# SJFWA Board Minutes
# July 16, 2025
# Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
# 1425 Draper Street, Kingsburg
# 6:00 PM

**Call to Order –** President Roger McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Quorum**

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

**Officer Reports**

- President – Roger
  - We cancelled our CNA Surety Bond because it didn't meet our needs.
  - Roger made a presentation to SIR, his retiree group. He discussed tools, projects, and what SJFWA does. He hasn't received any queries for further information, but the presentation went well.

- Secretary – Bev
  - May 14, 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

- Treasurer – George
  - Financial Reports
    - Status at 6 months – we are in good standing with some line items under, others over. We have received relatively few contributions so far this year.
  - Membership update – we currently have 63 paid members and 7 charter and family members.
  - We should discuss a membership fee increase when we meet in September.

- VP North – Mike
  - 8/16/25 meeting – Roger's Shop – Jason Gallagher (Auburn chairmaker) & silent auction
  - 10/18/25 meeting – Mike's Shop – options including hinges were discussed but not finalized
  - 12/13/25 or 12/20/25 meeting – Holiday Social
  - 2/21/26 -

- VP South – Bob P.
  - 7/19/25 meeting – VTEC - David Daniels (Absolution Woodworks) + Dave Hill – Router Plane Demo
  - 9/20/25 meeting – VTEC - David Hill – Ukelele Part 2
  - 11/15/25 meeting – Dave Summers – dado blades; Mike Pekovich video on table saw safety

- 1/17/26 -

**Newsletter –** Mike Weatherson

- The May/June Newsletter was skipped because we had no meetings; July/August was published a bit early.
- Club T-shirts – George Alexander reported having orders for about 15 so far. The minimum to place an order is 24.
- Stan Stephens moved, Dave Summers seconded that the Club may buy a few T-shirts for gifts/incentive prizes. The motion was approved. This will move us toward the purchase minimum.

**Website** – Dave Hill

- Mike Weatherson loaned a file containing pictures from summer classes from which Dave can choose some to upload to the website.
- After brief discussion, all agreed that Dave should remove the "For Sale" tab from the website. It has seldom been used. Roger is open to occasional mass email offering items for sale to the general membership.

**Education** – Stan Stephens

- Feedback on completed classes – 23 people took part in the Spring classes. Class sizes varied but were appropriate for each subject.
- Amendment to Class Registration & Policies – members who wish to sign up less than 2 weeks prior to the class date must first obtain permission of the instructor.
- Roger displayed a new liability Release Form for classes based on one he saw at a workshop he attended. It will be required for all classes.
- Roger suggested a series of "skill building" classes – relatively brief and novice–level.
- Stan Stephens presented ideas for 2026 classes. Once we refine the list (instructors/facilities) he will have an interest list at the December meeting.
    - Basic box making, probably a four-session class
        a. This could be done without the use of power tools for the demo
        b. Use Doug Stowe's book as a class syllabus. He has Richard's syllabus but Doug Stowe's book is better.
    - Making cabinets and drawers. I think Mike and I (Stan) are willing to lead this class. More of an instructional than hands on class.
    - Marquetry – Bob P. (small classes in his shop)
    - Pen turning class (Craig/Stan) would need location and lathes.
    - Making a spokeshave (Roger/George)
    - Making and using string inlay (maybe Chris). This could be part of a meeting instead
    - Cutting board – see if David Daniels would be willing to teach a class (paid)
    - Making a table from a board

**Social Media/Outreach – Kevin**

- In Kevin's absence, Roger reported that the Tulare Western Shop situation has not changed. Their policy is to allow NO outside use of school facilities throughout the district.

**Old Business**

- Update on Fresno Ideaworks contact – nothing of consequence.
- Roger requested that all officers write up what they actually do within the office. This will improve turnover to newly elected officers.
- Push sticks for new members – Mike Weatherson has been exploring options for having them cut by an outside service. Dave Hill stated that he could produce the relatively small number of push sticks needed using his CNC equipment, and member volunteers could do the finish work. Further discussion planned for September.
- Monthly Meeting Ideas
    - Hinge mortises – jigs & types of hinges – as part of October meeting – George Alexander
    - Joinery
        - Tips & tricks for using the biscuit jointer
        - Other joinery techniques with different presenters
    - October and November topics were discussed; see the first page.

- Meeting topics to consider later
    - Building & using shooting boards
    - Sandpaper & sanding techniques
    - How to use a marking gauge
    - Inlay
    - Files & rasps
    - Screwology – all about wood screws & how to use them
    - Steam bending wood with a steam box
    - Miter saws
    - Cutting circles
    - Glue-up tips and techniques
    - Circular saw blades
    - Finish spray systems; finishes in general including milk paint
    - Jig for setting up dado blade for tablesaw
    - Dealing with rust in the shop

**New Business**

- December Holiday Social
    - Do we want to use the same venue? – Yes, if available.
    - Discuss any changes to format (refreshments, gift exchange, raffle, show & tell, etc.) – no changes, but limit the number of raffle and silent auction items.
    - Volunteers to help with the meeting – Bev Gulley agreed to run the raffle again, with items including a nifty cribbage board donated by Al Sindlinger and a band saw box by Roger.
- Other new business? - none

**Adjourn –** the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM with a motion from Stan Stephens and seconded by George Alexander.