

NWW Board Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2021
Location: Zoom Meeting

Call to Order by President Rod Parker at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Rod Parker, Will Alexander, Tal Birdsong, Sherri Greenleaf, Philip Kezele, Norman Lanford, David Pettenski, Ray Shields, Rick Terney, and Tom Thornton

Note: Director Tal Birdsong turned 81 years of age today.

Approval of Board Minutes: Ray Shields moved that the minutes of the last Board meeting be approved. Tal Birdsong seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Treasurer Philip Kezele reported that the Savings Account had a balance of \$7,099.83, the Checking Account balance was \$4,088.81, the PayPal Account balance was \$733.22, Petty Cash was \$155.00, and the Patty Cash/Store balance was \$200.00, for a total of \$12,276.86 available.

The Treasurer noted that each of the two classes with Eric Lofstrom had six participants which should have brought in \$1,500.00, and so far, \$1,250.00 has been paid. Tal Birdsong had paid in advance for one of the classes but was unable to attend, so he should be refunded the \$125.00 that he paid. That leaves three persons who attended who have yet to pay for the class. Sherri Greenleaf suggested that in the future we should ensure that there is an accurate sign-in list at each class.

The Board also discussed the club policy that new members signing up after July 1st of each year should pay only \$20.00 in dues for the remainder of the year. The Board clarified that this applied to new members, not to those renewing late.

Membership: Two new members joined the club at the July 15, 2021 meeting and Will Alexander has their names and addresses but need their email addresses and telephone numbers. He will work with the Treasurer to secure that information.

Store: Store Director Tom Thornton reported that the store brought in \$197.00 in sales at the July 15, 2021 meeting, and the wood raffle brought in \$35.00. He considered this appropriate as that was the first in person meeting and approximately 75 persons attended, and that there was a small selection at the wood raffle.

Tom Thornton noted that if the dowels that had been delayed come in before the scheduled picnic on August 14, 2021, he would bring them there for distribution and sale.

He also requested feedback from those persons who have the samples of GluBoost to help with future orders.

Library: Librarian Tal Birdsong reported that he is continuing to price and check availability of items that need to be replaced in the library. President Rod Parker advised the Board that Eric Lofstrom had been clearing out some DVDs from his personal library and was to have left them for Giovanni Monteferrante to collect for the club after the classes.

Club Meeting Presentations: Program Chairman David Pettenski reported that Dan Tilden from Southern Oregon will present a demonstration on hollowing at the September meeting. Tilden charges \$600.00 for the demonstration, and David will check with him on the possibility of holding a class.

Bill Wells, from Olympia, Washington is in line to demonstrate for the October meeting with a program on the basis of stave construction.

Newsletter: Newsletter Editor Ray Shields set the submission date for the newsletter at midnight, Sunday, July 25, 2021.

Sawdust Saturday: President Rod Parker will lead the class on turning tool handles on Saturday, July 31, 2021. He is seeking an assistant for that date.

Old Business:

Mount Vernon Christian School: President Rod Parker said that he has heard nothing definitive on the power installation. The electrician had been at the school the Tuesday prior to the July 15th meeting but had been unable to do the installation due to the school being in process of refinishing the gymnasium floor at the time. We should expect installation by the September meeting.

Anacortes Art Festival: President Parker reported that George Way reported that he had enough people to man the festival. It was noted that it would be a good opportunity for club members to have items for sale because there will be a reduced number of vendors and the club will have use of the space normally used by the flat workers who will not be attending this year.

Top Turning Events: Tal Birdsong noted that so far only two turners had signed up for the Saturday, August 21, 2021 event at the Bible Baptist Church on West Casino Road, Everett, WA. It is a backpack distribution event and the turners will set up at 10:30 a.m. for the event which runs from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 pm.

The Sunday, September 19, 2021 Grandparent's Day event held at the Imagine Children's Museum on Wall Street in Everett, WA will have two sessions due to Covid restrictions, one from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and the other from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Tal Birdsong also noted that the club has been invited to turn tops at two additional events, one in late November, 2021 and the other on Arbor Day, 2022. He expects additional details to follow.

Picnic: President Rod Parker noted that there was no need for a signup sheet for the Saturday, August 14, 2021 picnic since it to be a pot luck event. The club will furnish water and soft drinks. Because the school is conducting an exterior cleanup that day, the hours of the picnic will be from 12:00 non until 4:00 p.m., with set up a little earlier if it can be cleared with the school

The Board decided that the lathe that has been donated to the club, which Tm Thornton reported costs about \$250.00 new, would be the subject of a silent auction with a minimum bid of \$100.00, with proceeds going to the club. This should be the subject of a write-up in the next newsletter.

Trailer Maintenance: Based on Tal Birdsong's report of the Les Schwab bid of \$692.31 to service the trailer brakes, Ray Shields moved, seconded by Sherri Greenleaf, that Tal be authorized to spend up to \$700.00 on the necessary trailer maintenance. The motion was passed unanimously.

New Business:

March, 19, 2022 Event: President Rod Parker is working with Rick Anderson on the advertising for the event, so the first important decision to be made is to establish the venue. Nick Agar is scheduled to be the demonstrator. It was noted that the church in Anacortes may be the better venue because of its layout and its multiple AV screens. Ray Shields made a motion to authorize the President to check if the Anacortes church was available that date, and if so, to reserve it. Tal Birdsong seconded the motion. During discussion, it was decided that Tom Thornton would check with the church on the date and cost figures, and to check on refund policy should Covid require cancellation. By agreement, the pending motion was tabled until the return of that information, at which time President Parker will call a special board meeting to initiate finalization of venue plans.

COVID Implications for Indoor Events: The Board discussed the possible impact that reinstatement of Covid restrictions would have on indoor events. It was noted that several persons wore masks at the July 15th meeting and most did not. There was a sign at that meeting stating current Covid guidelines and it was agreed to continue to post it at future meetings as long as is necessary. Otherwise, the club will observe the State's public health guidelines.

Feedback on July 15, 2021 meeting: Since this was both the first in-person meeting in about a year and a half, and the first at the Mount Vernon Christian School, President Rod Parker asked for feedback on the meeting.

First, Tal Birdsong noted that the club needs to recruit someone to prepare, and later, to breakdown the coffee for the meeting.

Tom Thornton noted that we need more training on how to effectively deal with the lighting and AV control panel. James Plessner had the basics at the meeting but may need assistance. James will also acquire a chord that would connect the switching unit he uses for the cameras with the school's control panel.

Philip Kezele noted that on the left side of the auditorium (facing the stage) the club's light stand blocked the view of the screen. We will need to experiment with the location of both the lathe and the light stand to minimize the interference with viewing the screen. It was suggested to help with the viewing issue, we might also experiment on the layout of the seats within the auditorium.

Tool Raffle: Tom Thornton reported that he had sufficient tools to cover the raffle for the remainder of this year, the budget is \$150.00 per month and given the price of tools, he suggested the board consider raising that figure to \$175.00 to \$185.00 per month. It was agreed that tool raffle tickets will go back on sale at the September meeting and see how the sales are before taking any action on the budget allocation for the tool raffle.

There was a discussion of Gary Moore's status as an at large member of the board. He will be added to the distribution list as of these minutes.

Adjournment: At 8:40 p.m. Rick Terney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Thornton. With unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

