

NWWT Board Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2022
Location: Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: President Rod Parker called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Approval of Board Minutes: Sherri Greenleaf moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 Board meeting. Brannon Mucke seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved. Tal Birdsong then moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022 Board meeting with Brad Burdick seconding the motion. That motion was also unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Treasurer Philip Kezele was out of town so there was no written treasurer's report. Sherri Greenleaf represented the treasury, and President Parker asked that she and Philip prepare a report and submit it to the Board later.

Membership: Membership Chair Brad Burdick submitted the need to update the website and PayPal to accept the different membership categories. The Board discussed the rate of the sustaining membership level, but no figure was agreed upon.

The Board discussed the need for a price increase for the March, 2023 all-day demonstration considering the costs involved in staging the event. Estimates presented were: demonstrator, \$800.00; hall rental, \$700.00; cleaning, \$250.00; other expenses, \$500.00; and lunch for 100 people at \$14.00 each, \$1,400.00, for a total of \$3,650.00. The Board decided to set the estimated cost of the event at approximately \$4,300.00 for planning purposes. Following that discussion, Tal Birdsong moved to set the price for the event at \$50.00 per person for early registration, and \$60.00 per person for late registration. Brad Burdick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. President Parker will work with Rick Anderson to determine when the early registration ends and late registration begins.

Library: Librarian Tal Birdsong reported that the library did not sell any items this month, but there were some books and DVD's that were picked up to be available to the students at this month's Sawdust Saturday. Tal will purge the library of duplicates and bring the duplicates to the next meeting.

Club Store: Brannon Mucke reported that the store had taken in \$356.00 at the October meeting, for a total of \$2,782.00 for the year. Items are normally priced at ten percent (10%) over cost.

Brannon reported that maple dowels from the vendor the club had purchased from in the past were \$2.65 each for half inch, and \$2.07 each for 3/8 inch. The birch dowels the club had most recently purchased, and which numerous failures have been reported, were \$1.48 for the half inch and \$1.06 for the 3/8 inch. Tal Birdsong moved that the next dowel purchase be the maple dowels. Brad Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Brannon then reported that he will make a purchase of 25 assorted bottles of finishing products for approximately \$300.00.

Tool Raffle/Wood Raffle: Tom Thornton reported that the wood and tool raffles at the October meeting raised \$94.00, and the silent auction raised an additional \$238.00.

Tom advised that the wood from the Champion estate has all been sold for a total of \$867.00, of which 30% goes to Mrs. Champion. The amount the club owes Mrs. Champion is \$850.00, which includes payment for the \$425.00 worth of tools the club has which are to be included in tool raffles and auctions. President Parker suggested that at the Board meeting following the holiday party, the board should establish a final payment to Mrs. Champion.

Club Meeting Presentations: Programs Director David Pettenski reported that he is looking into programs for 2023.

Sawdust Saturdays: This month's Sawdust Saturday, an introduction to bowl turning, is full and will be taught by Rick Terney, with Giovanni Monteferrante and Norman Lanford assisting.

Newsletter: Ray Shields announced the cutoff for the October newsletter will be midnight, October 30, 2022. He is not planning a December newsletter.

Old Business:

Officers for 2023: If the membership votes to accept the proposed slate of officers, Vice President Brad Thompson will become President for 2023, Brad Burdick will become Vice-President, Rod Parker will move into membership, Sherri Greenleaf will become Treasurer, and Doug Owens will become Secretary.

March, 2023 All-Day Event: Rick Anderson has the publicity for the event under way. Pricing was discussed under membership above.

Nick Agar will arrive the Wednesday before the Thursday meeting at which he will demonstrate, then conduct a class on Friday, conduct the all-day demonstration on Saturday, and teach another class on the following Sunday. He will then have some free time before heading to the Oregon symposium.

Top Turning Event: There will be another top turning event in Everett on November 26, 2022 which Tal Birdsong and Brad Thompson will coordinate.

New Business:

November 16, 2022 Holiday Dinner: The event will be held at the Hillcrest Lodge on the Wednesday before the usual Thursday date because the facility is not available on that Thursday. There was a survey monkey sent out about the event which received 36 responses, but Tal Birdsong reported that he and a number of other members had not received the survey. President Parker will send out another club-wide email about the event. There are persons signed up to assist in setting up and cleaning up the facility for the event. The raffle will include a slow speed grinder, a lathe that has been donated to the club, and a number of tools.

There was a brief discussion about providing a video link about membership access to the website. No action was taken on the matter.

Adjournment: Ray Shields moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. and the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Lanford
Secretary