

May 14, 2014

April 17, 2014, Board Meeting Minutes. Georgia Association of Woodturners, Wingnuts Restaurant

Steve Pritchard, President, called the meeting to order. Attending were Bob Black, Ron Britton, Jim Hardy, Bob Lough, Doug McCulloch, Harvey Meyer, Mike Peace, Steve Prichard, Mark Sillay, and Kevin Wood.

Newsletter: Bob Lough, Newsletter Editor, has asked to be present at the board meeting to discuss how he can build camaraderie and attract new members with the newsletter. He had to leave early to get to the regular meeting so he was first on the agenda. Bob stated he wanted to use the newsletter to drive and increase in membership. Items discussed included putting information on individual members and board members in the newsletter. Adding pictures of members to the roster was mentioned along with a new member section in the newsletter. The board was in favor of the ideas, but in place of a motion it was decided to see how the new ideas worked out and to bring up a motion later if it was needed.

Minutes: Bob Black presented copies of the minutes of the March 20, 2014 board meeting. Copies had previously been emailed to the board. A motion was made by Mark Sillay and seconded by Harvey Meyer that the minutes be approved as presented. Approved.

Treasurers Report: Harvey Meyer presented the treasurers report and led us through the monthly expenditures and expenses. A motion to approve was made by Mark Sillay and seconded by Doug McCulloch. Approved.

Workshops: Harvey Meyer reported that the two upcoming David Ellsworth hands on workshops had only one opening left and that was expected to be filled. The all day demonstration was filled and a limit of 65 attendees had been set. All of the Ellsworth events will be held at Woodcraft. There was some discussion on how to identify paid attendees and it was decided some form of name tag would be used.

Symposium: Steve Pritchard raised the question as to whether or not we wanted to have the Turning Southern Style Symposium in 2016 in view of the fact that the AAW National Symposium will be held in Atlanta that year. Jim Hardy, current symposium chairman and Harvey Meyer, previous symposium chairman felt we would be taking a large risk of losing money if we did so. This reflected the opinion of the board members. Mark Sillay made a motion that we suspend the 2016 Turning Southern Style Symposium. Bob Black seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Perry, GA – New Club: Steve Pritchard had been in a discussion with wood turners from Perry, GA who are trying to get a new club off the ground. It was pointed out that there was information on the AAW website dealing with this. The sentiment seemed to

be if they got themselves organized individual members might be willing to do demonstrations. The board was agreeable to receiving phone calls and emails from various officers to discuss AAW chapter operation. No formal action was taken.

Demonstrator Keeper Mileage: The question was raised about whether we should pay members a mileage fee for transporting out of town demonstrators about the city. We have just completed nearly a week of Jimmy Clewes classes and have the David Ellsworth classed coming up. Travel distances across the metro area are considerable. There was some discussion that this had been done in the past, but nothing had ever been formalized. Mark Sillay made a motion that we pay \$0.50 per mile to members who transport out of town demonstrators. Mike Peace seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Demonstrations and Club Flyer in Woodworking Stores: Mark Sillay proposed that we produce a Plexiglas counter top display that would have information about Georgia Association of Woodturners with a headline of, "Would you like to learn about woodturning?", with a joint effort with other clubs to participate and have these in all of the Atlanta tool stores. A parallel effort would be to have live demonstrations by club members in the various stores. The board sentiment seemed favorable, but the discussion was postponed due to the fact we had run out of time.

Adjournment: Mike Peace made a motion we adjourn, second was by Bob Black; approval was unanimous.