

**Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
August 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 HCW members in advance.

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

Club members Attending through Zoom: Brian Schrader*.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by HCW President, Brian Livingston.

Items of Business

- **Board Meeting minutes from June 25, 2024:**

Brian Livingston made a motion to accept the minutes, with no changes, from the June 25, 2024, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Howard Wellspring. Motion passed.

- **Website/Technology**

- Howard presented our need for editing software to process club videos for HCW's YouTube channel.
 - Recently using George's Adobe editing package, the Car Toys video from John Solberg's demo was reduced from 1 hour to 23 minutes. YouTube encourages videos LT 1 hour.
 - Edited videos are preferred/needed for training and to promote the club.
 - Discussed the licensing Adobe Premier Pro, options and costs (e.g. monthly vs yearly).

Brian Livingston made a motion to license Adobe Premier Pro for one year at the current annual cost of \$263.88. The motion was seconded by Mark Spencer. Motion passed.

- Attempts to access the club's old Facebook account have remained unsuccessful. Brian will contact Alan Fields to delete the old account as the first step toward creating an entirely new one.
- Alain suggested that we might want to go wireless with our AV equipment in 2025. Howard concurred and will look into it.

- **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 actuals for the months of January through June 25, 2024 and the Check Register up through July 22, 2024.
 - Overall club reserves, including deposits and petty cash, come to \$34,943.
 - July expenses were greater than income by \$637.95.
 - Primary income from July came from the monthly raffle.
 - Primary expenses in July included a payment for apparel to Wilde Advertising, and storage building costs.
 - The June ending check register balance was \$7,717.97.
- The Club's CD 4350 (#5), \$10,501., at Alliance Bank will mature on August 6. This CD will be allowed to renew at the currently available rate.
- Money Market fund account #1698 has a low yield, so the decision was made to consolidate those funds into #4350 (#5).

Mark Spencer made a motion to close Money Market account #1698, and to move the balance into #4350. The motion was seconded by Alain Schwarz. Motion passed.

- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops (*tentative items in italics*):**

- Upcoming planned and proposed club meeting demos:
 - Aug: Threading (Hugo Privitt).

- 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)
 - 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, or possibly Repairing Cracks.*
 - 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 at Tom and Stacy Nehl's shop in Emory.
 - October 5-6: Two-day Beginner Class by Joe Grimes and others TBD. *Location: Brian Schrader's shop in Forney or Tom and Stacy's shop in Emory.*
 - Howard will post details on the website as available, including materials required. Class cost, \$125 total (includes both days) per student. Maximum 10 students per class.
 - Reviewed instructor fees at \$100 per instructor per day, max 2 paid instructors. The Club's host fee cost will be \$100 total for both days.
 - Brian S. has coordinated a meeting for selected members (at least presidents and training coordinators) of the five area woodturning clubs at SWAT to discuss best practices and the sharing of various resources (esp. demonstrators, etc.).
- **SWAT / Lee Craft**
 - HCW:
 - Will load AV equipment on Wednesday, August 21st, at 9:00am at WUMC. Volunteers will be needed to help load.
 - Since SWAT will not be providing food this year for individuals who assist with set-up on Thursday, HCW will order out pizza for our participating members. Note: Those who want to help with set-up will need to be at the Convention Center by 10:00am.
 - Lee will make reservations for our members at Heitmillers for Friday night.
 - A SWAT safety representative will make sure that items in First Aid kits are up to date. Lee will make sure our safety items are current.
 - Other SWAT items of interest
 - Lee reports that the Hilton and Marriott hotels are filled up. A new hotel, named Even (immediately across the river) is open at \$189 per night.
 - Beads of Courage (boxes and bags) is being put on hold due to the abundance of current inventory.
 - A food truck will be on site throughout the event (will not have hot food).
 - Lee noted that 29 demonstrators are lined up, and 45 vendors so far.
- **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 and George have developed and posted John Solberg's car demonstration on the club's YouTube channel to assist those who would like a review.

- Makerspace in Rockwall
 - Further re-addressed the use of Makerspace for Open Shops. Discussed adequacy of space (layout), HVAC, and interference with Makerspace members. Mark will video the Makerspace area for further Board consideration. He will also check out liability concerns.
 - Mark stated that the safety training course required for Makerspace members would not be required for HCW members relative to Open Shop use.
 - Noted that association with Makerspace and availability of Makerspace lathes could potentially result in increased interest and memberships in both organizations.
- HCW Elected Officers for 2025
 - Brian Livingston opened discussions for Board replacements. He noted that per bylaws a nominating committee will be named.
 - With the exception of VP (Alain Schwarz) all Board members expressed willingness to serve again. Nominations will be welcomed and considered, however, for any member interested in any position.
 - Candidates for VP replacement were discussed.
 - Brian will announce the upcoming VP vacancy to the membership and will list the associated duties.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.