

NWW Board Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting

Called to Order by President Rod Parker at 7:05PM

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

Approval of board minutes: A motion was made by Phil Kezele and seconded by Tal Birdsong to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Phil reported we have \$838 in checking, \$11,521 in saving, \$55 in Petty cash, \$200 in store cash and \$326 in PayPal with a total funds available of \$12,941.16. Phil also said that if we use the Friends and Family option in PayPal there is no fee. Rod asked Phil to provide Ray with a reminder in the newsletter about using the Friends and Family option when paying our dues. Phil reported that we saved some money with the currency conversion from the Martin Sabin-Smith IRD.

Membership: Angela Hills reported we have four (4) new members. Current total membership is 147. Rod asked Angela to send out her usual email about upcoming dues and encourage the use of PayPal. Angela is now living in Idaho and has 7 books and 7 DVDs that Ray offered to pick up from her husband later this week when he returns to Bellingham.

Librarian: Tal sent out an email to club members on the status of checked out material that was unreadable gibberish to some of the members and wonders if others had the same problem seeing the email. He will send a new list out. Tal would like to continue the library at Hillcrest parking lot as it has been very well received.

Club Store: Tom has not made any new orders of Store supplies but he did receive more colors of the epoxy putty. Tom wanted to know if we are going to have the store in November. If we don't, Tom wants to make sure the members know. He was concerned about the weather. Rod asked the board members their thoughts about meeting. Ray thought we should schedule it now and plan to have it unless weather is awful in which case a cancellation could be announced 48 hours in advance. Most thought we should meet. The board decided to meet the 3rd Saturday. (November 21st)

Programs: Dave Pettenski announced that our November IRD demonstrator will be Mike Peace. He will demonstrate texturing using Sorby tools and chatter tools; we will start at 6:00 PM and will have the business meeting after the demo due to a time differential. Dave will send Ray information about the demonstrator to put in the newsletter.

Newsletter: Ray Shields said the submission date for the newsletter is October 25th by midnight. Rod was wondering if Ray knew why some of the links haven't worked the past two issues. Ray said is more complicated than originally thought. We have updated from a HTTP to an HTTPS website, and we also updated the version of WordPress we use. Ray is working on updating his program to hopefully solve some of the link problems.

Old Business:

Programs – Dave is working on next year's programs and has a lot of resources for potential demonstrators. He will look for a program for January and February. Eric Lofstrom is scheduled for July.

Dave asked about what the Board wants to do about our usual March all-day-demo.

Motion: Ray Shields made a motion proposing to cancel the in-person All-Day Demo in March 2021 based on the current understanding of whether Covid will continue to be an issue at that time. The motion was seconded by Rick Terney and it passed unanimously.

There were comments and discussion about an all-day IRD. This may be pursued for a future date.

Upcoming Events:

Support for Christmas tree at Bellingham Senior Center - Rod will bring a skirt and 15 + ornaments to the club store. Tom has 15 ornaments pledged, David has 10, Rod has up to 25, Tal has up to 20 ornaments that will be delivered to the club store on Saturday the 24th. Angela said Mike McCunn may have some ornaments from people she contacted.

We will be decorating the tree at the Bellingham Senior Center on October 26th thru 28th. The final auction will be held December 4th online.

New Business:

Future Tool Purchases: Tom will ask Giovanni to help him send a survey out to club members to ask what kind of tools they would be interested in purchasing for the tool auction.

Turning Talks, Sawdust Saturday: Rod had about 14 people over the course of the day last Saturday at his shop for a tool sharpening class. He felt it was very successful. Rod would like to have smaller group workshops until we can start S.S. again. Rick mentioned possibly doing a coring session at his shop. Another idea was to have introduction classes in small group settings. Rod will talk to Giovanni about this idea for November. Rick mentioned a woodturning primer that he has taught before.

The Sawdust Saturday classes are still on the table to see if we can meet the Covid-19 requirements.

Help for Wood collection: Tom received a call from Paul Thomas, a new member, who said he is willing and happy to help with collecting wood and has a large chain saw.

There are plans to collect the Maple and Sequoia tree in a couple of weeks that Sherrie had mentioned in an earlier email.

Tal said he may have another tree that his barber is willing to donate. Tal will get the address and Rod will swing by to look at the tree.

Access to IRDs for prospective members: Rod thought we could put an invitation on our website to nonmembers who might be interested in attending our IRD demonstrations, with the idea of increasing our membership. If they are interested they could contact our President and then we could follow up to see if they would be interested in joining the club.

Motion: Tal Birdsong moved to put an outreach invitation to prospective members on the web to participate in IRDs. Angela Hills seconded the motion and it passed.

Ray will put an invitation on the website.

Other new business: Phil said that Cathy, who donated wood on Camano Island, would like two bowls made from the wood. She is willing to pay up to \$200. Tom is willing to make one or two bowls for her. She just wants them for sentimental reasons.

Rick mentioned that we need to put a budget together for 2021. Rod and Phil will work on it for next meeting. Rod will send an invitation to board members if they want to meet for lunch and discuss the budget. We will vote on it in the November board meeting.

Angela is willing to stay as membership chair until future notice.

There being no further new business, Ray Shields moved to adjourn the meeting and Angela Hills seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Moore, Secretary