

**NWW Board Meeting  
Minutes  
August 24, 2021  
Location: Zoom Meeting**

**Call to Order** by President Rod Parker at 7:08 p.m.

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

**Approval of Board Minutes:** Philip Kezele made a motion that the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Board meeting be approved. Will Alexander seconded the motion and the minutes were then unanimously approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Philip Kezele reported that the Savings Account had a balance of \$7,099.97, the Checking Account balance was \$1,193.12, the PayPal Account balance was \$477.44, Petty Cash was \$155.00, and the Petty Cash/Store balance was \$200.00, for a total of \$9,125.53.

The Treasurer reported that he had reimbursed President Rod Parker between \$70 and \$80 for expenses for the picnic, and Tom Thornton approximately \$80 for the cost of the wood for the September classes.

He also noted that Tom Thornton would be making some purchases for the Store within the next couple of weeks.

The electrical installation at the Mount Vernon Christian School was still open, and the school had not yet billed the club for either July or August for use of the facilities.

**Membership:** Will Alexander reported that there had been good response to the email concerning renewal of membership. Sixty-three emails were sent out and there were 20 responses to him, with Rod Parker and Philip Kezele also receiving a couple of responses each. This left approximately 40 persons to be dropped from the membership rolls, leaving the club with a total membership of 110 to 120 members.

**Library:** Librarian Tal Birdsong reported that there was nothing new to report concerning the library. He is, however, working on a shield that will fit the club's midi lathes.

**Store:** Store Director Tom Thornton stated that he will be placing orders for items for the store this week. A Board member suggested checking on a StreamLite Stylus Reach or the Pro Reach as an addition to the store.

**Club Meeting Presentations:** Program Chair David Pettenski reported that the October 21, 2021 meeting will feature Bill Wells from Olympia, Washington, demonstrating stave construction. January 20, 2022 is open at the time of this meeting; February 17<sup>th</sup> will feature Mark Dwyer in an IRD on pen making; March 17<sup>th</sup> will be Nick Agar; April 21<sup>st</sup> will be John Shrader on metal inlay; May 19<sup>th</sup> will feature Jimmy Allen from D-Way Tools; on June 16<sup>th</sup>, John Beaver will demonstrate a wave bowl; and Eric Lofstrom will turn a Rice Bowl for the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. August is currently being left open for the annual picnic, and both September and October are pending as open presently.

**Tool Raffle:** Tom Thornton reported that the tool raffle at the September meeting would be a hollowing tool, and that there are three CBN wheels the club kept at Gerrit Van Ness's shop that will also be in later tool raffles.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter deadline is midnight, August 29, 2021.

**Old Business:**

**Mount Vernon Christian School:** The 220 line is not installed as of this meeting. President Rod Parker will follow-up with the school.

**Upcoming Events:**

Sawdust Saturday: Mike Young and Ed Frank will teach introduction to bowls this weekend.

Top Turning Events: On Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, which is Grandparents Day, there will be two top turning sessions at the Imagine Children's Museum in Everett.

Trailer Maintenance: The maintenance on the club trailer has been covered, and Tal Birdsong's travel expenses associated with the trailer had been approved by the President.

Venue for the March 2022 Event: Nick Agar is confirmed for the event. The Anacortes location is best suitable for the event and has been booked. Advertising is set up and progressing appropriately. It is necessary to begin planning for the event. Philip Kezele will look for a list of past attendees which may help generate a special email about the event.

David Pettenski mentioned that the event may be conflict with the Oregon Symposium that is currently scheduled for the same date.

Follow-up on the August Picnic: The board agreed that the turnout for the picnic was disappointing. Several possible contributing factors were mentioned, including non-participation by the woodworker's club, the unsurety over COVID restrictions, and inadequate notice to members of the change in location.

**New Business:**

Workshop Planning and Support: COVID, its variants, and potential effects are continuing concerns. David Pettenski suggested the club buy a box of masks for the upcoming meeting. President Rod Parker suggested limiting the classes following this month's demonstration to eight persons on Friday only. This suggestion was placed in the form of a motion by Rick Terney, seconded by Tal Birdsong and passed by 4 to 6 of the Board members present.

Succession Planning: President Parker noted the need for a chairman of the nominating committee and recommendations for the next president, vice-president, membership chair, and board members. There is a need to clarify the positions and term dates of the present board to make sure vacancies are properly filled and the correct terms.

Miscellaneous: There is a suggestion to consider how to hold IRD's at the Mount Vernon Christian School. This would include showing an external IRD at the school during a meeting, and the possibility of sending out a live demonstration to members not attending as an IRD.

Tom Thornton also mentioned that he would be heading up the gathering of a maple tree in Bellevue tomorrow, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

There was a suggestion and general consensus that the annual holiday dinner in November should be scaled down because of COVID to a format that would be safe but still enjoyable.

Because of the COVID uncertainties, Rick Terney suggested delaying the notion of implementing shop tours for the present time.

**Adjournment:** At 9:09 p.m., Tal Birdsong made a motion to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous consent, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Lanford,  
Secretary