

**NWW Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 21, 2020**  
**Location: Online Zoom Conference**

**Called to Order by President Rod Parker at 6:03 PM**

**Members Present: Norman Lanford, Rod Parker, Gary Moore, Ray Shields, Philip Kezele, Tom Thornton, Angela Hills, Rick Terney, David Pettenski, Giovanni Monteferrante, Tal Birdsong.**

**Approval of board minutes:** A motion was made by Ray Shields and seconded by Giovanni Monteferrante to approve the minutes of the online March 25 board meeting. The minutes were approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasury** – Phil Kezele reported that as of this morning (April 21<sup>st</sup>) we have \$1,532.90 in checking and \$11,016.08 in savings, for a total of \$12,548.98.

- Nick Agar 2020 Financial Analysis: Phil reported that our expenses paid out were \$1626.38. Some of the items purchased can be re-purposed, so with that in mind the club lost about \$900.00. For reference purposes, Phil calculated the net gain the club would have made, had we not had to cancel the demonstration and classes, which came to \$528.62.
- Rod Parker reported that he received a \$200.00 refund from the Mt. Vernon Parks & Rec Department for the rental of Hillcrest Lodge, since we had no meetings in January and March.

**Membership** – Angela Hills reported that we have approximately 100 members who have not paid their dues this year. She did receive dues from 5 members who paid last week.

There was discussion of what to do about membership renewals. Comments included to not worry about paying at this time because we are not meeting in person, possible dues forgiveness for 2020, limiting some activities (such as participation in IRDs) to paid members only, and several others. An idea was floated to have a complimentary tool raffle for paid up members only, which could provide impetus for getting dues paid. **A motion was made by Ray Shields to have a free tool raffle for paid members in the upcoming meeting. Giovanni Monteferrante seconded the motion and it passed.**

Phil mentioned that PayPal has the capability to send out invoices to notify members that their renewal fees are due. Within the invoice they could be notified of payment methods (online via PayPal, mail a check to Treasurer, etc). Sending an invoice at the beginning of each year would likely help encourage people to submit their dues.

After an extended discussion it was decided that for now, Angela Hills would send Rod Parker and Phil Kezele an email for their approval that gently reminds members of their unpaid dues.

**Librarian** – Tal Birdsong wanted to know if we could let members know that the library is available through the mail if there is enough interest. He could send a list of books and DVDs from the library for checking out. Tal will send Ray information to post in the newsletter.

**Club Store** – Tom Thornton is willing to mail small items from the store if members were willing to pay postage for shipping. He will send Ray information to post in the newsletter.

**Club Meeting Presentations** – David Pettenski had earlier emailed to board members a spreadsheet outlining possible future demonstrators, depending on the novel virus situation. David emphasized that many of the demonstrators are booked a year in advance so it is important to schedule them as we can. He said many of the demonstrators are very interested in using IRD for club meetings. Here are coming demonstrations:

**May 21** - Art Liestman will demonstrate “The Lost Wood Process” via Interactive Remote Demonstration (IRD).

**June 18** - John Shrader is scheduled for a live demonstration on “Metal Inlay” if we are able to meet in person. If we cannot meet in person David may try to get Mike Mahoney or one of the other AAW-listed demonstrators to do an IRD.

**July 16** - Dan Tilden is scheduled to demonstrate on “Hollow Forms” as a live demonstration assuming we can meet in person. Because Dan’s fee is \$600 per day plus travel expenses it was felt that he could put on a class the same day as the club demo which would help defray his costs. **A motion was made by Ray Shields to have a class the same day as the club demonstration. Tom Thornton seconded the motion and it passed.**

**September 17** - Jay Shepard will demonstrate in person “Buffing and Finishing” using water based products.

**October 15** - Tom Willing has multiple topics we can choose from, either live or IRD.

**March 11, 2021** - Nick Agar is penciled in for the “All-Day Demo”.

**July of 2021** - Eric Lofstrom is scheduled.

David has been working very hard to organize our presentations for the year in a time of marked uncertainty. He received a vote of confidence and thanks from the board.

**Newsletter** – Ray Shields said the submission date for the May newsletter is April 26. Rod Parker will give Ray feedback about the Cindy Drozda demonstration to put in the newsletter. Angela Hills will give Ray information about unpaid dues. Dave Pettenski will inform Ray about the upcoming presentations to add to the newsletter.

## **Old Business**

### **Open Club Positions**

**Secretary** - Gary Moore will draft an opening notice for the newsletter.

**Membership** - Angela Hills has agreed to continue as the Membership Chairperson.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **July 13 Top turning in Mt Vernon** - Tal Birdsong is waiting to hear if they are going to continue with this event.
- **Nick Agar All-Day Demo** – Nick is penciled in for 2021, a week before the Oregon Symposium.

- **Anacortes Arts Festival** – Still up in the air, depending on whether this event will happen.
- **Bellingham Top Turning** – Still up in the air.

**New business:**

Rod Parker called the Mt Vernon Christian School to get information about renting their facility for our regular meetings. No one answered but Rod left a message to set up a meeting with the superintendent to see if the Board could look at the facility and have Phil go over the cost to the club for rental. There was discussion of possibly helping the school's wood shop (turning demos/classes, IRDs, etc) in exchange for a reduction in fees.

**Other New Business** – Rod Parker is going to look into expenses to purchase equipment for the club to have IRD presentations at our meetings. He will get information from Lucid Wood Working about what equipment is needed.

There being no further new business, Ray Shields moved to adjourn the meeting and Giovanni Monteferrante seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Moore, Acting Secretary