

**Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
February 1, 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 members in advance.

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

Club members Attending through Zoom: None

Board Member(s) absent: None

Guest attendees: Jerry Straks (WUMC Board of Directors)

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

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by HCW President, Brian Livingston.

Items of Business

- Board Meeting minutes from January 4, 2024:

Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes, with no changes, from the January 4, 2024, board meeting.

The motion was seconded by Howard Wellspring. Motion passed.

- Training

- Rod presented plans and tentative details for this year's training classes:
 - Beginner Class, April 6-7 (\$125)
 - Carving Class, May 4 (\$125)
 - Feature Rings (segmenting), Aug 3-4 or July 20-21 (\$150.) (Dwayne Calwell from OK)
 - [Noted that SWAT is Aug 23-25]
 - Pyrography, Sept 21-22
 - Beginner Class, Oct 5-6 (\$125)

- Current Club Activities:

- Hunt County Fair (April 19-28) –
 - Tom reports that our usual booth location is reserved.
 - He will initiate hard-copy member sign-ups Feb. club meeting.
 - Gene Wellspring emphasized the need to have more turned items on display and for turners to interact more with the crowd.
 - Discussed Freedom Pens at the fair. The donation process is currently confusing; needs to be better communicated to fair goers.
- Updated Newsletter –
 - The new newsletter (draft copy was sent to several Board members for review) was widely complimented.
 - Our new newsletter editor, Julie Livingston, will send a review copy in advance to Board members for review and comments, at least for a time.
 - To reduce the length of the newsletter and to address privacy concerns, monthly Board minutes will now be published in the Members-only section of the website.
- Promotional Items - Following discussion last month to give new members a t-shirt, cap, or coffee mug (with the Club's logo), Burt provided quotes to Board members. The plan is to provide one

item to each new club member (one per family) and to make items available to other members, possibly at cost.

- Alain will get an additional quote for mugs, qty 48. Burt to supply Alain with artwork.
- Burt will order caps and t-shirts from Wilde Advertising, which will hopefully be available by our March meeting.
 - 10 each of the two types of Club caps
 - T-shirts in various sizes and quantities (M-10;L-10;XL-10;XXL-5)
- Quarterly Challenge – Will be announced this month and will be due during the March meeting. Will consist of “something made from at least two woods.” Our next Quarterly Challenge, due June, will be something made from scrap wood.
- Appointed Positions for 2024 - Need to check/confirm individuals from 2023:
 - Kevin Evans - Librarian
 - Joe Grimes – Trainer to assist Rod Brumlow and Tim White
 - Kevin Young – Photographer
 - Tim White – Mentoring Coordinator
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**
 - Upcoming planned and proposed club meeting demos:
 - February: Enhancements: Brian Schrader
 - March: Making Yo-yo’s: Donna Frazier (topic subject to change)
 - April: Spindle turning: Tim White, Dennis Ogren, Alain Schwarz
 - May: Toy cars: Sharon Ayers
 - June: Carving/Embellishments: Stacy and Lee (subject to confirmation)
 - July: Basic Bowl Turning: Tim White, Dennis Ogren, Alain Schwarz
 - Aug: TBD, perhaps Lost Wood, or someone who wants to practice for SWAT
 - Sept: Hollowing: Tom Nehl
 - Oct: Boring: Tim White, Dennis Ogren, Alain Schwarz
 - Nov: Inside/out turning: Sammy Thomason
 - Dec: Christmas party
 - Open Shops
 - February Open Shop - Tom and Stacy Nehl will host February’s Open Shop. 8am – noon; mini-class at 9. Address: 118 RS County Road 4269, Emory, TX.
 - The Open Shop mini-class topic will be “Options for holding wood on the lathe.” The instructor will be Terry Smith.
 - Upcoming Open Shop locations:
 - March, Lee Craft
 - April, Howard Wellspring
 - May, Brian Livingston
 - June, Burt Andrew
- **Financial (Mark Spencer)** [Mark sent financials to the Board members several days in advance.]
 - Mark presented: 1) a Financial Statement for 2024 which included the 2024 Budget and the month of January, and 2) the Check Register up through January 30, 2024.
 - Overall reserves, including deposits and petty cash, come to \$36K.
 - January income was greater than expenses by \$2,979.85. Most of the January income came from payment of 2024 dues.
 - The primary expenses in January included gift cards and storage building costs.
 - January’s ending check register balance, \$9,325.26.

- Mark reminded the Board of our practice to pay the dues (by drawing) of one member who has paid for the current year by the end of the February club meeting break. Mark will announce and encourage payment during the early part of our upcoming meeting.
- **Annual HCW Financial Audit (as required in HCW bylaws, Article XV):**
 - Audit team members: Burt Andrew, Alain Schwarz, Mark Spencer.
 - The audit report was made available to Board members for review in advance of the meeting and is available to any other club member on request.
 - Scope included: validation of checking account, money market, and CD balances; comparison of 2023 EOY reported balance with bank records; random review of revenue and expense flows, review of bank signatories, availability of Club's 501c3 documentation as required by the IRS, status of the Club's 2023 tax return, and status of the Club's liability insurance.
 - Two additional Board members have opted to become bank signatories: Brian Livingston and Howard Wellspring. Their applications have been submitted to Alliance.

Tom Nehl made a motion that the Audit, as presented, be accepted and approved. Howard Wellspring seconded. Motion passed.

- **HCW Website Development**

- Howard showed the website, on-line, during the meeting, and instructed the group on the login process.
- He fielded questions and showed improvements/additions, e.g. photo section, Community drop-down content, others.
- The Board determined that 12 months of Board meeting minutes will be retained in the Members-Only section. Burt will provide Howard with the past issues and will now send approved monthly minutes to Howard.

- **Other Items of Business**

- Jerry Straks from the WUMC Board of Directors attended our meeting for the first 15 minutes to address the following subjects:
 - How the HVAC works and how to make HVAC adjustments for our meetings.
 - How HCW members might contribute to the Church's efforts to support activities related to the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8. Possibilities include:
 - Assisting with parking.
 - Helping with food services and sale of other items.
 - Woodturning demonstration, perhaps under the church's west canopy.
 - Invited our involvement in the church's market event, annually held mid to late November. Noted that there were over 4000 attendees last year.
 - Would need to reserve booth(s) beginning July or August.
 - Would provide our members with the opportunity to sell turned items.

Was discussed briefly by the Board after Jerry left, with no firm decisions for now. May donate supplies, e.g. water. TBD.

- Burt reported membership at 107 with 67 having paid membership dues for 2024. During membership discussions, Alain again suggested that we call members who we haven't seen for months. Burt volunteered to provide a list of possible names, primarily based on attendance, for consideration next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.