

Georgia Association of Woodturners Board Minutes

January 19, 2021

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association of Woodturners met on Zoom on January 19, 2021. A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order by Acting President Kim Muthersbough. Attendees included

Kim Muthersbough, Acting President

Andy Bennett Treasurer

Ed Perkerson Secretary

Frank Bowers At Large

Elisabeth Ross Symposium Chair

Hans Meier At Large

Absent:

Harry Saunders Scholarships

Open Vice President

Tim Robertson At Large

Charlie Levan Past President

Steve Pritchard Webmaster

Secretary's Report

Andy Bennett moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting. Frank Bowers seconded the Motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for November was made by Ed Perkerson, and a second was made by Kim Muthersbough. The motion carried unanimously.

Business:

Membership: Andy Bennett reported that 42 members have paid 2021 dues. Several more can be expected to pay later based on past history. This figure does not include five lifetime members. /There are 121 names on the 2020 membership roster; it appears that we may be losing membership, but it is early to make that determination. Elisabeth Ross reported that we have 17 paid affiliate members. There was agreement that the Affiliate membership program is off to a successful start.

Programs: Elisabeth Ross proposed a "Proof of Concept" demonstration regarding hands on demonstrations. She is working with Scott Grove, who is scheduled to be our demonstrator this Thursday, January 21. The details are still being worked out, but in its basic form, members would pay Scott \$60.00 for an instruction fee, \$25.00 of which he would return to the Club. Members would also pay for tools and materials; this would amount to \$ 77.00 for all tools and materials needed for the class, less if the member orders fewer tools or materials. This would amount to a 25% discount to this normal price; members of GAW would be provide a discount code to use when registering for the class. Tools and materials involved would be two ring cores. One vial of crushed opal, a quantity of UV resin and a flashlight tool.

Scott Grove would conduct a video class about ring making: this would be completely off lathe. Members of the board were concerned that if such a class were conducted with a subject that required use of a lathe dome members would not be able to view the class due to decreased bandwidth or other technical problems.

Mr. Grove would need a minimum of six students and could handle up to twenty five.

This plan represents a departure from the Club's normal practice of subsidizing hands on classes for our members. Mr. Grove would return \$25.00 to the club for each member who registered and paid the instruction fee. EAffiliate members would not be eligible for the subsidy. If the Club then subsidized members, the club treasurer would have to write individual checks for the subsidy. Additionally, the rationale for the subsidy was based on income realized by the Club from the symposium for that year. There was considerable discussion about how this, or any such subsidy would be handled.

Hans Meier moved that we "do this" at an appropriate date to be determined. Andy Bennett seconded the Motion. The Motion included Approval for the Club to pass on the rebate from the Groves to members of the Club who provides to the treasurer an invoice for the class. The Motion was approved unanimously.

This hands on demonstration is to be on a date as established by Elisabeth Ross after consultation with the Groves and considering events scheduled by other woodturning entities.

Membership Promotion:

President Muthersbough challenged the Board to come up with some opportunity for members to meet face to face.

It has been observed on the AAW Chapter Leadership Group that other clubs are offering free one year memberships to people who purchase a new lathe. There was a fairly extensive discussion of what this entails. Possibilities exist for our members who are instructors to generate business. A Motion to offer a year of free membership to people who buy a new lathe from one of the local vendors who support

our Club was made by Kim Muthersbough and seconded by Ed Perkerson. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Members of the Board volunteered to contact the following clubs:

Woodcraft (both): Frank Bowers

Rockler Sandy Springs: Elisabeth 'Ross

Rockler Kennesaw: Kim Muthersbough

Peachtree: Hans Meier

Highland woodworking: Ed Perkerson

Elisabeth Ross will contact a client of hers to design a small card for the stores to pass out to new lathe purchasers.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hans Meier, and seconded by Frank Bowers.

The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edgar Perkerson

Secretary