

**SJFWA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 18, 2023**  
**Sun Hong Kong Restaurant**  
**1425 Draper Street, Kingsburg**  
**6:00 PM**

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

**Quorum**

- Secretary Bev Gulley stated that a quorum was present: Roger McCoy, Stan Stephens, Bob Paskwietz, Bev Gulley, George Alexander, Kevin Gerke, Bob Cravy, Dave Summers, Craig Miller, Jim Gulley and Dave Hill. Chris Grothe and Mike Weatherson were unable to attend.

**Officer Reports**

- President– No specific report was made. See Old and New Business below.
- Secretary –Bev Gulley
  - November 2022 meeting minutes were approved. A motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made by Stan Stephens, seconded by Craig Miller, and approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer– George Alexander
  - Updated membership badges were distributed as needed.
  - Financial Reports(attached) were reviewed. Assets total \$35,826.18.
  - Status of 2023 dues paid – 34 members have paid 2023 dues so far, many online.
- VP North – Presented by Roger McCoy in MikeWeatherson’s absence
  - February meeting will be held at Roger McCoy’s shop. Topics will likely include resawing, book joining, and shop-made veneer. Silent Auction items will be available for sale.
  - April meeting – at Mike Weatherson’s shop. Likely topics - table saw dovetail joints, fuming wood, the bird house competition
- VP South – Bob Paskwietz
  - January meeting to be held at Roger McCoy’s shop. Topic – introduction to veneering; hands-on cutting and joining practice. Silent Auction items from Tom Tucker’s estate will be available.
  - March meeting – possible topics include sharpening tools, preparation and use of card scrapers.

**Newsletter Editor**–KevinGerke

- Status of transfer of duties from Mike to Kevin – transition is still in the works; in the meantime, Kevin will take pictures at the upcoming meeting(s).
- Deadline for submission of articles for next newsletter – Roger requested that Kevin inform him of the deadlines once he is aware of them.

## **Website – Jim Gulley**

- Status of website changes – Roger and Jim need to sit down together and go through the website to identify changes.
- Jim stated that the website is very lightly used by members. However, Roger and Stan have gotten several calls from interested non-members.

## **Education**

- Stan Stephens volunteered to the Education Committee Chair. He needs additional interested members to really get our education program back up and running.
- Discuss ideas for classes for May and/or June. Suggestions include: shaker boxes, sharpening (demo plus hands-on), boxes, making a hand plane, general beginner class.

## **Toy Program**

- Discussion of status of program & goals for 2023. The first step must be putting together a committee of interested people. Then, they need to determine what sort of toys will be suitable and to whom they will be given so that they will truly be enjoyed.
- We need to seek a mill connection or some similar way of acquiring some of the wood we will need for toy construction.

## **Old Business**

- The proposed slate of officers was voted on and approved at the December 2022 meeting.

### **Officers**

President – Roger McCoy

Past President – Stan Stephens

Vice-President (North) – Mike Weatherson

Vice-President (South) – Bob Paskwietz

Secretary – Bev Gulley

Treasurer – George Alexander

Newsletter Editor – Kevin Gerke

### **Directors**

North at Large – Jim Gulley, Dave Hill, Chris Grothe

South at Large – Dave Summers, Bob Cravy, Craig Miller

- December Social
  - Do we want to continue the December Social? – yes!
  - Do we want to use the same location? – the location worked well, and our group was welcomed.
  - How do we improve “show & tell” participation? Some thoughts – we need to encourage members that ALL levels of work are interesting. Even projects that didn’t quite work out or are stuck can be interesting – how could I fix this? What did I learn from this?

- Any suggestions on how to improve the Social? Possibly more of a brunch?  
Continue to invite the turners and carvers.
- Status of Tulare Western Shop – Kevin Gerke - the principal doesn't want it used until all the equipment has been tuned up etc. Waiting for Ideal Saw Works. Kevin to talk to ISW regarding their timetable. South meetings are difficult to plan until this is resolved.
- Investing Building Fund – Roger McCoy – Roger's financial adviser has offered to invest our relatively small amount of money for free, as a courtesy. Options are:
  - JP Morgan Money Market (currently 4.25%, liquid)
  - CD 1 year term (currently about 4.5% less \$25 transaction fee; not liquid)
  - Treasury Note (currently about 4.5% less \$25 transaction fee; liquid but not at fixed value).
 George Alexander moved that we shift \$25,000 to a Treasury Note. Craig Miller seconded, and the transfer was approved by voice vote.
- Video library – Bob Paskwietz will keep it for now, and bring it to meetings. Offerings are listed on the website. It was noted that many new laptops don't have a DVD drive and thus cannot play the videos.

### **New Business**

- 2022 Audit of the Treasurer's Records – Roger has written audit guidelines for us to follow, as well as a sample letter of results. Mike Weatherson will do the 2022 audit.
- Should we have a Board meeting in May? Yes – it will be May 17.
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SJFWA – Should we commemorate it?
  - Maybe a cake at the December Social? Urge remaining charter members to attend.
  - Explore options for logo items –with or without the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme. Roger, Kevin, and Dave Hill will check out some options.
- Discussion of possible outreach ideas for new members – Roger
  - Roger is working on some ideas but wants the website updated first. He mentioned speaking to some local service clubs.
  - Need a new SJFWA sign or banner for public appearances
  - We need to upgrade and maintain our Facebook page.
- Monthly Meetings for July –December Ideas include:
  - Card scrapers and other scrapers
  - Fixing mistakes – requesting participation from all
  - Sharpening – class, meeting, or both
  - Loose Tenon Joinery

**Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned around 8 PM with a motion from Stan Stephens, second from Dave Summers, and approval of all.