanford
Secretary