SJFWA Board Minutes
January 15, 2025
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
1425 Draper Street, Kingsburg
6:00 PM

Call to Order

Secretary Bev Gulley stated that a quorum was present: Roger McCoy, Mike Weatherson, Bob Paskwietz, Bev Gulley, George Alexander, Kevin Gerke, Bob Cravy, Dave Summers, Craig Miller, Jim Gulley, Dave Hill, Chris Grothe

Officer Reports

- President – Roger
    - Feedback on December 14th meeting (Holiday Social)
        - The venue was good, and we should continue to use it.
        - Raffles should continue, but perhaps raffle + silent auction + special item raffle is too much.
        - Sound system (music) – worked fine. Use of a microphone made it easy to hear, and the background music was welcome.
        - Silent Auction – we sold everything. Members of other clubs bought items that were of limited interest to our members.
        - How do we improve participation in Show & Tell? Try to find a way to "show and tell" handmade gifts.
        - Including other Clubs is a good idea and should be continued.

- Secretary – Bev (Rick)
    - The November 13, 2024 meeting minutes were approved as distributed. Motion by Bob Paskwietz, seconded by Craig Miller.

- Treasurer – George
    - Financial Reports were briefly reviewed. We ended 2024 more than $3000 better than budgeted.
    - The Lie Nielson plane raffle raised $535, much more than we would likely have gotten from auction.
    - Annual transfer of $4,000 in excess funds to Building Fund was discussed. The Building Fund balance is now about $46,000.
    - Bank of America will soon begin charging $30 each month for our account. It was the consensus of the Board that the Treasurer should find a different bank where there are no fees. The only additional task will be to change the bank used by PayPal.

- VP North – Mike
    - Mike briefed the Board on the meeting with Keith Newton. This could be a potential meeting and presentation in the future.
    - 2/15/25 meeting – Roger's Shop –Dave Hill (Ukelele build). Dave would like to have the projector available for PowerPoint.
    - 4/19/25 meeting – Mike's Shop – Birdhouse and Bird Feeder Fund raiser for the Animal Compassion Team
    - 8/16/25 meeting – Roger's Shop – Bandsaw Part 1?
    - 10/18/25 meeting – to be determined
    - 12/13/25 or 12/20/25 meeting – Holiday Social
    - NOTE: Bob Paskwietz would like to present a "teaser" for his veneer class at either the February or April meeting.

- VP South – Bob P.
    - 1/18/25 meeting – VTEC - Shellac demo & hands-on exercise (Bob & Roger)
    - 3/15/25 meeting – VTEC – Table saw set-up, safety & blade selection (Stan)
    - 7/19/25 meeting – Tentatively Stan Stephens on Joinery
    - 9/20/25 meeting – possibly Sandpaper and sanding techniques
    - 11/15/25 meeting - possibly hinges and hinge mortises

Newsletter - Mike
- Mike has been getting some help writing articles, and could always use more.

Website – Dave
- Status of changes/updates to website
    - The Toy Area no longer shows up on the website. The data has been stored for possible future use.
    - The Sponsor list has been cleaned up. We agreed to list any company that either gives a discount or displays our Newsletter.

Education – Stan (reported by Roger)
- Feedback at December Social via interest sign-up sheets
    - Roger reported that quite a few members and guests expressed interest in various classes. He will set out the sheets again at the January general meeting.
    - A Bandsaw Box class has been scheduled in May.

Social Media/Outreach - Kevin
- Use of Tulare Western for community workshops – Kevin is starting a series of community classes to be held in the Tulare Western shop. He has the first one under control, but he may request club member participation for future class.
- Roger wants to have an outreach table at a future Old Town Clovis event. He stated that he occasionally receives queries due to people finding our website.

Old Business

- Update on Fresno Ideaworks contact – none – Roger will contact them again.
- Formalize Duties of Officers - Roger asked each officer to document their responsibilities to help their future replacements.
- Push sticks for new members – Mike is still talking to Woodshed about CNC cutting. If that doesn't work out, he may ask members to make them.

- Monthly Meeting Ideas
    - Need to complete 2025 meeting topics & presenters
        - Building & using shooting boards - maybe at VTEC in July?
        - Hinge mortises – jigs & types of hinges
        - Sandpaper & sanding techniques
        - How to use a marking gauge
        - Inlay
        - Joinery
        - Files & rasps

New Business - None

Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM with a motion by Dave Hill, seconded by Dave Summers.