

**Hunt County Woodturners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 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 HCW members in advance.

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

**Club members Attending through Zoom:** Brian Schrader\*, Ed Mastin.

[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 May 2, 2024:**

*Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes, with no changes, from the May 2, 2024, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Spencer. Motion passed.*

- **Website/Technology**

- Howard noted that only 33 of our 97 members have so far accessed the Members Only section of the website. After listing the information/documents available to us exclusively in the members-only area, Howard suggests we continue to encourage our members to apply for members-only access.
- Members who have pictures subject to consideration for website publication are encouraged to send them to Howard, Julie, or Burt.
- Our multi-year WIX premium plan was paid in June at \$649.50 through Paypal.
- Our website is currently being accessed an average of just over 200 times per month.

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

- Mark presented: 1) a Financial Statement for 2024 which included the 2024 Budget and actuals for the months of January through May; and 2) the Check Register up through end of May, 2024
  - Overall club reserves, including deposits and petty cash, come to \$36.7K.
  - May expenses were greater than income by \$810.45.
  - Primary income from May came from the monthly raffle and from apparel payments.
  - Primary expenses in May included carving class costs, storage building costs, and website hosting fees to WIX.
  - April's ending check register balance, \$9,743.95.
- Discussed current and future payments for several club activities, and approved:
  - Full-day training: \$100 per day per trainer.
  - Hosting training events: \$65 for one day; \$100 for two days.
- Approved payment to WUMC for 2024 (11 months at \$100 per month). December will be paid separately later.

- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops (*tentative items in italics*):**

- Upcoming planned and proposed club meeting demos:
  - June: Coloring/Airbrush (Lee Craft)
  - July: Basic Bowl Turning (Tim White, Dennis Ogren, Alain Schwarz)
  - Aug: TBD
  - Sept: Form and Design (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)
  - June: Burt Andrew's shop (8085 CR 2578, Royse City) / Mini-class: Various members on Jigs & Fixtures. Note: Brian Schrader will coordinate presentations immediately in advance of the class to reduce repetition and facilitate the flow. He will address this during club meeting.
  - July: Donna Frazier / Mini-class: Donna Frazier on Hollowing with a Hook tool and with the Jamieson hollowing system.
  - August: Brian Schrader / Mini-class: Brian Schrader on the Trent Bosch Hollowing System.
  - Sept: Brian Livingston / *Mini-class: Tuning your Bandsaw.*
  - Oct: Tom and Stacy Nehl / Mini-class: Tom Nehl on Form and Design.
  - November: *Lee Craft / Mini-class: Safety.*
- **Training Coordinator / Brian Schrader**
  - Quarterly Classes for the remainder of the year:
    - Removed Feature Rings from the class listing due to unavailable instructor (health reasons) and proximity to SWAT.
    - September: Brian S. will make recommendations at the next board meeting. Possibly pyrography class by Stacy Nehl.
    - November 5-6: Two-day Beginner Class
- **Miscellaneous Other Items of Business**
  - Brian has contacted Alan Fields for Facebook access details. Recognizing the importance of retaining the existing Facebook address, Alain knows an individual who may be able to assist if other avenues fail.
  - Brian suggests that the newsletter needs more news. Members will be asked for ideas, links, articles, etc. for consideration. Provide to Julie or to any board member.
  - Our Quarterly Challenge, due the June meeting, is "anything made from scrap wood."
  - Discussed the possible need of a trailer for SWAT (assuming Lee sells his and can no longer assist with this). Tom has a trailer that can be used if necessary.
  - Apparel orders will be taken up through the end of the June meeting, with delivery at our August meeting. Forms are available on the website and will be available during the June meeting.
  - Burt reported that membership now stands at 97.
  - The newsletter will include a classified section for our members only and will be restricted to non-commercial entries related to member activities. Burt will receive and coordinate submissions, then will forward them to Julie.

***The meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.***