

**Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2023**

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church. The Zoom link was made available for this meeting by Sully Sullivan; the Zoom meeting was conducted by Howard Wellspring.

Club members Attending in Person: Lee Craft*, Alain Schwarz*, Doug Balzer*, Cynthia Balzer, Mark Spencer*, Rod Brumlow*, Howard Wellspring, Sheryl Sanders, Gary Sanders, Tom Nehl.

Board Member(s) absent: Sully Sullivan*

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

Club members Attending through Zoom: Ed Mastin

The Meeting was called to order at 6:20pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

Items of Business

- Board Meeting minutes from September 7, 2023:

Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes, with no changes, from the September 7, 2023, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Spencer. Motion passed.

- Website

- The HCW website needs repair and development.
- Gary contacted PJC in search of an individual who may be interested in helping us with the website. One individual has contacted Lee so far, with discussion pending.
- The board discussed payments that will likely be required for ongoing website development, maintenance, and updates. The website budget line item for 2023 shows \$300 unspent.

Rod Brumlow made a motion to give Lee authority to negotiate and commit payments for website administration. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.

- A formal contract may be needed for the administration of the website. Howard Wellspring has offered to assist with this.

- Training:

- Carving Class (Stacy Nehl, Oct 7/8):
 - Stacy will instruct one two-day class featuring texturing and carving on vases. A rough vase will be supplied to each student and no turning will be involved in this class. The board approved payment of \$40 per vase to Stacy/Tom.
 - The class is full (8 students) and all students have paid.
 - Stacy sent out a list to students outlining materials to bring.
- Segmenting Class (Rod Brumlow and Dale King, Oct 28/29):
 - Rod Brumlow and Dale King will present a two-day segmenting class on Sat/Sun, October 28 and 29.
 - The class is full (8 students) and all but two students have paid.
 - Approximately \$100 total in material expenses will be reimbursed to Rod.
 - Lathes for Rod's upcoming Open Shop will be delivered by Tom and Howard on the Friday before Open Shop. The lathes will remain Rod's shop for the October segmenting class.
- HCW instructor cost was discussed and approved. Total for each of the two two-day classes, \$400.
- Release of Liability forms will be provided in advance by Burt for both training events. During the meeting a change was discussed and will be incorporated to add protection for the host shop owner(s).
- Rod expressed his intent to host a session for boy scouts to obtain merit badges. Will need club lathes and support. The Board approved. Note: Scout activities will be restricted to turning only. A liability document will be required to be signed by the parents in advance.
- Alain shared a request from DAW for students to attend DAW's upcoming training taught by Simon Beggs. His class on decorative platters will be at Wood World on Oct 19. About 3 slots remain open. Members can contact Alain or refer to the DAW website for additional information.

- **Christmas Party, WUMC, Saturday Dec 9**
 - Cynthia, Sheryl, and Lee are working on the details of an upcoming memo to the membership covering various elements of the Christmas Party, i.e. event schedule, food needs, volunteers, auction related, raffle, centerpieces, Penny Raffle drawing, toy donations for Women-in-Need.
 - Discussed general order of events: Starts at 6pm, meal served at 7, bidding stops at 8, event ends around 9. The regular raffle (1 ticket per family) and Penny Raffle will be the final activity.
 - Individuals responsible for supplying the meat dishes have been determined: Lee, brisket; George, ham; Burt, sausage.
 - Mark will provide the auction bidding sheets and will collect auction payments, with assistance from Doug.
 - Members are encouraged to work on table decorations (ornaments and/or Christmas trees) for centerpieces.
 - The Quarterly Challenge (items due and collected at the November meeting) will be Christmas Party centerpieces. A \$50 gift certificate will be presented for the piece voted best by the membership.
 - Will expect to have the website enabled to accept attendee signups.
 - The event will be open to HCW members and members' families. Lee will invite other selected friends and supporters of HCW.
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**
 - George Freeman is lined up for October's club meeting demo on "choosing the right wood for your woodturning project."
 - Rod Brumlow (102 Jeremy Drive, Royse City) will host October's Open Shop.
 - Upcoming planned club meeting demos: November, Sharon Ayres; January, Gary Sanders; February, Cory White; March, Derek Weidman on lathe chainsawing (tentative).
 - The October Open Shop mini-class will feature eccentric Christmas trees, instructed by Burt Andrew. The November Open Shop mini-class will feature globe-type Christmas ornaments by Gary Sanders.
- **Financial (Mark Spencer)** [Financials were sent to the Board members in advance, but due to technical problems were not delivered. Mark will re-send. Several copies were provided to the members during the meeting.]
 - Penny raffle revenue is on track, with about \$600 remaining to reach the \$2100 target.
 - It's time to start work on the 2024 budget. Mark will prepare a spreadsheet with recommendations, to be sent to board members in advance of next meeting and will be prepared for discussions and changes at the meeting.
 - Mark presented a 2023 Budget Summary through September.
 - Finances are in good shape, with overall reserves greater than \$32K.
 - September income was greater than expenses by \$1,436; YTD income shows greater than expenses by \$3,782.
 - The main income items in September consisted of revenues from both raffles (monthly and Penny), event revenue (upcoming classes), and from SWAT. Main expenses included payment for the storage building rental (including insurance), cost related to SWAT, and open shop hosting.
 - September ending check register balance, \$6,230.68.
- **Other Items of Business**
 - Discussed disposition of the Club's Nova lathe. Will be retained as a spare.
 - Discussed open elected positions for 2024. Two remain open: President and Event Coordinator. Alain will develop an e-mail to our membership, especially regarding our need for a President.
 - Subject to the usual approval process, Howard Wellspring will replace Sully as Technology Director (elected). Tom Nehl is considering the position of Event Coordinator (elected).
 - Lee will continue as SWAT Director (appointed).

The meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.