

**Hunt County Woodturners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 3, 2023**

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church. Zoom was not made available for this meeting.

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

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 6:07pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

### **Items of Business**

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

*Mark Spencer made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 6, 2023, board meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Alain Schwarz. Motion passed.*

- **SWAT (Lee Craft)**

- Discussed plans for SWAT later this month:
  - Load-up will be at the church on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00am. Lee is getting a list of individuals volunteering to help with loading.
  - Lee would like to leave for Waco around 7:00am the following morning with arrival in Waco early to avoid the rush. HCW's demo room this year will be in the previous location of the gallery.
  - Emilio Archival will be the club's demonstrator. Will demo his calabash bowl.
  - Need additional room assistants. Currently signed up: Lee, Gary, Alain, Burt. See Lee to volunteer.
  - George's Restaurant has been hired by SWAT to do the catering.
  - Lee has obtained Thursday lunch tickets (sandwiches) for those who support set-up in Waco and is making reservations for the group's Thursday night meal, probably Heitmillers.
  - Friday night meat: On your own.
  - SWAT-provided meals during the event: sandwiches, chicken, Mex. Food, BBQ
- The two SWAT scholarships (one from SWAT, one from HCW) were awarded to Dale King and Brian Livingston.

- **Training:**

- Discussed our two upcoming training events:
  - Stacy Nehl will instruct a two-day class featuring lidded boxes and texturing/carving on Sat/Sun, October 7 and 8. Training location: Tom and Stacy Nehl's shop, 118 RS County Road 4269, Emory.
  - Rod Brumlow will instruct a two-day segmenting class featuring segmenting on Sat/Sun, October 28 and 29. Primary instructor, Rod Brumlow. Training location: Rod Brumlow's shop, 102 Jeremy Drive, Royse City.
  - Optimum class size, 8 to 10. Cost to students, \$125 to those signing up prior to 2 weeks in advance, \$150 otherwise.
  - These training topics align with interests expressed by club members in the survey completed early this year.
  - Lee will ask webmaster John Regis to set up the website signup pages.

- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**

- Tom Nehl will demonstrate the making of a three-pointed bowl during the August meeting.
- Donna Frazier (1275 Wild Road, Van Alstyne) will host this month's Open Shop on Saturday, August 12. During the mini-class, starting at 9:00am, Tim White will explain and demonstrate thread chasing. Attendees will have the opportunity to practice this skill.

- Tim White is lined up to do the September demo. Tom and Stacy Nehl will host September's Open Shop.
- **Financial (Mark Spencer)** [Financials were sent to the Board members in advance.]
  - Mark presented a 2023 Budget Summary through July.
    - July expenses were greater than income by \$977; YTD income shows greater than expenses by \$2,935.
    - The source of two income items (in February and April) amounting to \$1,055 has not been identified. This income will be categorized as miscellaneous.
    - Mark noted that penny raffle participation is lagging, with sold tickets at \$820 and almost \$1,300 to go in the 4 months remaining. Mark requested heightened attention to the subject during the next meetings, and especially expressed appreciation to Cynthia for administering this activity.
    - Apparel income and expenses, though unbudgeted, cancel out. Payment will be made to Wilde Advertising within the next few days.
    - As of the end of July, the check register indicates a balance of \$5,384. As approved last board meeting, due to the relatively high checking account balance, Mark moved \$10,000 to a CD, 5% interest, maturing 8/18/2024.
    - Mark has completed signatory updates through Alliance.
    - Discussed timeframe for retaining club records. Board member consensus was that 7 years is adequate.
    - Discussed amount of dues and concluded that HCW dues, at \$48 per year, is reasonable and will be continued.
    - Discussed amounts owed to WUMC for meeting space rental at \$900 this year (will increase to \$1,200 next year). Mark will submit a check to WUMC for this year's total.
- **Secretary (Burt Andrew)**
  - Membership now stands at 100.
  - Recommended we discontinue the November Rockwall Library display due to lack of returns (unless another member wants to administer and continue). This activity requires significant coordination but in the last five years has resulted in limited exposure and no new members.
  - Suggested, as an alternate outreach, approaching Rocker with a proposal to display HCW items in a display at their Garland location.
    - Could be a win-win for HCW and Rocker, targeting an audience interested in woodturning.
    - For HCW, could result in increased regional interest in woodturning with associated increased membership. For Rocker, could result in increased interest/sale of lathes with their ability to effectively direct customers to a source of education.
    - HCW could rotate displayed items quarterly, with broader HCW member interest and participation.
    - May require Club purchase of a glass/ lockable display case, estimated LT \$250.
    - Recognized the possibility that Rocker policies may prohibit this arrangement.
    - Lee will discuss this idea with Rocker's regional manager, Robert Webster.
- **Other Items of Business**
  - Alain Schwarz again expressed appreciation for the Club's support of Restored Hope Ministries. The August club meeting will be the last opportunity to contribute items for the RHM auction to be held on September 17<sup>th</sup>, both live and on-line. HCW members who are interested in attending the organizational dinner on September 16<sup>th</sup> (Alain has reserved several tables) or the auction may contact Alain for further information. Check out: [Home | Restored Hope Ministries](#)
  - The Club's Christmas Party (members only) will be held at the Wesley United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 9. Detail work will begin in October. Food was briefly discussed; may opt to have the meat catered. Cynthia Balzer and Sheryl Sanders will coordinate the food-related activities.

- Discussed the need for a nominating committee to nominate individuals for officer positions next year. No decision reached. Open positions will be President and Events Coordinator, with several others TBD. As we approach the end of the year, the interest and involvement of the general membership will be welcomed.
- A WUMC official called Lee to register a complaint about our not returning the meeting space to its pre-meeting configuration. Club members will need to make best efforts note and to return the space as found.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.**