

**NWWT Board Meeting  
May 22, 2018**

**Called to Order: By President Tom Thornton at 6:30 PM.**

**Members Present: Tom Thornton, Norman Lanford, Ray Shields, Gary Moore, Philip Kezele, Ron Means, Rod Parker, Michael McCunn.**

1. **Approval of minutes April 24, 2018:** Moved by Mike McCunn, seconded by Ray Shields and PASSED.

**2. Committee Reports**

**Treasurer:** Jeff is out of town, so Ray Shields was standing in for Jeff. There was no report.

**Membership:** Mike reported there are three (3) new members from the last meeting, bringing the total membership to approximately 160.

**Mentors:** There were positive reports on the “*Meet the Mentors*” program. Because of the positive reaction, the Board thought we could do a similar program again next year. Rod Parker met with a new member to help set up his lathe. He also had a new member come to his house to help make a platter.

**Librarian:** Ron was not present. No report.

**Sawdust Saturday:** Ron Means reported:

May – Bowls (Rod Parker): five people have signed up.

June – Platters (Rod Parker): the class is full.

July 21<sup>st</sup> - Jerry Holmes will have a class on chain saw safety & maintenance (free).

August – probably no SS because of the August picnic

September - Boxes

Ron is looking for suggestions for October and November. Some ideas included Peppermills, and Bigger Bowls.

**Newsletter:** Deadline for newsletter submissions is May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Events:**

- Top Turning in Mt Vernon is June 21<sup>st</sup> at Hillcrest Park.
- The Anacortes Arts Festival is August 3 – 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The Bellingham Top Turning is scheduled for Aug 4<sup>th</sup>. The venue has changed and currently there is no power available for the lathes. Bellingham Parks & Rec would need to provide a generator. We may need to cancel our participation in this event this year because of power issues.

**Programs:** Les Books was not present.

**3. Old Business**

**Shop / studio tour:** This was put aside until later in the year.

**Help / backup for Jim Short (camera operator) and other positions:** There were no volunteers identified yet to help Jim.

**Improved lighting for gallery photoshoot / video:** Ron Means reported that they purchased a pair of lights for \$260.00 to use for photographing gallery items. Jim Short borrowed the lights to try with the video equipment and liked them. Jim may purchase the same lights to augment the videography.

**AAW Symposium:** The AAW is still looking for volunteers to help at the Portland Symposium. There are 26 out of 130 volunteer positions filled so far.

**Midi-lathe setup:** There were two separate work parties to help set up the new midi lathes and stands. Thanks to all who helped set up the new lathes.

**Tool raffle:** The club lost a little money on the last tool raffle. Tom felt we should have bought the small texturing tool instead of the larger one. Many people are still interested in the CBN wheel and negative rake scraper for next month.

**“Turn and Learn” Playday:** The feedback for this event was good. The Board thought we could do this again, demonstrating different tools. Also, we could extend the "turn and learn" idea by having a lathe at each meeting set up before the main demonstrator to give newer members more exposure to basic techniques.

**Honorary membership:** At the November meeting a person will be presented with an Honorary membership. Ray Shields will present the award. The Board will write up the criteria for future nominees.

**Burlington Library as possible April meeting place:** Tom Thornton called the Library and they said signups need to be six (6) months in advance to reserve the room. Because we would not know for sure if we would get the room for the April meeting, it was decided to stay at the community center in Burlington for the April 2019 meeting.

#### **4. New Business**

**Tops:** There was discussion about how to get more tops for the “Toys for Tots”. A suggestion was made to consider having a Barbeque event and turn tops sometime this summer.

Laura Mathews requested to be removed as the back-up person for the Membership Committee. Mike is looking for a volunteer to back him up.

Along the same theme, Tom was wondering if we should have backups for other positions, especially the Treasurer and Librarian position. Phil Kezele volunteered to back up Jeff Phillips as Treasurer. We will look for a volunteer to back up Ron Wehde (library).

There was a motion by Rod Parker to add Phil Kezele to the signatory list for Treasurer backup. Ron Means seconded the motion and it passed.

Ed Frank said he thought the sound system was failing. Tom will have someone investigate the microphones. Tom also asked if he could be heard clearly. He wanted

honest suggestions about how to be heard better. There were a few comments that Tom will work on.

**What to do with the old Mini Lathes:** There were many thoughts on what to do with the mini's. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Norman Lanford to store our eight (8) mini-lathes at a storage facility and to decide at the November board meeting on whether we want to keep all or some of the lathes. The motion was seconded by Ray Shields and passed. This motion was contingent on acceptable storage cost and availability which Tom will present to the board by the end of May for a decision.

Tom suggested changing the time of the Gallery presentation to earlier in the club meeting to better emphasize the work brought in by our members.

Tom received an email from the Burlington Parks & Rec asking about the 'Spit & Whittle' event. Ray Shields was familiar with the event and will send info about the program to Tom for him to pass on.

The poor indoor lighting at Hillcrest Lodge remains a concern. Rod Parker will approach Mt Vernon Parks and Rec to ask about an upgrade for better lighting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike McCunn and seconded by Rod Parker. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned by President Tom Thornton at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Secretary Gary Moore.