

San Joaquin Fine Workers Association  
Minutes for February 12, 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, Dale Dorfmeier, Mike Cunningham, Al Sindlinger, Bob Paskweitz, Kevin Gerke, Dave Summers.

Member guests: Jim Gulley

David Dunlap asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes of the last meeting as published via email. Mike Cunningham made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2014 Board Meeting as written, Murray Barry seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President:**

David Dunlap pointed out that many members have not yet paid 2014 dues, and asked the Board members to check their own records and also to encourage others to do so.

David asked if Board members have had an opportunity to look at the new website, which was up and running less than a month after development was approved in January. Most have seen it.

He has asked VP's Bob and Murray to consider protocols that will insure safety at our monthly meetings and avoid any unexpected/inappropriate situations. For example, we should be very wary of live demonstrations of potentially dangerous tools.

Longtime member Ray Schaad recently passed away. His family has generously offered SJFWA his workshop contents. David will collect and organize the donated items, which will later be made available for sale to the membership.

**Secretary:** Bev Gulley reported that the new Member Roster database is up and running, with rudimentary data available on the new website, comparable to before. The ongoing advantage is that, once information is added or modified, it is immediately available to all authorized viewers. Our next phase of development will provide specialized access to the President, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor, as well as additional capabilities for the Membership Secretary.

**Treasurer:** Richard Pierce presented the January Treasurer's report. It was noted that the 2014 budget had not been formally approved by the Board (see Old Business, below). He also stated his strong preference for checks rather than cash, as they provide an audit trail.

He will be meeting with former treasurer Stan Stephens regarding State reporting requirements.

Richard plans to redesign the Treasurer's accounting software reports.

**VP South:** Bob Cravy reported

- March meeting will focus on special-purpose jigs and similar tools
- May meeting will feature Ron Zanini, who will discuss how to identify various woods, and how they will finish. He will also tie in “wood toxicity” information
- July meeting – Ken Kenoyer and Stan Stephens will talk about turning

Dave Summers will begin offering an optional luncheon following the March meeting. He needs RSVP in order to know how much food to prepare, and the Board agreed that pre-payment is desirable. Richard Pierce agreed to collect reservations and money at the February meeting, and Bev Gulley will assist as needed. David Dunlap will send out a mass email to inform the membership of this new offering.

**VP North:** Murray Barry reported

- 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.
- April meeting will be at Mike Weatherson’s shop and will focus on installing doors with European hardware.
- June meeting is still being firmed up.
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**Newsletter Editor:** Mike Weatherson questioned whether the Minutes really need to be included in each Newsletter. This is especially an issue for the March edition, which would have two sets of Minutes. The Board agreed that, for March, David Dunlap will email Minutes to all members. Jim Gulley was asked to explore providing a repository for Minutes on the new Website.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Education:** Chris Grothe / Richard Pierce

Richard reported that the recently started Power Tool class has 17 people enrolled, including several new club members. The new members seem committed, and are acquiring shop tools. He charged \$75 for this class, enough to provide wood for sleds and practice boxes, and this is working out really well.

**Website Manager:** Jim Gulley reported that the new website is up and running, with all the basic functions of the old website plus a new member database! Immediately after the last Board meeting, we met with a different developer, Joel Hatcher, who was much less expensive and was able to begin work immediately. Initial development cost \$500 rather than \$2400 as anticipated. Coming in so far under budget should allow us to develop a number of enhanced features, including membership queries.

**Toys:** Dave Dunlap reported that John Harkless is still working on his inventory of toy components. We have quite a lot of documented inventory but are still looking for more responses. We should try to use inventory on hand this year before buying additional items.

**OLD BUSINESS**

As noted earlier, the Board had not yet approved the 2014 Budget. Since the draft budget was presented in November, several additional potential expenses have come up. In

addition, we agreed that website development and maintenance should be included in the budget.

**Motion:**

**Approve the 2014 Budget that was presented at the November Board meeting with the following modifications:**

- 1. Under Communications, add \$1500, giving a total of \$4500, earmarked for development and maintenance of the new website. This amount will include, but not be limited to, initial development and providing needed query and extract functions.**
- 2. Under Administration, add \$300, giving a total of \$3900. The additional amount is for Hatcher Designs to develop a software program capable of efficiently tracking treasurer activities including deposits, expenditures and reporting. The development will be supervised by Treasurer Richard Pierce.**
- 3. Approve the Juried Show Recap and Plan for 2014, and revise the expense budget to \$850.**

The motion was made by Mike Cunningham and seconded by Kevin Gerke. It was passed by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05.