

**Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2023**

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church. Zoom was made available for this meeting, conducted by Howard Wellspring.

Club members Attending in Person: Lee Craft*, Alain Schwarz*, Doug Balzer*, Cynthia Balzer, Mark Spencer*, Rod Brumlow*, Howard Wellspring, Ed Mastin, Sheryl Sanders, Gary Sanders.

Board Member(s) absent: Burt Andrew*.

[Voting board members for 2023 indicated *. A quorum of board members was in attendance.]

The Meeting was called to order at 6:17pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

Items of Business

- Board Meeting minutes from August 3, 2023:

Rod Brumlow made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 3, 2023, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.

Noted clarification to Christmas Party discussion: invitees include members and members' families.

- Website

- The HCW website needs repair and development. We need a webmaster (appointed).
- Johnny Hayre is considering the position. The Board discussed approaching PJC for initial assistance.
- The Board will consider paying for this initial setup.
- Lee and Gary will meet next week to visit PJC regarding the possibilities.

- Training:

- Carving Class:
 - Stacy Nehl will instruct one two-day class featuring texturing and carving on vases (that will be supplied). No turning will be involved.
 - Training dates: Sat/Sun, October 7 and 8. Training location: Tom and Stacy Nehl's shop, 118 RS County Road 4269, Emory.
 - Maximum 8 students; so far 7 have signed up. Cost is \$125 per student if paid at least two weeks in advance. Otherwise \$150.
 - Lee is maintaining the list. Interested members should contact Lee to be included.
- Segmenting Class:
 - Rod Brumlow and Dale King will present one two-day segmenting class on Sat/Sun, October 28 and 29. Training location: Rod Brumlow's shop, 102 Jeremy Drive, Royse City.
 - Maximum 8 students; so far 4 have signed up. Cost is \$125 per student if paid at least two weeks in advance. Otherwise \$150.
 - Lee is maintaining the list. Interested parties should contact Lee to be included.
 - Rod is obtaining supplies, est. \$500 to HCW. Needs hose clamps, sanding sheets, wood.
 - Rod will cut wood into strips in advance.
 - Will teach old-school layout (pen and paper) as well as computer layout methods.
 - Will use the club lathes plus one borrowed from Alain or Lee.
 - Rod wants to get class information on the website and will attempt to do that himself. He will call John Regis for access info.
- For either class, payment may be made in advance or at class. Mark will send out Paypal invoices on request.

- SWAT

- SWAT leadership complimented HCW as having the best A/V presentation and operations. Thanks to Sully and Howard for their video work.

- Brazos Valley Woodturners has asked for information on how we organize for SWAT. No documents exist; Lee will call Cory to explain and assist otherwise if possible.
- **Christmas Party, WUMC, Saturday Dec 9**
 - Cynthia is preparing a memo covering various elements of the event: food, volunteers, auction related, raffle, centerpieces, Penny Raffle drawing, toy donations for Women-in-Need.
 - Main dish discussion: Will be sausage, brisket, and turkey. Lee has volunteered to do the brisket. Volunteers needed for sausage and turkey.
 - Table decorations (will need at least 13 to cover projected 100 attendees) will likely be ornaments and/or Christmas trees. Cynthia suggested Turning Christmas Trees as a topic for an upcoming Open Shop mini-class.
 - Will expect to have website enabled to accept attendee signups.
 - Open to HCW members and members' families. Lee will invite other selected friends and supporters of HCW.
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**
 - Tim White is lined up to do the September demo, entitled "Always and Never, and Whatever Works for You." Tom and Stacy Nehl will host September's Open Shop.
 - Alain shared upcoming planned demos: October, Donna Frazier; November, Sharon Ayres; January, Gary Sanders; February, Cory White; March, Derek Weidman on lathe chainsawing (tentative).
 - The September Open Shop mini-class is TBD. Alain will see if Tim would instruct.
- **New Jet 12/21VS Lathe Donated to HCW by Alan Baxter**
 - Club member Alan Baxter has donated the lathe he won at SWAT to HCW.
 - Lee suggested using the new lathe to replace the Club's aging Nova Comet.
 - Nova will be silent-auctioned at the Christmas Party, w/ \$50 minimum.
 - Lee will modify a stand for the new Jet.
 - Lee and Gary will prep the Nova for the auction.
- **Financial (Mark Spencer)** [Financials were sent to the Board members in advance.]
 - Penny raffle revenue has reached about \$1100 toward the \$2100 goal, with three club meetings to go. Mark suggests it's time for heightened promotion.
 - Will be absent from our meeting next week; Alain and Doug have agreed to stand in.
 - SWAT revenues and expenses will show up in next month's reports.
 - Mark presented a 2023 Budget Summary through August.
 - Finances are in overall good shape.
 - August expenses were greater than income by \$590; YTD income shows greater than expenses by \$2,344.
 - The source of two income items (in February and April) amounting to \$1,055 has not been identified. This income will remain categorized as miscellaneous.
 - August was a relatively slow month. The main income items consisted of the monthly raffle, event revenue (wood carving class), and the Penny raffle. Main expenses included payment to WUMC for meeting location, storage building costs, and SWAT related.
 - August ending check register balance, \$4,794.48.
- **Other Items of Business**
 - Lee noted that Howard Wellspring will replace Sully as Technology Director effective next year (elected position, subject to usual approval process). Sully's new job and associated traveling makes this change necessary. Thanks to Howard for stepping up.
 - The WUMC upstairs-area representative is still not pleased with our use of the area. Lee will address with church leadership.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.