

## NWW Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 24, 2018

Location: Farmhouse Restaurant

**Called to Order: By President Tom Thornton at 6:09 PM**

**Members Present: Tom Thornton, Norman Lanford, Ray Shields, Gary Moore, Jeff Phillips, Ron Means, Rod Parker, Les Books, Michael McCunn.**

**Approval of minutes: One amendment was made to the board minutes of March 20<sup>th</sup>.**

1.1. Ron Means was asked to make a list of new lighting equipment for the photographer.

It was moved by Ray Shields and seconded by Ron Means that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer** – Total funds available this month is \$16,587. The total was down due to paying AAW \$6,970 for advanced symposium tickets for members attending. After receiving Brown Paper ticket payout and Pay Pal for Batty demo an adjustment of \$1,385 was added. Jeff would like Rod and Phil to make sure the expenses for next year's all-day demo are laid out in detail when they write up the organization plan.

Expenditure for the tool raffle was \$107 and we took in \$69 from tool and wood raffle, a loss of \$38.

**Membership** – Last meeting there was one (1) new member signed up which brings us to 158 total members on the roster.

One of the newer members (A.N.) chose to resign from the club with a letter of explanation about why he was leaving. One of the main concerns was not feeling welcomed. Michael McCunn was wondering how we can make new members feel more welcomed. Rod suggested setting up a mentors table at the meeting, with an obvious Mentors Banner, so new turners could stop and ask questions. Tom Thornton said the NCWA uses colored discs on new members' badges for a period, to help identify them. He said he would ask NCWA if that solution was successful to help new members feel welcomed.

**Mentors** - There were many good comments about the last meeting's presentation, *Meet the Mentors*, by Rod Parker and team. Rod thanked all who helped to make this a success. Mike McCunn thought we should do the same thing next year during the April meeting. His idea was well received.

Molly Winton recently volunteered to be a mentor (embellishments). Rod will publicize her name on the mentor list.

Les Books and Rod Parker will give a follow-up on the Mentoring Program with a "Learn and Turn" theme. Up to six lathes will be available with mentor's demonstrating a variety of projects. Some suggestions were:

Ron Parker (Bottle Stoppers), Ron Means (Small boxes), George Way (Finials), Terry Horne (Pens), Chatter tools, Finishes, Embellishments.

Rod will send an email to new members to tell them about the opportunity to learn about new projects. Les Books and Rod Parker will organize this event with help from Ray Shields, who will coordinate getting the lathes there.

**Librarian** – Ron Wehde was not present. Jeff Phillips wondered if we should buy some new material for the library, especially on topics that are appealing to club members. Tom Thornton will discuss new material with Ron W.

**Sawdust Saturday** – Ron Means said there have been inquiries about making baby rattles. Tom Thornton would like to see winged bowls for a session and it was suggested to bring back the Chain Saw Safety class.

May – Beginning bowl turning (5 people are signed up) taught by Rod Parker

June – Platters (6 people are signed up) taught by Rod Parker

Ron would like to increase the budget for SS to include money for wood.

Ron Means made a motion to increase the Sawdust Saturday budget to \$300 for the remainder of 2018. Ray Shields seconded. The motion passed.

**Newsletter** – Submission deadline is April 28, 2018.

**Events** – A possible date for the August picnic is the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Programs** – Les Books reported:

May – Play Day (see mentors)

June – Rick Anderson is a possibility

July – Charlie Phillips

August – Picnic

September – Bonnie Klein making her 3-legged stool

October – Stephen Hatcher who will also be teaching a single 2-day class

For those attending the AAW symposium, they can pick up their packets when they check in. The check-in starts at 2:00 PM on Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>. If you will be registering as part of the 2018-chapter group discount program that ends on April 2 and want to purchase a banquet ticket, call the office at 877-595-9094. There will be tables set aside for the club members participating.

**Old Business** – Phil and Rod are working on organizational plans for next year's all-day demonstration. They will have them available prior to the end of the year.

Because this is a busy season for NWW, Rod recommended waiting until late summer or early fall to have the Shop / Studio tours. There was consensus from other board members.

As of now there are still no volunteers stepping forward to help Jim Short (camera operator).

Ron Radliff has volunteered to replace Ron Means as the photographer.

Some suggestions for the next "tool raffle" were: CBN wheel, Stuart Batty angle gauges and texturing tools.

Lathe Purchase – Ray Shields handed out quotes for eight (8) Jet midi lathes (JWL-1221VS). Discussion of getting all the lathes at once, who would back up the warrantees, how long would it take to get the lathes and of course cost. At the end of the discussion:

Ron Means made a motion to authorize Ray Shields to purchase 8 lathes at his discretion, with delivery in 30 days. Rod Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ray Shields brought in a stand to be used on the new Midi lathes, purchased from Grizzly International for \$180.74. The board approved of the stands and it was decided to acquire the rest of the stands after the purchase of the lathes.

Ray Shields made a motion to recognize [name redacted] as an Honorary Member of NWW to be presented at the Christmas Party in November. Norman Lanford seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Before passing the motion, there was discussion about what criteria should be used to recommend Honorary

Membership. The board felt that “extraordinary service” to the club which would be decided on an individual basis by the Board. It was also decided to make this a surprise to be presented at the November Holiday meeting.

Tom Thornton also suggested recognizing people or persons in the club for special efforts throughout the year (not Honorary Membership) to be presented at the November meeting.

**New Business:**

Jeff Phillips has had people ask why we do not take credit cards. The board discussed this issue and decided to **not** institute the use of credit cards. To make this official, Jeff Phillips made a motion not to use credit cards for NWW club business. Les Books seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ron Means was asked to make recommendation for better lighting in video and photography. Rod Parker made a motion to purchase new lighting equipment up to \$300. Ron seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A person on Fir Island has a Monkey Puzzle tree they want to sell, to anyone who is interested. Tom sent an email to members.

The Burlington Library has a room for meetings at no cost to the public. It was suggested that we could have our April meeting at this location next year. Tom Thornton will investigate arranging meeting at the Library.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Phillips and seconded by Ron Means. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by President Tom Thornton at 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Gary Moore