SJFWA Board Minutes

January 14, 2026
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
1425 Draper Street, Kingsburg

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM

Quorum: Secretary Brett Mason stated that a quorum was present: Roger McCoy, Mike Weatherson, Bob Paskwietz, George Alexander, Stan Stephens, Dave Summers, Dave Hill, David Morgan, Craig Miller, Bob Cravy, Chris Grothe, & Brett Mason

Officer Reports:

- **President** – Roger McCoy
  - Skill Builder session on block planes will be held on 1/31/26 at Roger's shop with another one on sharpening potentially in March
  - Several new members have submitted applications, and Roger is in contact with them to get them onboard into the club
  - Update on John Manselian's estate, potential donation after the sale of property
  - Roger asked for feedback on the December meeting. Feedback was positive and no changes were suggested
  - Discussion of having a booth or sharing a booth with the woodturners club at Downtown Clovis events as a way to advertise the club

- **Secretary** – Brett Mason
  - **Motion was made by Stan Stephens to accept the Minutes from the November 12, 2025 Board Meeting, seconded by Bob Paskwietz**

- **Treasurer** - George Alexander
  - Financial Reports were presented and discussed
  - 75 members currently enrolled, but only 30 are current with 2026 annual dues
  - Dave Hill suggested holding an auction of member-donated items to raise money for the Club, Roger stated that this has been done before and would be a good idea as the previous materiel used in auctions is dwindling

- **VP North** – Mike Weatherson
    - 2/21/26 Meeting – Roger's shop – Presentations still under consideration. George Alexander may do a demo of his Stanley No. 80 cabinet scraper and Bob Paskwietz may do a card scraper demo
    - 4/18/26 Meeting - Birdhouse event and may include a Zoom presentation from a fastener manufacturer on "screwology"
    - Roger discussed trying to have a consistent rhythm of a hand tool topic, a power tool topic, and a finishing or "other" topic at each meeting

VP South – Bob Paskwietz
- 1/17/26 Meeting – VTEC - Dave Hill is doing the second part of his ukulele presentation
- 3/21/26 Meeting – VTEC - Kelli Parker & Bob Paskwietz presentation on how laser engravers can be used, such as cutting out parts for marquetry or other projects using a laser instead of a scrollsaw
- 7/18/26 Meeting – Location TBD - Dave Summers may do a presentation of pattern-making used in casting metal objects

Newsletter – Mike Weatherson
- Mike shared with the Board a sample newsletter prepared by Rick Monroe which he is willing to do as an alternative to paying $2,000 per year for the newsletter to be put together by an outside vendor. This would mean the Club would no longer print 50 hard copies for distribution. Roger brought up that the largest line item in the Club's budget is paying a graphic designer to design and print the newsletter. He suggested it may be time to shift to a digital-only newsletter using Rick Monroe's services and using the Club's 3-fold brochure for outreach instead of the printed newsletters.
- **Motion was made by Stan Stephens to discontinue the print newsletter and to move to a digital-only product prepared in-house, seconded by David Morgan**

Old Business:
- Formalize Duties of Officers - position descriptions are in-progress, Roger gave an example of what should be contained in each
- Push Sticks for New Members - The club has 18-20 members worth of push sticks, Dave Hill has material to CNC more of them as needed

New Business:

- Bench Buddies -there was a discussion about designating members of the club that can be resources to other members on various topics as issues come up, no decision was made on the topic but most members seemed to agree that a North and a South coordinator would be warranted to direct questions to the most knowledgeable members
- Meeting Locations
  - Bob Paskwietz has been working with someone at the Tulare Library to coordinate a meeting space for classes or meetings
  - Discussion of doing a shop hop through the more rural and out-of-the-way shops in the Valley
  - Roger is looking for someone with connections to the local carpenters' union, as other clubs have had success using their facilities for shop space and meetings
- Meeting topics – there was a discussion about possible topics and presenters for future monthly meetings

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM, with a motion made by Stan Stephens and seconded by Dave Summers