SJFWA Board Minutes
March 13, 2024
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
1425 Draper Street, Kingsburg
6:00 PM

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:10PM by President Roger McCoy.

Quorum
- Secretary Bev Gulley stated that a quorum was present: Roger McCoy, Stan Stephens, Mike Weatherson, Bob Paskwietz, Bev Gulley, George Alexander, Kevin Gerke, Bob Cravy, Craig Miller, Jim Gulley, Chris Grothe

Officer Reports
- President– Roger
    - Update on Widow Assistance Community Service – Kristi Carlson has sold several big-ticket items with pricing input from Roger; additional items were taken by Chuck Argo on consignment. She will have a sale sometime in April.
    - New member – Ric Martinelli – Roger and Mike Weatherson visited his shop in Madera. He has considerable experience with veneer and refinishing, is willing to teach, and offered to host a meeting in his shop.

- Secretary –Bev Gulley
    - January 17, 2024 meeting minutes were approved, with a motion from Stan Stephens and second by Craig Miller.

- Treasurer– George Alexander
    - Financial Reports were reviewed, and it was noted that we received $1,404 from veneer sales.
    - Update on Membership Dues – 50 members have paid for 2024 or are Charter members. Remaining members will be alerted and dropped next month if they do not pay.

- VP North – Mike Weatherson
    - April 20th meetingwill be at Mike's shop. Topics - working w/laminate & Bird House Contest. Veneer will also be available for purchase.
    - August 17thmeeting will be at Roger's shop. Topic - hand planes – types of planes and how they are used, identifying old planes, restoring and maintaining.
    - October 19th meeting will be at Mike's shop. Topics - 2 x 4 contest; building & installing drawers & guides. Roger has put together a set of rules for the 2x4 contest and they will soon be published.
    - December 21st meeting (Holiday Social)

- VP South – Bob Paskwietz
    - March 16th meeting – Visalia Veteran's Building. Topic – Router Series 3 - hand-held routing (Roger); using a vacuum hold-down (Stan); router jigs (Mike)
    - July 20th meeting (TBD) / September 21st meeting (TBD) – one of these may be at Ric Martinelli's shop with a presentation by Ric
    - November 16th meeting (TBD) – suggestions include wood toxicity; shooting boards; bench dogs.

Newsletter –Mike Weatherson

- March/April newsletter – Mike passed out several copies to those attending.
- Mike is getting a few more acrylic display stands, and wants to place Newsletter copies at a few more places.
- Update on help with writing meeting articles – several members have written articles and meeting reports, which was much appreciated. Mike would like that to continue.

Website – Jim Gulley

- Status of changes/updates to website – he has been working on changes to the website to support different class costs. Progress has been slow because the PayPal software has changed.
- Training Dave Hill as backup – Jim hopes to meet with him before the end of the month.

Education- Stan

- 2024 Class Schedule
    - Build a Krenov-style Wooden Hand Plane (May 25-26, 2024)
    - Veneering (TBD) - likely May 11 or June 1.
    - Shaker Oval Box (TBD)
- Classes for Discussion
    - Build a Bandsaw Box – need an instructor and location – Roger has materials from the previous class.
    - Box-building Classes – Roger suggests that this would be a good starter class for new members.
    - Using Hand Tools Classes – many members don't know much about use and maintenance of chisels, block planes, spoke shaves etc.

Social Media/Outreach- Kevin Gerke

- Working with a student, he has set up a Club Instagram page. Could post pictures and videos.

Old Business

- Monthly Meeting Ideas
    - Need suggestions for July, September &November 2024 meeting ideas & presenters
        - Building & using shooting boards
        - Building drawers – October meeting?
        - Series on band saws – several sessions similar to router series?
        - Inlay

        - Visit mill near Zanini's – at next meeting, get a sense of whether enough members would make the trip.
        - Ric Martinelli's shop (would need to be in Madera)
        - Finishing
- Gift incentives for show & tell – Roger has some books and gift certificates; wants to keep it simple.

New Business

- Discussion on SJFWA involvement in teaching woodworking to kids
    - Brett Mason request – he is building a neighborhood shop and wants to teach hand woodworking skills to Junior and High School kids. He is looking for donated tools and maybe wood. Roger will put out a request for tools, but the Board agreed that we should see how the classes progress before considering further involvement.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM with a motion from Stan Stephens seconded by Craig Miller