

NWW Board Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting

Called to Order by President Rod Parker at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Rod Parker, Phil Kezele, Gary Moore, Sherri Greenleaf , Ray Shields, Norman Lanford, Tom Thornton, Rick Terney, David Pettenski, Tal Birdsong, Angela Hills.

Approval of board minutes: A motion was made by Tal Birdsong and seconded by Rick Terney to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Phil Kezele reported the Saving Account balance is \$10,521.17, the Checking balance is \$1,272.94 and the PayPal account is \$474.50 with a total of \$12,513.61 available.

Phil would like to promote PayPal and/or Zelle to use as our primary method to receive and pay our accounts. The club would still accept checks but would prefer using online methods. Phil said Zelle is a low-cost option for handling our finances and has benefits for the club; he acknowledged that PayPal is better known to most people so they may be more comfortable with it. He will write a description of his suggestions for Ray to post in the newsletter.

Membership: Angela Hills reported that there are three new members.

Librarian: Tal Birdsong will take the library to the Store/Library event at Hillcrest Park on September 26th. He reported there are usually 6-12 items being checked out at the park each month.

Store: Tom Thornton has ordered some new items for the store. He ordered a coloring kit that Martin Sabin-Smith demonstrated at his IRD in August. Tom also ordered 6 Slick Sticks and more Mohawk epoxy sticks with all of the colors. There is only one gallon of Anchorseal left and he is working with Greg Anderson to resupply more sealer. Rod had earlier given Greg approval to order another 55 gal drum of Anchorseal.

Tom was wondering about meeting on Saturday in case of inclement weather. After discussion:

There was a motion by Tom Thornton to proceed with the monthly Store/Library this month no matter what the weather brings. Seconded by Tal Birdsong. The motion passed.

Club meeting Presentations: David Pettenski followed up (twice) with Martin Sabin-Smith about sending us the video of his IRD but has not received a response. David said our most recent presenter, Carl Jacobson, sent the link to his video on YouTube. Ray will put a link in the newsletter.

October 15th—Tom Willing will have a Zoom presentation for making slip-lidded boxes. He will have a practice Zoom meeting with David before the actual club meeting. Tom will be using the NWW club Zoom account. This will be a prerecorded presentation but with opportunities for questions.

David wanted to know if the board wanted a demonstrator for November. The board agreed to schedule a November demonstration. David has a number of suggestions for demonstrations from a survey he conducted and will pursue finding someone for November.

The question was raised regarding whether to go ahead with the March all-day-demo. After discussion;

Ray Shields made a motion to put the decision on having a March All-Day Demo event on hold for one more month and then make a final decision to either commit or cancel, as any further delays would severely limit publicity for the event. The motion was seconded by Tom Thornton and it passed.

Newsletter: Ray Shields said the submission date for the newsletter is Sunday September 27 at 11:59. Ray has modified the website about meeting in person and will work with Phil about adding a PayPal or Zelle link in a prominent location.

Old Business:

Upcoming events: Outreach for support of Christmas Tree Ornaments: The Board has been calling members to promote making ornaments. The ornaments need to be completed and delivered by October 24th. Board members will report to Gary Moore by October 3rd to give him an idea of the approximate number of ornament that will be available for the tree.

Future tool purchase - Tom has purchased tools for the tool auction. He has two tools for October and two tools for November. The tool budget is way under for this year.

Sawdust Saturdays - Rod told Gerrit we will not have SS for this month. David was concerned about potential liability if we do not follow state protocol. Rod will talk to Giovanni about future SS meetings, considering liability. Giovanni did report that there were many people interested in tool sharpening. Rod said he would be willing to have a tool sharpening class at his shop with three or four attendees for a two hour session and then repeat the class as needed to accommodate those who wanted to attend. This would be consistent with the State guidelines.

New business:

Maple tree in Machias – Tom reported on a large maple tree that has been down for a year and the owner would like to give the wood to the club. He will set up a date with the owner for Rod and Tom to go work on cutting the tree, hopefully with the help of others.

Sequoia tree and Maple tree – Sherrie has a friend who is cutting down two trees and would like to donate them to the club. She will double-check on the size and availability and let Rod know.

Officers for next year – David wanted to know how we are going to elect new officers for next year. Angela Hill is Vice President but in the process of moving to Idaho. Rod will write up information to put in the newsletter requesting nomination for Vice President. Due to the exceptional circumstances of 2020, he would like to extend all board positions through 2021 (with the exceptions of Angela Hills and Gary Moore).

There being no further new business, Ray Shields moved to adjourn the meeting and Rick Terney seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Moore, Secretary