

**Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
March 7, 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*, Ed Mastin.

Club members Attending through Zoom: Brian Schrader.

Board Member(s) absent: None (see note regarding Rod Brumlow below).

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

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm 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 February 1, 2024, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Spencer. Motion passed.

- **HCW Website**

- Howard noted that our members have been signing up for “members only” access to the website (so far, 29 of our 107 members). He has received several requests from non-members; those have not been given access.
- Members who would like to have their YouTube or website links made available to the Club through the website need to make this known to Howard. Brian will inform the Club on Thursday.
- Four members signed up for the Beginner Class in April, though two of those have since decided to postpone until the Fall class.
- After the March meeting, Howard will begin a series of weekly messages reminding/requesting sign-ups for the Hunt County Fair (April 19-28).
- Howard was asked to post a website reminder that members and visitors are welcome to join our group for lunch at Burgers and Fries (on Hwy 276, near the intersection of Hwy 1565) each Thursday at noon.

- **Financial (Mark Spencer)** [Mark sent financials to the Board members one day in advance.]

- Mark presented: 1) a Financial Statement for 2024 which included the 2024 Budget, actuals for the months of January and February, and 2) the Check Register up through February 29, 2024.
 - Overall reserves, including deposits and petty cash, come to \$35.8K.
 - February income was greater than expenses by \$197.78. Most of the February income came from the February raffle, membership dues, and Beginner Class payments.
 - The primary expenses in February included storage building costs, annual liability insurance, and gift cards.
 - February’s ending check register balance, \$8,998.04.
- Mark will send one more round of Paypal invoices to current members who have not paid their 2024 dues.

- **Board Leadership / Training Coordinator**

- With the accumulation of other obligations, Training Coordinator Rod Brumlow has resigned, effective March 2, 2024.

- We will need an alternate location for the upcoming Beginner Class, which was originally planned for Rod's shop. Lee has suggested that his shop may be available; Brian will check with Lee. Joe Grimes has offered to instruct, though an additional instructor will be needed.
- Brian will make this known to the Club on Thursday. We will be looking for a replacement in the position, an instructor, and a firm location for the class.
- **Hunt County Fair (April 19-28):**
 - Fair Sign-ups -
 - Tom reported that sign-ups have so far been slow, with 8 members signed up across the various 96 slots. He will request increased participation during the coming meeting.
 - Hard-copy sign-up pages will be made available, at the start, and during (will be passed around).
 - Woodturning entries at the Fair
 - This is a competitive event (ribbons) displayed in the Creative Arts Building. Member participation is encouraged.
 - The entry form is available on the Hunt County Fair website. Howard and Julie will put a link to the entry form on the HCW website and in the newsletter, and Tom will bring hard copy forms to the March club meeting.
 - The cost is \$2.00 per entry, to be paid by the individual participants. Entries must be delivered to the Fair on Tuesday, April 9, between 2pm and 7pm. As a convenient alternative, member participants may deliver entries to any Board member before or during the next Board meeting (April 4). Tom will handle delivery of entries to the Fair at the appropriate time and will coordinate associated details.
 - Brian will inform the membership of Fair-related activities during the March Club meeting, as well as by e-mail.
- **Quarterly Challenge:**
 - Our 1st Quarterly Challenge will consist of "something made from at least two woods."
 - Members will vote to select the best item (items should be unmarked and unidentified).
 - The winning entrant will receive a \$50 gift certificate.
 - Mark will provide voting forms, and tags/labels to clearly differentiate the Show-and-Tell table from the Challenge table.
 - Our 2nd Quarterly Challenge, due June, will be something made from scrap wood.
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops (*tentative items in italics*):**
 - Upcoming planned and proposed club meeting demos, per Alain:
 - March: Test tube flower vases w/embellishments: Donna Frazier and Gary Sanders
 - April: Spindle turning, First Cut: Tim White, Dennis Ogren, Alain Schwarz
 - May: Wooden cars and toys: Sharon Ayers
 - June: *Carving/Embellishments*: Stacy and Lee
 - 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)
 - March: Lee Craft's shop (6207 CR 2560, Royse City)/ Mini-class: Donna Frazier on turning and embellishing flower vases.
 - April: Howard Wellspring's shop / Mini-class: Alain, Tim, and Dennis on Spindle turning, First Cut.

- May: Brian Livingston's shop / Mini-class: Tom Nehl, "Holding wood on the lathe, hands-on".
 - June, Burt Andrew's shop / Mini-class TBD.
- **Miscellaneous Other Items of Business**
- At Donna Frazier's request, and with Board approval, Donna will be added to the 2024 Mentoring List.
 - Burt reported that membership now stands at 107 with 80 having paid membership dues for 2024. Per bylaws, those who have not paid dues by the end of the March meeting will be dropped from membership. As discussed in February's Board meeting, Burt provided board members (e-mailed on February 11) a full listing of attendance (both club meetings and open shops) from July 2023 through February 2024.
 - Karen Conley was scheduled to discuss mugs with the Board during this meeting. However, because she was unable to attend due to illness, this topic will be covered later.
 - A draft copy of the March newsletter was made available to the Board members several days in advance of the Board meeting. Brian requested review and comments prior to release to the membership.
 - Alain commented on the inadequacy of the Club's CBN grinding wheels for purposes of both shaping and sharpening (incorrect lower-end grit). After discussion, the existing 350-grit wheel will be replaced with a 180, resulting in a 180/600 combination. Mark volunteered to purchase the 180-grit wheel (estimated \$120, from Rockler).
 - Brian Schrader suggested that presenters be afforded adequate time for demonstrations during Club meetings. To address this concern (at least partially), though an unlimited number of Show-and-Tell items may be displayed, members will be asked to present/discuss only one item. Also, consideration was given to starting Club meetings at 6:30pm vs 7:00pm. This item TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.