

**Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2023**

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

Club members Attending in Person: Lee Craft*, Alain Schwarz*, Sully Sullivan*, Doug Balzer*, Burt Andrew*, Gary Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Cynthia Balzer, Mark Spencer, Ed Mastin.

Board Members absent: Rod Brumlow and Alan Fields.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 6:08pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

Items of Business

- **Board Meeting minutes from March 6, 2023:**

Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 6, 2023, board meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.

- **Items of Interest – Club Membership and Activities**

- Membership now stands at 97, after removing those who did not renew for 2023. Deadline, per bylaws, was the March meeting. About 20 members did not renew.
- Club apparel process is scheduled to start.
 - May meeting – Order forms will be made available to the membership
 - June meeting – Order forms to be turned in, with payment
 - July – Vendor processing time
 - August meeting – Delivery of apparel to members in time for SWAT (late August)
- Discussed the need for website development and difficulties in signing up for upcoming classes. Webmaster John Regis is working improvements.
- Upcoming Matt Monaco class (Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15) is filling up:
 - Each class holds 8 students; 7 students are currently committed for each day.
 - The class will be held at Lee Craft's shop.
 - Start time, 8:00am; end time, 4:00pm.
 - Students are asked to bring their own lunch.

- **Assignment of Mark Spencer as Co-Treasurer w/ access to financials**

- The Board voted to approve Mark Spencer as Co-Treasurer, to hold the office with Alan Fields.
- Discussed Mark's need for access to the club's financial accounts, ability to sign checks, and vote in Alan's absence.

Alain Schwarz made a motion that Mark Spencer be appointed Co-Treasurer, to serve with Treasurer Alan Fields, with check signing privileges, full access to the Club's financial accounts, and with the ability to fully represent the Treasurer's office, i.e. to vote, when Alan is absent. Lee Craft seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- As approved by the Board, a request will immediately be made through Alliance Bank to add Mark to the current listing of authorized signatories. This will include access to the checking account, the money market account, and to the three CD's.
- Noted that Michelle Snow at Alliance has recently been through this process with us and may again help us through the steps.
- Mark already has an Alliance account and will coordinate with Alliance to make this change on behalf of HCW. Other Board members will assist electronically or in person if/as needed.

- **2023 Budget Discussion**
 - Alan Fields sent out financial reports in advance to the Board members, including: YE 2022 Actuals, a comparative budget worksheet (2021 and 2022), and a 2023 proposed budget with actuals through March 2023.
 - Mark Spencer facilitated the budget discussion and covered assumptions used in proposing various elements, with inputs from the Board.
 - Mark adjusted the master spreadsheet as the discussion progressed and will incorporate those changes into the financials for the next Board meeting.

Burt Andrew made a motion to approve the resulting 2023 budget as discussed and adjusted. The motion was seconded by Lee Craft. Motion passed.

- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**
 - Matt Monaco is scheduled for our demo during Club meeting on Thursday, April 13, followed by two full days of training, on Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15.
 - Stacy Nehl is tentatively scheduled to do our demo in May on carving, and may agree to do a 2 to 3 day course on carving for our members later in the year.
 - Open Shop on April 8 will be at Lee Craft's (6207 CR 2560, Royse City). Note: This month's open shop is being held one week earlier than usual, to accommodate Matt Monaco's quarterly school the following weekend.
 - Brian Livingston (100 Margaret Street, Fate, TX) will host Open Shop in May.
- **Beginner School in May:**
 - The two-day Beginner School will be Sat/Sun, May 6 and 7, and will be held at Rod Brumlow's shop (102 Jeremy Drive, Royse City).
 - The cost will be \$125 total per student for the two days.
 - The class will feature the turning a basic bowl, platter, and lidded box. As an added feature, finishing of the bowl will be demonstrated.
 - Noted that adjustments are currently needed to the associated sign-up portion of the website to track and manage participants. This involves ability for Board members and others to see the names of those signed up.
- **Women in Turning:**
 - This women's-only WIT event was held on Saturday, March 25, at Lee's shop. The four students covered safety, tools, sharpening, and basic turning. The featured project was candlesticks.
 - Cynthia is planning similar WIT events through the rest of the year, approximately every other month.
 - The candlestick project will be continued next WIT class (tentative date May 27), with Donna Frazier again instructing.
- **Hunt County Fair:**
 - The 2023 Hunt County Fair extends 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 34 slots are filled, with 43 slots still open. He will send out probably two more announcements encouraging participation.
 - The sign-up page is active on the website.
- **Bois d'Ark Bash:**
 - This annual event will be held in Commerce on Saturday, September 23.
 - Early Board discussion involved whether or not to be involved this year. Last year's event had poor club participation, and the Club's usual booth location is not optimal.
 - The Board will reassess interest in July and August.
 - Commerce is reportedly making changes around the booth area. Doug will call to see how this might impact us.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.