

Guild of Maine Woodworkers Inc.
Annual Business Meeting
Saturday, December 16, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Wes Sunderland, Pat Sunderland, Jim Hanscom, Randy Mayse, Rolf Dries, Ron Boes, Rob Stuart, Bill Lewis, Gordon Swenson, Bob Kearney and Barbara White.

Rob Stuart is a friend of Wes' and potential new member.

Opening: The meeting started at 10:10 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Barbara read minutes from November, our last meeting. It was motioned, seconded and passed to approve minutes as read.

Treasurer's Report: Pat presented the guild's financial position. Total income for the year was \$810.00 from membership dues. Net income was \$83.55. Expenses were:

- \$35 – State registration fee for filing annual report
- \$25 – Accountant fee for filing of tax return
- \$200 – Webmaster
- \$150 – Donations (The Virginian tour)
- \$316.45 – Annual subscription fee for Quick Books accounting software

We currently have cash in our checking account of \$1,669.45.

There was some discussion about moving money into a savings account. Pat noted that she would like to move our monies from Norway Savings to Bangor Savings as it is a local bank and closer, but will wait to vote until after election of officers.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. It was approved as presented.

Election of Officers: Current officers are as follows:

- President – Wes Sunderland
- Vice President – James Siracuse
- Treasurer – Pat Sunderland
- Secretary – Barbara White

Except for the Vice President, who was not in attendance, all other officers agreed to continue in their roles. Members discussed having James remain as VP and all agreed. It was motioned, seconded and passed to accept officers as named.

Wes suggested having James Siracuse take on role of setting up tours and activities, which had previously been Bob Munier's responsibility but Bob has moved away. Wes will talk with James about his interest in doing this.

Board of Directors: There are no vacancies on the Board of Directors; however Ron, Rolf and James terms expire in 2019. Rolf and Ron agreed to extend their terms. Because James was not in attendance, board agreed to nominate a new board member. Jim Hanscom asked about the responsibilities of a board member. Wes explained that they are responsible for helping make decisions, providing input to discussions and offering suggestions for activities and improvements. Randy and Jim both volunteered to serve on the board. Wes opened the floor to a vote. Randy was elected to replace James as an at large board member. James remains as Vice President. Current board now includes:

- Ron Boes, Rolf Dries, Randy Mayse – Expires 2022
- Bob Landry, Wes Sunderland, Bob Kearney – Expires 2020
- Frank Southard, Forrest Procter, Bill Lewis – Expires 2021

New Business:

- Hosts for next year:
 - January: open
 - February: open
 - March: quarterly tour
 - April: Gordon
 - May: Randy
 - October: Ron
 - November: open
 - December: Wes
- Quarterly Tours: Wes asked for suggestions for tours and club activities. Many ideas were offered which included: boat building shops, such as Sabre Yachts, Edgecomb Boat Works or Wooden Boat School; sawmills and lumber companies such as Rare Woods, Robin's Lumber or Scribner's Mills; furniture making shops, such as Windsor Chairs, Doucette and Wolf; and gunstock manufacturers.
- Newsletter and Meeting Revisions: Wes asked for suggestions for the newsletter and ideas to spice up our meetings. Ron suggested we solicit additional input from all members. Rolf mentioned that we used to have more hands on demos but have been moving to more show and tell. Barbara suggested some topics she would like to see

would be tool maintenance and tool setup and operation. Additional suggestions were to demo the actual making of items, such as a story stick. It was agreed that we should solicit ideas from all members and also request members submit pictures with tips, techniques, questions, problems and solutions to Wes in an email for possible inclusion in the newsletter. A 'Question & Answer' section of the newsletter was suggested; perhaps a question of the month. Also suggested was a resource section for materials, tools, etc.

- Wes passed out a list of topics and demos as ideas for future meetings or possible additional activities and asked that each of us check those of interest. Wes noted this will all require time and volunteers to make this happen. The lists were returned to Wes who will collate the results.
- Transfer of funds: It was motioned, seconded and passed for Pat to transfer our bank account from Norway Savings to Bangor Savings.

Renewal Letters: Pat said that 2020 membership renewal letters will be mailed soon. If anyone knows of potential new members, notify Pat and she will send them a membership form.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara White, Recording Secretary