SJFWA Board Minutes
May 15, 2024
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
1425 Draper Street, Kingsburg
6:00 PM

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:49 PM by President Roger McCoy.

Quorum

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

Officer Reports

- President– Roger
  - Update on Widow Assistance Community Service – Several members spent about 4 hours on 5/11/24 organizing items for a sale to be conducted on 5/18/24 at Kristi Carlson's house to sell her husband's tools. Members of the SJFWA, Sequoia Turners and the local carving groups have been invited to the sale.

- Secretary –Roger McCoy in Bev Gulley's Absence
  - March 13, 2024 meeting minutes were approved, with a motion from Stan Stephens and second by Bob Paskwietz.

- Treasurer– George Alexander
  - Financial Reports were presented with no questions.
  - Update on Membership Dues – There are currently 67 members.
  - Update on Veneer Sales – Veneer sales at the February and April monthly meetings have generated $2,365. The remaining veneer will be offered at silent auction at the August monthly meeting.

- VP North – Mike Weatherson
  - July 20th meeting will be at Ric Martinelli's shop in Madera. Ric will discuss his work, techniques and finishing methods.
  - 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.
  - December 21st meeting (Holiday Social)
- VP South – Bob Paskwietz
  - September 21stmeeting – Location TBD. Topic – Matt Dillon talk on wood toxicity, discussion on respirators & masks, and a short presentation on a finish.
  - November 16th meeting– Location and topics are still under consideration.

Newsletter –Mike Weatherson

- May/June newsletter – Mike passed out several copies to those attending.
- Update on help with writing meeting articles – Mike indicated he has several members who have offered to write articles and he will get them more involved.

Website – Dave Hill in Jim Gulley's Absence

- Status of changes/updates to website – Dave hopes to be able to work on the proposed changes soon.
- Training Dave Hill as backup – Dave indicated he is feeling more comfortable with updating the web site.

Education- Stan

- Feedback on May 4th Marquetry Class – Very positive feedback from students.
- Classes Scheduled
    - Build a Krenov-style Wooden Hand Plane (May 25-26, 2024)
    - Bandsaw Box – possibly before Christmas
- Classes for Discussion – Board discussed possible future classes, locations, and instructors. Classes discussed included basic box-building, veneering, beginning scrollsaw, and making a spokeshave.

Social Media/Outreach- Roger McCoy in Kevin Gerke's Absence

- There was a discussion about taking advantage of free ad space in wood working magazines to make people aware of the SJFWA. Roger stated he will follow-up on this with Kevin.

Old Business

- Monthly Meeting Ideas
    - There was a discussion about meeting locations, topics and presenters for the September and November monthly meetings and several ideas shared. Bob and Stan will work out the details of these ideas.
- Brett Mason's request for tools for his Neighborhood Woodworking School – Roger gave an update and stated several members have donated tools to Brett.

New Business

- Discussion on Birdhouse Contest
    - Mike reported that birdhouses donated to The Animal Compassion Team raised $750 at auction for their non-profit organization.
    - There was a discussion about whether or not to continue the birdhouse contest and if there should be any format changes. It was the consensus of the Board that we should continue with the event, but discontinue the "contest" aspect. In the future, the emphasis of the event will be on the community service aspect with all entries participating in a "show & tell" only.

- Discussion on December Social Meeting
    - Location – It was the consensus of the Board to hold the December Social Meeting at the University Presbyterian Church banquet room if available. Roger will contact the church later in the year to determine availability.
    - Format – It was the consensus of the Board to keep the format of the meeting generally the same as 2023.
    - Inclusion of Other Clubs – It was the consensus of the Board to continue to invite the Sequoia Wood Turners and the local carving groups to the meeting.
    - Refreshments – It was agreed that refreshments for this meeting would be similar to a regular monthly meeting.

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:17PM with a motion from Stan Stephens seconded by Chris Grothe.