SJFWA Board Minutes
September 17, 2025
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
1425 Draper Street, Kingsburg
6:00 PM

Call to Order – President Roger McCoy called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM.

Quorum

- Secretary Bev Gulley stated that a quorum was present: Roger McCoy, Stan Stephens, Mike Weatherson, Bob Paskwietz, Bev Gulley, George Alexander, Dave Summers, Craig Miller, Jim Gulley, Dave Hill, and Chris Grothe. David Morgan also attended as a guest.

Officer Reports

- President – Roger McCoy
  - Skill-Builder – Roger reported that 6 people plus mentors attended the first session, entitled "Getting Your Wood Flat and Square". The session went well.
  - Member update:
    - David Bryant recently passed away. His daughter has requested help with clearing his shop and also with completing several unfinished projects.
    - John Manselian (not a member but a long-time friend of the Club) died recently as well and his estate may have shop items to donate.
  - Roger updated the Board on a conversation with the President of the Ohio Woodworkers.
  - Roger had a conversation with Chuck Argo. He is interested in teaching and getting involved with the club again in the near future.

- Secretary – Bev Gulley
  - July 16, 2025 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved with the following corrections – motion by Bob Paskwietz, seconded by Dave Summers.
    - Stan Stephens requested a couple of clarifications.
      - The club cancelled the dishonesty bond because it doesn't meet our needs
      - Unpaid members are either charter or family members

- Treasurer – George Alexander
  - Financial Reports – the club is currently "in the black" for the year.
  - Membership update – we currently have 71 members.
  - Roger informed the Board that he authorized a $200 payment to speaker Jason Gallagher to offset some of his travel expenses.

- VP North – Mike Weatherson
  - 10/18/25 meeting – Mike's Shop – "loose" joinery – several presenters, plus a small silent auction.
  - 12/13/25 meeting – Holiday Social
  - 2/21/26 – TBD
  - 4/18/26 – Birdhouse Event plus "Screwology". A representative from McFeely's Screws has offered to do a Zoom presentation for us.

- VP South – Bob Paskwietz
    - 9/20/25 meeting – VTEC – Table Saw safety, blade info, dado blade set-up & use – presented by Dave Summers plus a video on the subject.
    - 11/15/25 meeting – VTEC? – techniques for edge banding; George Alexander on hinge mortising, Roger to demonstrate table saw sled for cutting box miters.
    - 1/17/26 – VTEC? -David Hill – Ukelele Part 2
    - 3/21/26 - TBD

Newsletter – Mike Weatherson

- Club T-shirts were received, and Mike is distributing them. 40 shirts were sold at $20 each. The club cleared about $200.

Website – Dave Hill

- Dave reported that he is gradually adding photos provided by Mike Weatherson to the website.

Education – Stan Stephens

- Stan discussed several possible classes for next year. He will have an interest sign-up sheet for several classes at the December meeting.

Social Media/Outreach – Kevin Gerke - absent

Old Business

- Roger reported that Fresno Ideaworks may be interested in collaborating with us. Their members are mostly new, younger woodworkers.
- Formalize Duties of Officers – Roger requested that officers continue to work on write-ups of their duties.
- Push sticks for new members – Mike Weatherson and Dave Hill will be working on this project. Mike will obtain materials and cut large sheets to usable size; Dave will use his CNC equipment to cut them out. A motion was made by Stan Stephens, seconded by Bev Gulley, to spend around $114 on materials for the first batch.
- The Board discussed monthly meeting ideas for the rest of 2025 and for 2026

New Business

- December Holiday Social
    - University Presbyterian Church has been reserved for 12/13/25
    - We agreed to invite Fresno Ideaworks woodworkers in addition to the Carvers and Turners
    - We agreed to have fairly simple refreshments, gift exchange, raffle, show & tell, and a silent auction with a small number of items. No Red Ball drawing.
    - Bev stated that she may be unavailable for the raffle. Bob Paskwietz volunteered to handle it. Several raffle items have already been donated.
    - Volunteers are needed to help with the meeting:
        - Assist Peter with refreshments
        - Set-up & clean-up
        - Coordinate gift exchange
        - Sound system with holiday music

- Election of Officers & Board Members for 2026
    - George Alexander (N) and Stan Stephens (S) volunteered to serve on a committee to put together a slate of Officers and Board Members for 2026
    - Roger asked that the slate be provided to him in time to be presented to the Board at the November Board meeting. The slate will then be presented to the full membership at the November monthly meeting & voted on at the December monthly meeting
- Discussion of Building Fund
    - Background on establishment – Roger gave a thorough presentation on the history of the Building Fund. The fund has now grown to about $48,000.
    - After discussion, the Board agreed to continue the Building Fund as it is, and not to dip into it for routine expenses. Instead, we will keep it available for an emergency or a dedicated building opportunity.
- Annual Dues –The dues have been $35 for nearly 10 years. Bob Paskwietz made a motion to raise the dues to $40, George Alexander seconded the motion. Note that this amount will not entirely cover our fixed expenses; we will need to rely on donations and fund-raising for the remainder.

Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM with a motion by Dave Summers, seconded by Craig Miller.