

Georgia Association of Woodturners Board Minutes

October 14, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association of Woodturners was held on Zoom on September 15, 2020. A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order by President Kim Muthersbough. Attendees included:

Kim Muthersbough,	President
Andy Bennett	Treasurer
Ed Perkerson	Secretary
Tim Robertson	At Large
Charlie Levan	Past President
Steve Mellott	Program Chair
Frank Bowers	At Large
Steve Pritchard	Webmaster
Elisabeth Ross	Symposium Chair

Absent:

Open	Vice President
Harry Saunders	Scholarships

Secretary's Report

Steve Mellott moved that the minutes of the September 15 meeting be approved. The Motion was seconded by Charlie Levan. It was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to accept the monthly Treasurer's Report for September, 2020 was made by Ed Perkerson, and a second was made by Steve Mellott. The motion carried unanimously. Additionally, a motion to accept the quarterly report dated October 10 was made by Ed Perkerson and seconded by Tim Robertson. That motion passed unanimously as well.

Elections:

Andy Bennett (Treasurer), Elisabeth Ross (Symposium Chair) and Ed Perkerson (Secretary) have indicated that they are willing to continue to serve in their current positions. They will be listed on the ballot for the November election.

Inquiries about anyone willing to take on the Program Director role: one likely candidate has declined; another has indicated that future events will determine his answer, therefore he deferred an answer.

Holiday Party

Having a Holiday party was discussed. The Club has a tradition of holding a Holiday party; this year will be made difficult by the Covid-19 precautions currently in place. The discussion centered around having such a party by Zoom and the difficulties of having a gift exchange over computer connections.

It was agreed that President Kim Muthersbough will draw up a method of exchanging for the November Newsletter and to describe at the October 15 meeting.

Search for a new meeting place

Frank Bowers and Charlie Levan have visited a potential venue in Chamblee, GA. There are some difficulties with that site, but overall it appears suitable for our needs. Points to consider for this and/or other future sites include, but are not limited to:

- The space available.
- Availability of a lathe for demonstrations.
- Availability of smaller lathes for hands on workshops.
- Availability of chairs
- Availability of wi-fi with sufficient bandwidth to broadcast demonstrations on Zoom or other similar program.
- Available parking.

Steve Mellott reported that he has discussed our need for space with David Hughes of Peachtree Woodworking Supply. David is willing to consider hosting us but not until the Covid-19 pandemic has been well resolved. This location would offer advantages for us because Peachtree already hosts a woodworking club and many, if not all of the above considerations are already in place.

Kim Muthersbough will check on current status of our Ga. Tech. meeting location.

What Will Our Club Look Like?

Discussions continued at length about what sort of meetings and demonstrations we should have. Most of the discussion centered around having in person meetings and IRDs. A number of our members do

not drive to the Georgia Tech location for various reasons, largely traffic conditions. Charlie Levan showed a map he had created with a pin for each member's location; a majority of our members live North and East of a line drawn through Atlanta from Northwest to Southeast. It thus appears that a location North and East of that imaginary line would better serve our membership.

The discussion included provisions that we might will provide some combination of in person meetings, IRDs and hands on workshops. As mentioned above, we will need a large lathe for demonstrators to use; the Club does not presently own a lathe. In addition, if we host hands on workshops, we will need a suitable number of smaller lathes and accessories. It is possible that a grant could be secured from the AAW to purchase lathes and accessories, thus ameliorating all or some of the cost.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Perkerson, and seconded by Steve Mellott. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edgar Perkerson

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