

San Joaquin Fine Workers Association
Minutes for January 15, 2014
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant, Kingsburg, California

David Dunlap opened the meeting at 6:00

Bev Gulley declared that a quorum was present.

Board members present: David Dunlap, Murray Barry, Bob Cravy, Bev Gulley, Richard Pierce, Mike Weatherson, Glen Gray, George Alexander, Dale Dorfmeier (by phone), Mike Cunningham, Al Sindlinger, Bob Paskweitz, Kevin Gerke, Dave Summers.

Member guests: Pat Connolly, Stan Stephens, John Harkless, Jim Gulley

David Dunlap asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes of the last meeting as published in the Newsletter. Al Sindlinger reported that his name was mis-spelled. Mike Cunningham made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2013 Board Meeting as amended, Kevin Gerke seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

Officer Reports

President: David Dunlap noted that he will run Board meetings in a casual but orderly style, with plenty of participation from Board members. He will take a flexible approach to rules of order. We reviewed the Vision Statement, with emphasis on goals for the coming year:

1. Annually review our organization structure and methods to keep it compatible with the best possible performance.
2. Regularly review our program of educational courses to adjust it to the needs of our current and future members and young students who will one day be the repository of knowledge and competence in the craft of artisan fine woodworking.
3. Develop and implement plans for an annual show of fine woodworking, for both our members and other woodworkers who wish to display the results of their own fine woodworking.
4. Annually review the toys we make, how they are distributed, and the “play value” and “educational value” to the children who are presented with them, and regularly examine the teaching-learning of members of the Association involved in producing those toys.
5. Seek to have an Association dedicated shop in which we can teach, work, and learn.
6. Develop a culture of good practices in use of resources, always seeking to enhance our performance as we work toward our stated goals.

No objections were raised to any of these goals.

David then introduced John Harkless, our Toy Coordinator, and Jim Gulley, our Website Manager. These new positions have been established in order to improve fiscal control and to provide a single point person for these important functions.

Secretary: Bev Gulley accepted the additional responsibility of maintaining membership data, and will coordinate with the Treasurer, who will continue to receive membership applications each year.

Treasurer: Richard Pierce summarized the year-end 2013 Budget Report and stated that the club is in good financial shape. Although the toy budget was overrun, additional income more than compensated. Richard also confirmed that he will prepare an interim Budget Report for each Board Meeting so that we can see how we are doing.

The books were closed and audited before all bills for 2013 had arrived, but they have since been handled. The audit report stated that the end of year checkbook balance is \$18,805; the emergency fund saving account is \$2,500.83, and the eBay account balance is \$232.75.

Richard emphasized that he will not issue checks that will overrun a budget item without Board approval.

Motion: No Officer, Board Member, or club member is authorized to spend or commit to spend any amount of money that would exceed the approved budgeted amount for any line item in the budget without Board approval except in the following scenario: The President may authorize exceeding a line item budget amount by 10% after receiving a written request and justification for the expense. The President's exercise of such authority will be disclosed and explained at the next Board meeting.

Motion made by Murray Barry, seconded by Richard Pierce, passed by voice vote.

VP South: Bob Cravy reported that the January Club Meeting will be held at Tulare Western. Ron Zanini will discuss and demonstrate an Alaskan sawmill, and David Dunlap will update the members on our plans for the year. All remaining meetings for the year are likely to be held at Tulare Western as well.

VP North: Murray Barry has identified locations for the next four meetings, and is working on the remainder. The February meeting will be at Dick Powell's place. Jim Gulley will give a presentation on the Toy Compliance and Quality Assurance programs, complete with a live drop test. A later meeting will be held at Saroyan's Lumber and will likely focus on rare woods. In addition, Murray would like to occasionally show pertinent DVDs as part of a program. He will coordinate with Kevin Gerke to borrow and set up equipment when needed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Toy Coordinator: John Harkless reported that his first step will be to gather a comprehensive inventory of parts on hand, as well as a count of any completed or partially completed toys remaining from 2013 toy production.

Website Manager: Jim Gulley and David Dunlap have met with website developer TLC and received a bid of \$2400 to completely rebuild the website to meet our current needs. This will cover the initial development plus two future revisions. Additional work, if needed, would be billed at \$50/hour. The new website will be constructed using a widely available website construction environment, which will enhance our future ability to maintain and revise it. Once the website is in place, Jim will handle routine updates to content.

Motion: Moved that the Board approve the expenditure of up to \$2,400 for the complete redesign of the website which will integrate our website, Facebook, eBay Store, and Donate button into one fully functional and more user-friendly site.

Motion made by Jim Gulley and seconded by Glen Gray, passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

David Dunlap expressed a desire to designate a purpose for part of the growing funds in our Treasury checking account. We need to establish a reason for our continuing fund raising efforts.

Motion: Moved that we establish a Building and Equipment Fund to be used for a permanent clubhouse and shop facility and the associated equipment. The funds will be held in the club's existing account but will be tracked separately and will start with \$7,500 to be ear marked immediately.

Motion made by Kevin Gerke, seconded by Glen Gray, passed by show of hands with 9 aye, 3 opposed.

Dave Summers proposed that, after South meetings at Tulare Western, an optional catered lunch be served. He will distribute a menu in advance and reservations will be required. The price would be a fixed amount, perhaps \$15 per person, with any excess over cost being donated to the club treasury. He will pilot this at the March meeting.

George Alexander volunteered to be in charge of club "stuff".

David Dunlap proposed that, since he had many additional ideas to discuss with the Board, an additional meeting be scheduled on February 12. The Board agreed; the meeting will be held at 6 PM at Sun Hong Kong as usual.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50.