

Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2023

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

Club members Attending in Person: Lee Craft*, Alain Schwarz*, Sully Sullivan*, Doug Balzer*, Rod Brumlow*, Burt Andrew*, Cynthia Balzer.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

Items of Business

President -Lee Craft

- Board Meeting minutes from December 1, 2022:
Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 1, 2022, Board Meeting, with no changes. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.
- Discussed several items from the bylaws:
 - Burt reminded the Board that Article IV states that elected officers agree to be AAW members.
 - From Article VI, dues for the new year will be due at the January club meeting and those who haven't paid by the end of the March meeting will be dropped.
 - Article XV outlines annual financial audit requirements for the recently completed year. The Board named Alan Fields (previous and current Treasurer), Burt Andrew (volunteered), and suggested Mark Spencer (previous treasurer, not in attendance). Burt will ask Mark for participation. The audit report is due at the February meeting, though may take longer due timing/availability of the 2022 closeout financials.
- Appointed positions:
 - Lee stated the need for volunteers to fill several appointed member positions, especially Tools and Equipment coordinator.
 - Lee will continue to serve as SWAT director, along with his position as President.
 - Cynthia Balzer will be the new Women-in-Turning coordinator, replacing Sharon Ayres.
 - Treasurer Alan Fields (also Webmaster) is willing to pass the web maintenance and development responsibilities to someone else. Lee will check out John Regis as a possible replacement.
 - Gavin Wirtzberger will continue the newsletter and has agreed to develop a new look and format with fresher content.
 - Kevin Evans will continue to be librarian.
 - Kevin Young will be photographer.
 - John Blattman will continue as Safety Director.
- Mentoring
 - Mentors are being underutilized.
 - Mentor listing is up to date but is not easily accessible in the website. Burt will periodically email the mentor listing to members (usually along with membership listings).
 - Lee will occasionally brief during club meetings (availability of mentors, how to best utilize, etc.)
- Raffles

- Lee and Gary will continue to handle the monthly club raffles.
- Penny raffle:

Rod Brumlow made a motion to have a penny raffle in 2023. The motion was seconded by Sully Sullivan. Motion passed.

- Per regulations, Club will have to purchase the prizes in advance. Discussed Jet 1221, Laguna lathe, other items. TBD.
- The Penny Raffle involves the sale of about 600 variously priced tickets throughout the year, with the drawing at the end of the year.
- Lee will find the previous penny raffle instructions from his files.
- Discussed whether to continue Zoom.
 - Zoom participation (for both Board and Club meetings) has varied from 2 to 12 or 13.
 - Zoom meetings are occasionally not available due to technical problems or Sully's absence.
 - May inhibit physical club meeting attendance, though may result in involvement for those who sometimes can't attend physically for numerous reasons.
 - Final consensus was to continue Zoom until the current license expires (Alan will advise when that is), and to re-evaluate then.
- SWAT
 - Lee informed that Hill County Woodturners is no longer able to sponsor a room at SWAT.
 - Brazos Valley Woodturners (Waco) is considering filling the gap, but because they have inadequate equipment and expertise, have asked about the possibly borrowing/renting/support from us.
 - Aside from the desire to help, the Board generally considered this negatively. Our equipment is in use during SWAT, and we do not have a second set of equipment or additional operating talent.
 - During Lee's next SWAT meeting on February 28th he will take steps to better understand their request, expecting that we will not be in a position to assist.

Vice President - Alain Schwarz

- Our February demonstrator will be Kevin Bassett from the Dallas Area Woodturners, demonstrating a winged bowl. He will also explain the Empty Bowls program with intent to solicit support for this effort.
- 2022 VP Gary Sanders made a start in developing a shared list of area demonstrators for clubs in Greenville, Denton, Dallas, Ft. Worth, and Tyler. Alain, with assistance from Chris Cohen and others have visited, or will visit, all these clubs to continue work on the list.

Secretary – Burt Andrew

- Membership currently stands at 105 after two members recently announced their intent not to renew in 2023.
- Have received dues for 42 members so far for 2023.

Treasurer – Alan Fields

- [Alan was absent from this meeting, and no financial items were presented.]

Training Coordinator – Rod Brumlow

- Rod is planning a Beginning Woodturner's training school for February 25 and 26, same materials presented each day, open to a maximum of 6 people each day. Cost \$50. Will be held in Rod's shop, 102 Jeremy Drive, Royse City.
- The next training school may feature segmenting with dual instructors, Dale King and Rod Brumlow.

- Has developed a Member Interest Survey to help in selection of a professional or experienced instructor for a proposed school in April or May. The survey will be passed out and collected from attendees during the January meeting. Burt will subsequently send the same survey, only to members who did not attend, with a request to fill it out and return it to Rod, due by Feb. 1.
- As our new Training Coordinator, Rod has prepared a vision statement to be sent to the membership. His intent, in addition to expressing his vision for training this year:
 - Determine member woodturning interests.
 - Solicit/develop instructors for a variety of training activities.
 - Explain our wood resource situation and the need for work party volunteers.

Event Coordinator – Doug Balzer

- Reports that the Open Shop schedule for 2023 is good to go. Open Shop in January will be at George Freeman's, 7151 Sandy Lake Road, Quinlan.
- The Hunt County Fair dates for 2023 extend from April 21 to April 30, open on weekends from 10am to 7pm, and on weekdays from 5pm to 10pm. Doug is preparing our application.
- Discussed whether to do the Bois D'arc Bash again this year. Several negatives discussed, from last year: Poor HCW member demonstrator participation, obstructed/hot assigned location, no new members resulting, light Bois D'arc Bash overall attendance (especially during the afternoon). The Board will wait until April to consider and determine whether to participate this year. The event is held annually during September.

Technology Officer – Sully Sullivan

- Sully briefed the need for several equipment items: hard drive, cable wraps, HDMI adapters, audio cables. Approximate cost, \$410. He will move ahead with these purchases.
- In an effort to expand A/V talent, Sully offered to do a mini-class at an Open Shop to show how to use A/V equipment.
- A/V equipment cabinets need painting. Discussed taking them to someone's shop, probably Lee's, for sanding and painting a different color.

Women-in-Turning – Cynthia Balzer

- Cynthia outlined plans for Women-in-Turning initiative and offered ideas for discussion:
 - Would like to utilize the results of Rod's interest survey.
 - May put out a memo to membership asking for help and to determine interest.
 - Objective is to have fun. Would be helpful to establish a purpose (e.g. to help out a particular charity).
 - Classes may focus on turning or embellishing turnings made by others.
 - For turning, would like to have beginner class(s) with female students only.
 - Needs to assess availability of tools for either class type.
 - Sully suggested that classes might be recorded for use by the attendees. The portable A/V equipment purchased last year is not being utilized.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.