

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

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church and was also open to members through Zoom, conducted by Sully Sullivan. No members attended through Zoom this meeting.

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

Board Member(s) absent: Rod Brumlow\*.

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

**The Meeting was called to order** at 6:00pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

### **Items of Business**

- **Board Meeting minutes from June 1, 2023:**

*Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 1, 2023, board meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Sully Sullivan. Motion passed.*

- **Training:**

- Rod has proposed the following for upcoming training:
  - Two-day segmenting class on Sat/Sun, Sept. 23 and 24. Primary instructor, Rod Brumlow. Training location: Rod Brumlow's shop.
  - Two-day class featuring lidded boxes and texturing/carving on Sat/Sun, October 7 and 8. Primary instructor, Stacy Nehl. Training location: Rod Brumlow's shop.
  - Optimum class size, 8 to 10. Discussed charging \$125 to those signing up prior to 2 weeks in advance, and \$150 otherwise.
  - Discussed paying primary instructors \$100 per day.
  - The training topics align with interests expressed by club members in the survey completed early this year.

- **SWAT (Lee Craft)**

- The Board narrowed the list of potential recipients discussed at the June board meeting for two 2023 SWAT scholarships (one sponsored by SWAT and one by HCW). Lee will extend the scholarships (free/reimbursed registration) to the two of our members selected by the Board, or to others discussed if one or either of the two declines.
- SWAT camera operators will most likely be Sully Sullivan, Howard Wellspring, Lee Craft.
- Lee is looking for room assistants. Gary Sanders and Alain Schwarz volunteered. Others will be needed.

- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**

- Johnny Hayre will demonstrate the making of an epoxy embellished vase during the July meeting. Note: Johnny's initially scheduled June demonstration was pushed back one month; Kevin Bassett demonstrated a winged platter at our June meeting.
- Lee Craft (6207 CR 2560, Royse City) will host Open Shop, Saturday, July 15. During the open shop mini-class Johnny Hayre will follow up his previous demonstration with additional details regarding his use of resins in a variety of woodturning applications.
- Tom Nehl is lined up for the August demo.

- **Financial (Mark Spencer)**

- Mark presented a 2023 Budget Summary through June; source documents included the check register and available receipts.
  - Mark has added line items to provide additional details.

- As Mark continues to refine the records, the income items yet to be categorized have been reduced to about \$1K. Expense items yet to be categorized amount to less than \$300.
- Mark has researched other storage building options in the area and found that our storage facility cost is competitive. He recommended no change.
- As of June, income exceeds expenses by \$4,072.
- In the future, financials will be emailed to the Board members prior to the Board meetings.
- Mark presented and explained the Paypal register. Paypal balances will be moved to the checking account at the end of each month.
- As of the end of June, the check register indicates a relatively high balance of \$16,522. Since this is more than needed for routine business, Mark recommended moving most of the balance to a CD.

*Sully Sullivan made a motion for Mark to move \$10K of the checking account balance to a 13 month CD offered by Alliance with 5% interest. Alain Schwarz seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

- Mark informed us that early withdrawal will lose only the current quarter's interest.
- As authorized by the Board previously, Mark is still working on the Alliance signatory updates.

- **Women in Turning (Cynthia Balzer)**

- The HCW WIT program is being discontinued due to lack of participation. Thanks to Cynthia for her time and effort on this project. Future activities of interest to our female members will be directed to our general membership.
- Due to the ongoing success and interest in our Open Shops and to promote additional fellowship, Cynthia suggested consideration of two Open Shops per month, one on the Saturday following the monthly club meeting per the usual schedule and the other two Saturdays later. Gary suggested that the additional event be offered as a "turning get-together" with projects at each lathe, with associated discussion, problem solving, and instruction. This will be further discussed with Club membership for possible implementation in 2024.

- **Misc. Items of Interest**

- Membership still stands at 99.
- The Club's apparel orders have arrived in time to begin distribution during the July club meeting.
- Alain Schwarz expressed appreciation for the Club's support of Restored Hope Ministries. Eight items have so far been contributed by HCW club members for the upcoming auction on September 17<sup>th</sup>, which will be both live and on-line. Alain will accept turned items on behalf of Restored Hope through the end of August. He has reserved several tables for an organizational dinner on September 16, and has extended an invitation to interested HCW members. Contact Alain for further information.
- The Club's Christmas Party (members only) will be held at the Wesley United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 9.
- Lee initiated an early discussion on elected officer nominees for 2024. Currently:
  - Intent to step down: President (Lee) and Event Coordinator (Doug)
  - Willing to continue: Vice President (Alain), Treasurer (Mark), Secretary (Burt)
  - TBD: Training Coordinator (Rod), Technology Director (Sully)
  - As we approach the end of the year, nominees from the general membership for any elected position will be solicited and welcomed.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.**