

**Hunt County Woodturners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2023**

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church and was also open to members through Zoom, conducted by Sully Sullivan. Dale Scruggs, Doug Balzer\*, and Cynthia Balzer attended through the Zoom session.

**Club members Attending in Person:** Lee Craft\*, Alain Schwarz\*, Sully Sullivan\*, Rod Brumlow\*, Burt Andrew\*, Tom Nehl, Gary Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Ed Mastin.

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

**The Meeting was called to order** at 6:05pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

### **Items of Business**

- **Board Meeting minutes from January 5, 2023:**

*Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 5, 2022, board meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Rod Brumlow. Motion passed.*

- **Drawing for free 2023 membership:**

- Per usual practice, members who paid their dues by the end of the January meeting were qualified to enter a drawing for current year free membership.
- The list consisted of 74 members. The drawing was conducted during the board meeting; Alan Baxter won the free membership.
- Burt will notify Alan. This will be announced during next week's club meeting.

- **Tools and Equipment Coordinator**

- Tom Nehl has accepted this appointed position. Thanks to Tom for filling this spot.
- Tom will ask George Freeman for the list of those who have volunteered to assist with transporting lathes and accessories to/from open shops and other activities.

- **February Club Demo and Open Shop:**

- The demo on February 9 will feature special tools, fixtures, and jigs brought to show by our own club members. The format will be like Show-and-Tell. Members are encouraged to participate.
- Open Shop will be Saturday, Feb. 11, at Dale Scrugg's shop. (4245 Destiny Drive, Caddo Mills)
- Doug Balzer will instruct at this month's Open Shop mini-class on finishing. He will present the Beall buffing system. Sully will show/teach the use of the club's camera equipment for instructional recording.

- **Website**

- John Regis has accepted the webmaster position from Alan Fields.
- Burt will help coordinate the transition with John and Alan, and will ask Carl Gideon for training and assistance.

- **Beginner School in February:**

- The two-day school, Sat/Sun, Feb. 25 and 26, will be held at Rod Brumlow's shop (102 Jeremy Drive, Royle City).
- The cost will be \$125 total per student for the two days.
- Instructors, selected by Training Coordinator Rod Brumlow, will not be paid. However, the club will reimburse expenses on request.

- The class will feature the turning a basic bowl, pen, and a honey dipper as the primary spindle turning component. As an added feature, finishing of the bowl will be demonstrated.
- Rod and Alain will announce and generate interest in this beginner school during the upcoming club meeting.
- **Quarterly Challenge (March):**
  - Will feature any item with a turned component, made from any kind of 2X4, any kind of plywood, or a combination of the two.
  - The winning entry will be selected by a membership vote at the March meeting. The winner will be awarded a \$50 gift card.
- **Quarterly School, April:**
  - Discussed having Matt Monaco for a demo and two days of training.
  - Cost would be approximately \$2000.
  - Cost per member, \$150.
  - Probable training location, Lee Craft's shop.

*Rod Brumlow made a motion, and Alain Schwarz seconded, to have Matt Monaco for the April club demo, followed by member full-day training on Friday, April 14, and (if enough interest) another full day of training on Saturday, April 15. If fully utilized, Matt's cost would be approximately \$2000. Motion passed.*

- Open Shop, scheduled for April 15, will likely be pushed back one week.
- Non-members will be invited (near the end of the sign-up period) if the classes don't fill up with HCW members.
- **Future Quarterly Schools discussed (tentative):**
  - Segmenting School on July 22 and 23. Charlie Tucker may do the previous Thursday's demo and assist with the segmenting school. Dale King may also assist.
  - Lidded boxes on October 21 and Texturing on October 22.
  - The training currently committed and proposed though October will address the top four items in Rod's recent member interest survey.
- **A/V**
  - VP Alain Schwarz recently asked about the possible use of a throat microphone to improve audio quality during demos.
  - Sully's research revealed that throat microphones are all push-to-talk and would not work in our application.
- **SWAT Highlights from Lee's Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> meeting in Waco:**
  - SWAT will be August 25-27
  - Same host hotels, Hilton and Marriott, SWAT rate is \$167 per night.
  - 3 for 1 raffle will include a Powermatic lathe and 3 Jet 12/21's.
  - Regional demonstrators will include HCW member Donna Frazier.
  - Food vendor TBD, but Saturday meal banquet will be replaced with a less expensive family style meal at approx.. \$20 per person. No meal on Friday night. Will include lunches Friday through Sunday.
  - No cash bar this year.
  - On-line registration will extend from March 1 through August 1.
  - Gallery participants will be allowed to display business cards, with transactions between the buyer and seller (no involvement by SWAT).
  - Rooms may be re-arranged to eliminate the smaller demo rooms.

- **Hunt County Fair**
  - The Hunt County Fair dates for 2023 extend from April 21 to April 30 (HCW setup on April 20); will be open on weekends from 10am to 7pm, and on weekdays from 5pm to 10pm.
  - Doug informed that the sign-up page on the website can be viewed but is not accepting names.
  - Will work with Alan and John Regis to get the sign-up's working asap.
- **Financial**
  - Treasurer Alan Fields emailed several financial items to board members shortly in advance of the board meeting.
  - Alan informed by email that payments have been made to Hartford for the club's liability insurance, and to for one month of storage building rental (no discount for annual pmt.).
  - With insufficient time to review the email to board members, and with Alan absent from the meeting, no 2022 closeout, 2023 budget, or audit items were discussed.

**The meeting adjourned** at 7:55pm.