

## NWW Board Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2018

**Called to Order: By President Tom Thornton at 6:07 PM**

**Members Present: Tom Thornton, Ray Shields, Gary Moore, Jeff Phillips, Philip Kezele, Rod Parker, Michael McCunn.**

**Approval of minutes May 22, 2018:** Moved by Ray Shields, seconded by Mike McCunn and PASSED.

### Committee Reports

**Treasurer:** Jeff handed out the budget report. Total funds available are approximately \$8,000. The club took in \$254 from the tool and wood raffles at the last meeting. The store took in \$562. The big expense last month was the purchase of the new midi lathes and bases for \$6,265 with an additional \$1,300 by next month. Phil wanted to know if we have a budget for a new microphone. Jeff said our provisional budget was \$200 for Audio and it will have to be increased to purchase new microphones, although that would not pose a problem.

**Membership:** Mike McCunn said there are 160 members to date.

**Mentors:** No new report.

**Librarian:** Ron Wehde was not present, but Ray Shields will update the board about new books purchased.

**Sawdust Saturday:** Rod Parker reported in lieu of Ron Means, who was not present.

June: Platter class had 7 people present. The new lathes worked very well.

July 14<sup>th</sup> – Jerry Holmes will give us his class on chain saw safety and maintenance (free to members). As of the last meeting there are only 2 people signed up for the class. There was discussion on how to get more people interested in Jerry's excellent class. Possibly having a club meeting dedicated to safety and shop first aid.

August – no class because of the picnic.

Boxes – 5 people have signed up for this class. Ron Means will teach with Rod Parker assisting.

There were suggestions to add Larger Bowl Turning and Natural Edge Bowl Turning. Rod suggested if we turn larger bowls we need to beef-up the base with weights, and/or chocks on the wheels.

Rod Parker mentioned that the Club's lathe tools all have different grinds and he would like to see all of them be consistent with the same grind. Perhaps this could be a sharpening class and make all the tools consistent.

**Newsletter:** July 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for any submissions to the newsletter.

### Events:

- Hillcrest top turning is July 21st.
- Anacortes Arts Festival is August 3 – 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Bellingham Top Turning, August 4<sup>th</sup>: coordination for this event was passed on to Ray Shields from Dave Blair. Ray is working with Bellingham Parks and Rec to see if we will have power for our lathes. If we have no power, we will skip the event this year.

**Programs:** Les Books was not present, but as of last month Charley Phillips is scheduled for our July meeting and either Steven Hatcher or Bonnie Klein are scheduled for September.

## Old Business

**Shop / studio tour:** We will look at this again in the fall.

**Help / backup for Jim Short (camera operator) and other positions:** No update.

**Improved lighting for gallery photoshoot / video:** The Photo gallery lights purchased last month are working well. The video team liked them and are considering buying two more lights to help in videoing. Jeff Phillips said there is money to purchase these lights.

**AAW Symposium feedback:** Tom Thornton is looking for feedback about the Portland AAW Symposium for him to include as part of his President's Letter.

**Tool raffle update:** Tom reported that he has enough tools for the rest of the year. He has a radius CBN wheel, ½" bowl gouge, 550 lumen LED light, negative rake scraper, D-Way beading tool with handle and 4 cutters. The board decided to raffle one tool per meeting with the more sought-after tools raffled in the fall when more people are present.

**"Turn and Learn":** No update.

**Honorary membership for "Mr./Mrs./MS Redacted":** Ray Shields will have information prepared for the November meeting to introduce our new honorary member.

**Increase "Tops for Tots" participation:** The board thought we could have a Turning Date at Gerrit's shop on August 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 3:00 and turn tops to donate. Anyone is invited to come and make a day or part of a day turning tops. Ray will include mention of this in the newsletter.

**Membership committee backup:** No takers yet.

**Mini-lathe storage:** Tom rented a 5x10 storage space at Affordable Storage in Mt Vernon for \$85.00. Ray Shields made a motion to store the mini lathes in this location as soon as possible. Mick McCunn seconded the motion and it passed. Jeff Phillips said he could transport the lathes. Tom will supply a combination lock and distribute the number to board members and those deemed necessary to have the code.

**Poor lighting in Hillcrest Lodge:** No new information.

**Wireless microphones:** We are still working on this issue.

## 4. New Business

**Tom's potential meeting with Molly Winton:** Tom is planning to meet with Molly Winton to see if she has suggestions to improve the NWW club. He will ask her about improving the format of the meetings and talk about the "Above and Beyond" concept.

**Clarify officer and committee chair descriptions:** Tom would like board and committee member positions to be specifically spelled out regarding qualifications and duties and then published for clarification in the future. He also would like to have designated back-up people for key positions.

The board is looking for potential candidates for the position of Vice President for the upcoming year.

**Look at NCWA's Improvement Initiative:** The NCWA club initiated a survey to their members for information about improving. They specifically asked about what they are doing right and what they are doing wrong. Tom asked the board if they would like NCWA to attend our meeting to talk about what they found in their survey and give us suggestions. The board thought that inviting them was a good idea. Tom will pursue asking them to a meeting.

NCWA is looking for a new location for their meetings because of overcrowding at the Hillcrest Lodge. Mt Vernon Christian School has a meeting facility with possible storage space for \$200.00. Tom asked if we would be willing to use the same facility. We are paying \$1175.00 per year at Hillcrest for 10 months, but if we had

storage we could subtract the \$85.00 from our storage facility. George Way is our contact person between NCWA and NWW. Tom will ask George to follow up with more information for the following year's meeting rental.

**Look at loaning or renting mini-lathes to members:** There was no discussion of this issue at this meeting.

**Contact Jesse to update website calendar, including Chainsaw Safety class:** Tom will talk to Jesse about updating the calendar.

**New Bank:** There was discussion about changing banks for our club business. Jeff said working with Washington Federal was complicated and sometimes frustrating. Phil Kezele suggested Boeing Employee Credit Union (BECU). He has worked with them as treasurer of a separate club. Phil made a motion to plan changing to a different Financial institution and gain information by our next meeting to decide which bank to use. Mike McCunn seconded the motion and it passed. Tom will talk to BECU and get more information about changing banks.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ray Shields and seconded by Rod Parker. The motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned by President Tom Thornton at 8:19 PM

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Gary Moore