

NWW Board Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2021
Location: Zoom Meeting

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

Approval of Board Minutes: Ray Shields made a motion that the minutes of the August 24, 2021 Board meeting be approved. Philip Kezele seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Treasurer Philip Kezele reported that the Savings Account had a balance of \$7,100.08, the Checking Account balance was \$377.19, the PayPal Account balance was \$64.65, Petty Cash was \$280.00, and the Petty Cash/Store balance was \$200.00 for a total of \$8,021.92.

The Treasurer reported that the electrical work on the installation of the 220V line and the rent for two meetings were still outstanding, leaving an estimated available working balance of \$5,500, which is the lowest it has been in recent memory.

Membership: Will Alexander reported that one additional person had joined the club since the last meeting. The Board further noted that James Davis needs materials to engrave three membership name tags for new members. There are a number of name tags that have not been picked up yet.

Library: Librarian Tal Birdsong reported that a few items had been recently donated to the library and he was in the process of cataloguing them for checkout.

Sawdust Saturday: This month's subject is top turning, taught by Tal Birdsong, who noted that three persons had signed up at the meeting.

Store: Tom Thornton reported that the store had sales of \$155.00 at the meeting, and that the wood raffle and the tool raffle proceeds were \$139.00. The two raffle funds were inadvertently comingled at the September meeting, an oversight that will be corrected at future meetings. One suggestion was to simply record the first ticket number of each sold and compute the proceeds from the first remaining ticket after concluding the raffle.

Club Meeting Presentations: Program Chair David Pettenski reported that there were 35 members at the September meeting. In addition to the presentations previously reported, Barbara Dill will demonstrate multi-axis turning for the November, 2021 meeting via an IRD. He also noted that he is still working on making that demonstration viewable on the big screen at the Christian School and available to club members who cannot make the meeting in person to view at home.

David Pettenski reported that Mr. Robin Watson, a long-time club member, has recommended someone as a possible demonstrator. Contact will be made to determine the efficacy of that suggestion.

The Dan Tilden September demonstration and class costs were broken down as \$600.00 for the demonstration, \$600.00 for the class, \$250.00 for gas, and \$150.00 for wood, for a total of \$1,600.00. The class took in \$1,000.00, so the club broke even on it.

David further noted that several of the demonstrators scheduled for 2022 may wish to hold classes. There was a breakdown in notifying Gerrit Van Ness of the Tilden class, so a procedure needs to be developed to give him adequate notice of the use of the shop for classes. The classes will also encourage club members to put the club lathes to use.

Rick Terney suggested that following an IRD, a club member might be enlisted to teach a class on the same basic topic.

Newsletter: The newsletter deadline is midnight, Sunday, September 26, 2021.

Tool Raffle: Tom Thornton mentioned that the new CBN wheels that had been at the Van Ness shop would be used as the tool in future raffles.

Old Business:

There was a discussion of the costs of the Mount Vernon Christian School, being \$200.00 per meeting, and \$2,200.00 for the electrical installation. The monthly rental will be reduced to \$100.00 per monthly meeting until the club recoups the cost of the electrical installation, at which time the \$200.00 per meeting rate will apply. The Treasurer will be in Italy at the time of the October 2021 meeting but will make arrangements to pay any invoices as received.

There was a discussion of perhaps having Dan Tilden put on a follow-up demonstration on turning his walnut burl sinks.

Upcoming Events:

Sawdust Saturday: Tal Birdsong is teaching the class this month. President Parker will check with Giovanni Monteferrante about the sign-up list and also notify Gerrit Van Ness of the class.

Top Turning: Tal Birdsong reported that the Imagine Children's Museum is considering another top turning event in November, 2021, and another on Arbor Day in the spring. Neither event is firm as of this meeting.

Wood Availability: Tom Thornton reported that a man in Anacortes has a downed Madrone tree that is available to the club. Sherri Greenleaf reported that there is a Silver Maple down in Mount Vernon that she will look at and report back on its suitability.

On a related topic, Tom Thornton and Tal Birdsong initiated a discussion of the possibility of having someone slab larger diameter logs into slabs of approximately 2.5 inches thick. The discussion determined that they would look into the possibility, but that size slabs might be better suited to the woodworker's club.

New Business:

Discussion of new business was centered around membership and financial issues caused by the pandemic. President Parker suggested we should expect income from renewal memberships of approximately \$3,500.00, down from the normal \$5,000.00, so the Board needs to consider judicious use of club funds since the membership will probably be about 100 members, down from the pre-pandemic 160. The President will approach Rick Anderson to elicit help in developing a marketing plan for the club, with the possibility of presenting the club to places like Maker's Space and Grizzly.

Rick Terney moved to develop a budget for 2022 based on 100 members. The Board discussed the mechanisms and processes to implement the motion. During the discussion, zoom contact with Director Terney was unfortunately lost and was never recovered during the meeting. Ray Shields seconded Terney's motion and the motion was carried.

This year's holiday party is expected to be a pizza party, with no time for the normal silent auction and other amenities that are usual at the annual event.

There was additional brainstorming on ideas to raise funds for the club.

Succession planning was addressed with various club members being named as possible candidates for Vice President, treasurer, membership chair, and board members at large. The names of those persons are omitted here but existing Board members will contact each of them to determine their interest.

Adjournment: At 9:03 p.m., Tal Birdsong moved to adjourn the meeting, which, with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Lanford
Secretary

