

**Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2023**

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

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

Board Members absent: Rod Brumlow.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 6:08pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

Items of Business

- **Board Meeting minutes from May 4, 2023:**

Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 4, 2023, board meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Sully Sullivan. Motion passed.

- **Misc. Items of Interest**

- Membership stands at 99. Ed and Janice Drake from Farmersville are our newest members.
- The June meeting will be our last opportunity to order HCW logo items. Burt will email the order forms to members once more before next week's meeting. Forms will also be available at the meeting. The schedule:
 - June meeting – Final date that order forms and payments may be turned in.
 - July – Vendor processing time.
 - August meeting – Delivery of apparel to members in time for SWAT (late August).
- Lee requested distribution of an updated membership listing.
- Discussed reserving the church's banquet room early for our Christmas party. Lee will take steps to reserve the date. First choice, Friday, December 8. Second choice, Friday, December 15.

- **Club Leadership**

- With the recent resignation of Treasurer Alan Fields, co-treasurer Mark Spencer has agreed to fill the primary position.

Burt Andrew made a motion to approve Mark Spencer as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Alain Schwarz. Motion passed.

- This change will be announced at the June Club meeting.
- Mark has already been authorized to access the Club's Alliance Bank accounts (ref. Minutes from April 4, 2023). Following Alan's resignation from his elected Board position, his name will be removed as a signatory on the Alliance accounts.

Doug Balzer made a motion to remove Alan Fields as signatory on the Alliance Bank accounts. The motion was seconded by Alain Schwarz. Motion passed.

- Mark will follow through with Alliance Bank to make this change.
- Sully announced that his new job will require travel and that he may not be able to continue in his role as Technology Coordinator. TBD.
- Had a brief discussion regarding other elected positions for next year, particularly President. This important position needs early consideration since a new candidate may need time to prepare. Lee will address this subject at an upcoming club meeting.

- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**
 - Johnny Hayre will demonstrate the making of an epoxy embellished vase during the June meeting.
 - Burt Andrew (8085 CR 2578, Royse City, TX) will host Open Shop and will show how to make inexpensive/custom lathe tools, traditional and carbide, during the mini-class.
 - No demo is currently scheduled for July. Alain indicated that he may check with Kevin Bassett, Cory White, or others. Donna Frazier will host July's Open Shop.
 - Tom Nehl is lined up for the August demo.
- **Women in Turning (Cynthia Balzer)**
 - The next WIT is scheduled for June 17, 8am to 4pm, Lee Craft's shop. The candlestick project will be continued. Donna Frazier will be the instructor.
 - A following WIT event is tentatively being scheduled for July 8. The program being considered is bracelets and pendants.
 - Cynthia reported that the Penny Raffle is on track with \$590 collected so far.
- **Training:**
 - Lee will contact Training Coordinator Rod Brumlow to discuss possible subjects and dates for future training events. Subjects previously discussed for these two-day classes align with interests expressed by club members in the survey completed early this year. Possibilities include:
 - Segmenting (Rod Brumlow, Dale King, Dale Scruggs)
 - Wood carving (Stacy Nehl)
 - Embellishments (Cory White)
- **Quarterly Challenge**
 - Our Quarterly Challenge, due June meeting, will be the turning of a goblet, mug, or drinking vessel.
 - The winner, as selected by attending members, will receive a \$50 gift card from Rockler, Woodworld, or Woodcraft.
 - At Lee's request, Alain will pick up gift cards from Woodworld and Woodcraft (\$20; \$50) for future use.
- **Bois D'Ark Bash (September 22/23, 2023)**
 - This event is held annually on the 4th weekend of September. HCW has for several years hosted a booth on the Saturday of the event. The decision was made not to participate this year, after considering the Club's return on effort and time expended. Factors considered:
 - Very poor club participation last year.
 - Low event attendance, especially during Saturday afternoon. Last year the area was nearly vacant from noon through the rest of the day.
 - This one-day event has not resulted in new members.
 - The Club's assigned location (near electricity) is increasingly out of the flow of traffic and is typically uncomfortable for demonstrators for much of the event (direct sun, high heat).
 - As a more productive approach toward publicizing Club activities, Gary suggested another demo day at the Greenville Public Library. He will contact the library to check out future possibilities.
- **SWAT (Lee Craft)**
 - The Board developed and discussed a list of several possible recipients for the 2023 SWAT scholarship (free registration). Selection TBD.

- **Financial (Mark Spencer)**

- Mark presented a refined 2023 Budget Summary through May; source documents included the check register and available receipts. More work is to be done.
 - He is adding line items to provide additional details as needed.
 - Several income and expense items have yet to be identified and moved to the correct income/expense categories. A discussion during the meeting resulted in the identification and categorization of some of them.
 - Will consider adding a line item for special demonstrators (one or two demonstrations per year).
 - Discussed the high/increasing cost of the storage building. Mark will research other storage building options in the area.
 - Mark will check out and report on options and costs of using credit cards at club events, as well as sending out Paypal invoices on request.
 - Discussed the relatively high \$14.5K checking account balance at Alliance and the current rate of CD's.

Sully Sullivan made a motion for Mark to move \$10K of the checking account balance to a 7 month CD offered by Alliance with 5% interest. Doug Balzer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.