

NWW Board Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting

Called to Order by President Rod Parker at 7:00 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 Phil Kezele to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Phil Kezele reported Checking Balance is \$3,067.32, Savings Account Balance is \$11,016.61, Petty Cash is \$150.00 and PayPal is \$596.25. The Total Funds available are \$14,830.18. Phil felt the club is in good shape financially.

Membership – Angela Hills reported there are no additional members.

Programs – David Pettenski reported that Rudy Lopez is booked for an IRD demonstration for our July meeting. David has asked Martin Saban-Smith to demonstrate August 15th at 10:00 AM, PST, in lieu of our annual picnic. The Board approved Martin for this timeframe after taking a survey of members at our last meeting.

David has booked Jay Shepard for our September meeting but Jay is unable to do an IRD. In case we are unable to meet in person David will look for a backup. Giovanni suggested possibly having our meeting at the Anacortes church with room for social distancing or maybe the Mt Vernon Christian church if they are available and willing. Rod will look into possibly meeting at one of the churches.

David is in the process of contacting Michael Hosaluk for possibly coming next year in May or February for a demonstration and classes.

David will give Ray information about upcoming events to post in the newsletter.

Feedback for Emiliano Achaval IRD – The board members thought Amiliano did a good job. He had multiple camera angles and gave a good cultural history about the Hawaiian calabash bowl. His teaching of using pewa patches was interesting and informative. He was not quite as polished as Cindy Drozda, but all in all he was well received.

Tom Thornton wanted to know if we can share the recording of Emiliano with the club members. Rod will look into making the recording available.

Club Store – Tom Thornton said the Saturday Road Sale was very successful with sales of \$800. Tom reported the store will purchase a 55 gallon drum of Anchorseal for approximately \$800.00 and will also order more glue.

Librarian – Tal Birdsong said the Saturday checkouts were about normal. Tal thought the Mt Vernon children's festival may still be open, but he will verify for sure if the event is open or closed. (Confirmed CANCELED a short time after the meeting).

Newsletter – Ray said the submission date for the newsletter is usually the Sunday after the board meeting. For this month that will be June 28th.

Old Business:

New Business:

Upcoming meeting - discuss ideas for increasing attendance at IRD - There have been about 45 - 55 participants in the club IRDs. There are 160 members in the club. The question was asked by Rod why there are not more participants. The only feedback was from a few people expressing to Tal that they don't have the computer capabilities or knowledge of how to use the technology.

Ray suggested having a computer savvy person available to educate those who are interested in how to use Zoom.

Rick Terney suggested putting information in the newsletter, or an email, to ask who might be interested in getting help to walk them through connecting to the IRD demonstration.

Angela Hill took a screen shot of who was present at the last demonstration and will give Rod a list of people who are attending the IRDs. This may help to see who we might reach out to and see if they are interested in help.

Rod thought offering a tool raffle, or wood items, or gift certificates, or craft supplies to those who participate in the IRD may be some incentive. Norman Lanford has some gift certificates from Craft Supplies that he will give to Rod for possible handouts at an IRD demonstration.

Lessons from this month's Wood Sale – At the last wood sale there was confusion as to how to distribute the wood equitably. A suggestion was made to tape off the wood until the start time of the sale.

Tom suggested assigning a number and when their number is called they could pick their wood to purchase.

Giovanni suggested a silent auction.

Rick suggested to either draw numbers from a hat, or to have a silent auction.

Ray thought it was a good idea to cordon off the wood, use a number system for two rounds and then open it up for everyone to choose. The prime pieces will probably go on the first round.

Rod decided, with the board's approval, to assign a number for the first wave and then let them buy what they want.

Tool Sale and Wood Swap for August – Rod suggested having a tool and wood swap set up on tables in a parking lot. People would bring tools they would like to donate or swap, or just give them a new home.

Tom volunteered to organize this event and he will talk to Rob about a time and location.

David had an idea to hire a professional wood supplier to buy quality wood and then sell it at the club. Rod would like to think about this suggestion. Rod will contact a person in Rochester who deals in wood. Rod

would like to put a committee together to work on this idea. Angela volunteered to work on a committee so Rod asked her to shop around and see what is available.

Other new business - The President's Challenge is a calabash style bowl. Rod is looking into having Emiliano Achaval be a judge of the bowls.

Tools from NCWA – Tom purchased some tools from the NCWA club and wants to sell them to NWW club. He wanted suggestions from the Board for prices and a system for selling them. The Board suggested selling them for roughly 40% of new cost. An idea was to limit one per customer. This will be addressed at a future date.

There being no further new business, Tal Birdsong moved to adjourn the meeting and Ray Shields seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Moore, Secretary