

Georgia Association of Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
July 2013

President Mark Sillay called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM, July 18, 2013. Present were: Board members Mark Sillay, Wes Jones, Steve Pritchard, and Kevin Wood as well as Symposium Chairman, Jim Hardy.

Mark Sillay initiated a discussion of awarding a woodturning related scholarship to a Georgia Tech student. Scholarship would be channeled through Tripp. It would be an opportunity for the club to say thanks to Georgia Tech for hosting our club meetings at no cost as well as fulfilling our need for public education actions. No final decision was reached.

Mark Sillay presented the minutes of the June meeting for approval. Wes Jones made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented. Kevin Wood seconded. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Wes Jones made a motion that the 50% subsidy of club member hands-on fees come from the scholarship fund instead of from the general fund as has been the practice in the past and that we make this retroactive to January 1, 2013. After discussion, Kevin Wood seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Wes Jones presented the treasurer's report for approval. Steve Pritchard made a motion that the report be approved as presented. Kevin Wood seconded. Vote: all in favor.

Mark Sillay updated the board on future demonstrators:

August:	Harvey Meyer
September:	Stewart Mortimer
October:	Dixie Biggs
November:	Open
December:	Club Party
January:	Chris Ramsay
April:	Alan Carter

Jim Hardy reported on the club's use of Constant Contact for advertising and collecting fees for hands on classes. He stated that it is working very well.

Jim Hardy reported on the state of the 2013 symposium. Registrations are running somewhat behind. This was anticipated with the AAW symposium being held in Tampa, FL in June. As of the meeting date, 75 turners and 18 spouses have signed up for symposium seats. In addition to the banquet tickets purchased by those attendees, 15 additional banquet tickets have been sold.

Expenses that are known: facilities, demonstrators, audio/visual etc. are going to be approximately \$18,000, with additional anticipated expenses driving that number to approximately \$20,000. Registration and booth fees are currently at approximately \$13,000. Jim projects that the club will meet expenses, but income over that amount is unknown at this point.

Many people sign up at the last minute before fees increase August 15th, so Jim expects that registration rates should rise in the next three to four weeks. In addition to our own mailings, the AAW has sent out a regional bulletin email describing our symposium to all AAW members in the southeast. Apparently many people did not get that email so they are planning to send out another in the very near future.

Mark Sillay announced deadline the for the Professional Outreach Program (POP) grant applications is August 1, 2013.

Mark Sillay initiated a discussion of the club applying for an Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) to purchase a sit down lathe for a wounded warrior type program. Ideas for where the lathe might be housed included Woodcraft of Atlanta and the Shepherd Spinal Center. Concerns were voiced regarding ensuring that all parties were aware that the lathe belonged to GAW and the potential for club liability in case of injury. Mark will research these items and report back to the board. No action was taken.

Mark Sillay initiated a discussion of possibly donating a scholarship to John C. Campbell Folk School (JCC) for a wounded warrior. General discussion followed with no action taken.

Wes Jones brought up lathe guards for the symposium. Mark Sillay had emailed the board with a simple wooden shield stand and the board discussed options to make the stands lighter and less obtrusive. Creating shield stands that would also accommodate fixed cameras was also discussed. Mark Sillay stated that Marty Wildes is researching options and will report at the next board meeting.

Jim Hardy stated unequivocally that he will not be Symposium Chairman for 2014. He states that he is willing to help the new chairman in any way necessary, but that he will absolutely not be the chairman and suggested the club immediately and seriously begin a search for a new chair.

Kevin Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wes Jones seconded. Vote: all in favor.

In the absence of Secretary Turk Alliston:
Respectfully submitted,
Steve Pritchard
Past President