

**Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
April 4, 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 members in advance.

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

Club members Attending through Zoom: Ed Mastin.

Board Member(s) absent: All board members attended (vacated Training Coordinator position is still open). [Voting board members indicated *. A quorum of board members was in attendance.]

The Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by HCW President, Brian Livingston.

Items of Business

- **Board Meeting minutes from February 1, 2024:**

Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes, with no changes, from the March 7, 2024, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Nehl. Motion passed.

- **Promotional Items for New Members**

- All new members for 2024 will be offered their choice of a cap, t-shirt, or non-personalized mug at no charge. Will be made available at the May club meeting. The caps and t-shirt are already on hand.
- Karen Conley attended the board meeting to discuss HCW logo-sublimated, 11 oz. mugs she can provide:
 - Club cost for non-personalized mugs will be \$65 for 36.
 - At least 12 non-personalized mugs will be made available at the May meeting.
 - Karen will make personalized mugs available to any club member for \$8. Members will deal directly with Karen.
- Caps, t-shirts, and non-personalized mugs will be made available to any club member at a cost TBD (probably club's cost, plus markup).

- **Website/Technology**

- Howard noted that our Zoom subscription is due this month. The annual cost last year was \$160. No invoice has been received. Mark will check this out.
- A new microphone holder is needed. After confirming fit, Howard will order.
- After AAW-site research, Howard suggests we position ourselves to pursue AAW's Communications Award next year (the window has passed for this year). This will require submission of successful communication tools, i.e. newsletter, webpage, YouTube, Facebook.

- **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 March, 2) the Check Register up through March 30, 2024, and 3) March Paypal Detail, transferred into CA on March 30, 2024.
 - Overall club reserves, including deposits and petty cash, come to \$36K.
 - March income was greater than expenses by \$80.32. March income came from the March raffle, membership dues, and Beginner Class payments.
 - The primary expenses in March included storage building costs, payment to Wilde Advertising for promotional items (caps and t-shirts), annual PO box rental, and gift cards.

- March's ending check register balance, \$9,078.36.
 - Mark noted that all 8 students signed up for the upcoming Beginner Class have paid.
- **Hunt County Fair (April 19-28):**
 - Fair Sign-ups -
 - Tom reported that 30 slots remain open. Brian will request additional and broader participation during the upcoming club meeting.
 - Sign-up pages will be made available at the next meeting.
 - Woodturning Creative Arts entries
 - This competitive event is held in the Creative Arts Building. Member participation is encouraged.
 - The entry form is available on the Hunt County Fair website. Howard has provided a link on the HCW website.
 - The cost is \$2.00 per entry, but free for seniors (65+) and first responders, to be paid by the individual participants. Entries must be delivered to the Fair on Tuesday, April 9, between 2pm and 7pm.
 - Freedom Pens at the Fair
 - After a discussion led by Lee Craft, the decision was made to make our Freedom Pens available this year, free, to military veterans who visit our booth. Non-veterans may purchase Freedom Pens for \$10 each.
 - Lee will have a sign made for our booth to inform the fairgoers.
 - All required supplies will be available in the booth (pen kits, wood, finish) for members who choose to turn Freedom Pens.
 - Pen sales will be cash only. Mark will periodically collect pen revenues from the booth.
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops (*tentative items in italics*):**
 - Upcoming planned and proposed club meeting demos, per Alain:
 - [Alain will check with recognized turners, e.g. Johannes Michaelson, Andy Chen for demonstration and subsequent training.]
 - April: Spindle turning, First Cut (Tim White, Dennis Ogren, Alain Schwarz)
 - May: Wooden cars and toys (Sharon Ayers)
 - June: Coloring/Airbrush (Lee Craft)
 - July: Basic Bowl Turning (Tim White, Dennis Ogren, Alain Schwarz)
 - Aug: TBD, perhaps Lost Wood, or someone who wants to practice for SWAT
 - Sept: Hollowing (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)
 - April: Howard Wellspring's shop (9455 Outcrop Road, Terrell; note: located near Poetry) / Mini-class: Alain, Tim, and Dennis on Spindle turning, First Cut.
 - May: Brian Livingston's shop (100 Margaret Street, Fate) / Mini-class: Tom Nehl on Mounting Wood on the Lathe.
 - June, Burt Andrew's shop (8085 CR 2578, Royse City) / Mini-class TBD.
 - July and Aug, TBD
 - Sept, Tom Nehl / Mini-class: Tom Nehl on Hollowing using a Hollowing System.
 - Oct, Brian Livingston
 - November, Lee Craft
- **Miscellaneous Other Items of Business**

- The Training Coordinator position is still open. Several potential participants were discussed. Brian will make the contacts.
- Our 2nd Quarterly challenge will be “Something made from scrap wood.” Brian will make this announcement at our meeting this month.
- Burt reported that membership now stands at 93 after dropping those who did not renew for 2024. Per bylaws, those who have not paid dues by the end of the March meeting are dropped from membership. A new membership listing as of 4/4/2024 was sent to Board members in advance.
- The decision was made to discontinue loaner use of Club lathes, for liability reasons, due to lack of past positive results, and because other options exist for those who want to try out woodturning with little or no investment.
 - Our monthly Open Shops provide attendees the opportunity to turn on Club lathes, with advice and instruction from experienced members, all free.
 - Several reasonably priced, used lathes are currently available for sale; inquire through any Board member.
 - Rockwall Makerspace has a large Powermatic lathe and 4 pen lathes, all with associated tools, along with bandsaw, drill press, planer, table saw, etc. (\$50 per month membership, \$40 for veterans, open to members 24/7). [Community Workshop - Rockwall Makerspace](#)
- A draft copy of the April newsletter was sent to the Board members several days in advance of the Board meeting for review and comments. Brian made note of several corrections and adjustments.
- After discussion last month on the inadequacy of the Club’s CBN grinding wheels for purposes of both shaping and sharpening (incorrect lower-end grit), further consideration this month resulted in consensus to purchase an 80 grit CBN wheel vs the 180 previously discussed. Mark will order an 80 grit wheel from Rockler.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.