

**Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2024**

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church. A Zoom session was conducted by Howard Wellspring. A Zoom link was provided by Howard to all HCW members in advance.

This June 25 meeting would normally have been held on Thursday, July 4 (first Thursday of July). However, due to board member scheduling conflicts it was moved forward.

Club members Attending in Person: Brian Livingston*, Alain Schwarz*, Mark Spencer*, Howard Wellspring*, Tom Nehl*, Burt Andrew*, Ed Mastin.

Club members Attending through Zoom: None.

[Voting board members indicated *. A quorum of board members was in attendance.]

The Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by HCW President, Brian Livingston.

Items of Business

- **Board Meeting minutes from June 6, 2024:**

Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes, with no changes, from the June 6, 2024, board meeting.

The motion was seconded by Brian Livingston. Motion passed.

- **Website/Technology**

- Howard has updated the website to include: 1) the 2024 SWAT schedule, and 2) pictures from our most recent club meeting and open shop.
- Lee, Brian Schrader, and Howard are preparing to operate our cameras at SWAT. The Room Assistant signups will be managed by Lee.
- As previously discussed, members need to be encouraged to access the members-only section of the website. During the upcoming meeting Howard will post instructions/information for access on the opening screen, and Brian will address the subject with the membership.
- Our website was accessed 105 times over the past month, two from outside of the U.S.
- Attempts to access the club's old Facebook account have been unsuccessful. May have to create a new Facebook presence. Brian L. is working this.

- **Financial (Mark Spencer)** [Mark sent financials to the Board members one day in advance.]

- Mark presented: 1) a Financial Statement for 2024 which included the 2024 Budget and actuals for the months of January through June 25, 2024; 2) the Check Register up through June 25, 2024; and 3) a Paypal transaction summary as of June 25, 2024.
 - Overall club reserves, including deposits and petty cash, come to \$35.4K.
 - June expenses were greater than income by \$1,388.03.
 - Primary income from June came from the monthly raffle and from apparel payments.
 - Primary expenses in June included beginner class costs, open shop hosting, meeting location costs (WUMC), storage building costs.
 - The June ending check register balance was \$8,355.92.
- The largest expense in June was to WUMC for meeting location costs, January 2024 through November 2024 (11 months at \$100 per month). December Christmas party costs will be paid separately later.
- Mark recommended that the 2025 meeting location costs be paid quarterly.
- The Club's CD#5 at Alliance Bank will mature on August 6. Mark will recommend reinvestment options for discussion next meeting.

- Questions surfaced concerning the nature and extent of our insurance as related to use of club equipment vs member's equipment (e.g. as used in Open Shop, etc.). Mark will do research and report.
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops (*tentative items in italics*):**
 - Upcoming planned and proposed club meeting demos:
 - July: Basic Bowl Turning (Tim White, Alain Schwarz)
 - Aug: Threading (Hugo Privet, possibly with assistance from John Miller).
 - Sept: Form and Design (Tom Nehl)
 - Oct: Boring (Tim White, Dennis Ogren, Alain Schwarz)
 - Nov: Inside/out turning, Christmas ornaments (Sammy Thomason)
 - Dec: Christmas party
 - Open Shop locations/mini-class topics (8am – noon, with mini-class at 9)
 - July: Donna Frazier / Mini-class: Donna Frazier on Hollowing with a Hook tool and with the Jamieson hollowing system.
 - August: Brian Schrader / Mini-class: Brian Schrader on the Trent Bosch Hollowing System and Burt Andrew on Tim Yoder's Elbo 2.
 - Sept: Brian Livingston / *Mini-class: Tuning your Bandsaw. Instructor TBD.*
 - Oct: Tom and Stacy Nehl / Mini-class: Tom Nehl on Form and Design.
 - November: *Lee Craft / Mini-class: Safety.*
- **Training Coordinator / Brian Schrader**
 - Quarterly Classes for the remainder of the year:
 - September 21-22: *Pyrography class by Stacy Nehl.*
 - *October 5-6: Two-day Beginner Class. Brian L. will confirm dates with Brian S.*
 - Howard will post class details on the website as soon as possible. Class cost, \$125 total (includes both days) per student.
 - Brian S. has proposed that selected members (at least presidents and training coordinators) of the five area woodturning clubs meet at SWAT to discuss the sharing of various resources (esp. demonstrators). Due to time and security constraints at the convention center, may pursue this meeting in one of the hotels. Brian L. will contact the other clubs to determine interest.
- **Miscellaneous Other Items of Business**
 - Next Quarterly Challenge:
 - Will be due at the September meeting and will consist of toy cars as demonstrated by John Solberg during our May club meeting.
 - There will be two categories: 1) bare-wood entries, and 2) enhanced entries. Members will be allowed to enter either category, not both.
 - Wheels and axles may be purchased (i.e. Amazon, elsewhere) or obtained free from Alain Schwarz or Burt Andrew upon request.
 - Howard will ask George for assistance in posting John Solberg's car demonstration on the club's YouTube channel.
 - Brian L. has reserved our usual Christmas party room from WUMC for Friday, December 13, from 1pm to 10pm. Brian is reviewing the contract, supplied by Sheila at the church. The cost has yet to be negotiated.
 - Apparel orders are complete, have been picked up from the vendor (earlier than expected; some were passed out during the Board meeting), and will be available to the membership during the July and August meetings.
 - Burt reported that membership remains at 97.
 - Lee will be asked to attend the next board meeting to discuss SWAT.
 - The Board selected two candidates for free SWAT registration (one sponsored by SWAT; one from HCW). Lee will query the two selected candidates to determine interest.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.