



Woodturners of Olympia

Minutes from August 25, 2005 Board Meeting

On August 25, 2005 the following people attended the Board Meeting of the Woodturners of Olympia at the workshop of Michael Plotkin: Barbara Hays, Mike Hays, Larry Miller, Katy Murray, Michael Plotkin, and David Richey.

All attending Board Members acknowledged receipt of the Minutes from the July 27 meeting. They were approved by unanimous consent.

The following was discussed/decided:

1. Treasurer's Report: Mike Hayes, Treasurer, has set up a bank account with Boeing Credit Union for Woodturners of Olympia. There will be four signers – with two required for any check. Larry Miller, Mike Hayes, Michael Plotkin, and Katy Murray will be signers.
2. Meeting Location: Mike and Barbara Hayes have checked again with the Thurston County Fairgrounds. Space is available during the evenings of the fourth Thursday of each month. The cost for the space would be \$75 for three hours. Barbara will set up the meeting date/time and notify Larry, Bill, and Katy to check out the facility further. At a future Board Meeting we will decide when to begin renting a space for meetings, but will continue using member shops for the rest of this year.
3. Seattle Club donation: Larry reported that the Seattle Club continues to express an interest in making a donation, but would like a “wish list” from us. We decided to request faceplates, chucks, tools, lighting, extension cords, videos, and books - or cash to purchase these items.
4. AAW membership: Through Larry's efforts, the Bylaws have been submitted to the American Association of Woodturners and Woodturners of Olympia has been recognized as a chapter of AAW. As part of the club membership, we have Liability Insurance. The President and Secretary will keep copies of the Certificate of Liability Insurance. Larry will find out if the coverage applies to craft fairs.
5. Library: We have decided to provide a library of videos, books, and woodturning magazines for members to check out. At some point a librarian will need to be selected. AAW has given our Chapter three Symposium videotapes that Larry will order. They also gave us some back issues of American Woodturner for our library. Members who have extra books or videos are encouraged to donate.
6. A membership roster needs to be developed, and methods of member notification decided. This will be discussed further once more Board Members are able to attend.

7. Membership recruiting. Ways of recruiting new members were discussed. Word of mouth is encouraged, but the idea was proposed that a brochure be developed for local shops as well as Woodcraft, Rockler, Sumner Woodworking, and the Fife meeting. A business card with our name and website address was also discussed. We will discuss this further at the next Board Meeting.

8. Fundraising activities. We began to discuss fundraising strategies to augment monies received from our wood raffle and membership dues. The possibility of having a booth at the fall ArtsWalk or at craft shows, with members donating their work and all or part of the proceeds going to the club was discussed. Michael Plotkin and Katy Murray had contacts for possible locations for a display at Artswalk, although it is very late notice to make this happen. Michael Plotkin will also check with the Garlic Festival for August 2006. Other possible craft shows were suggested.

9. Michael Plotkin agreed to develop an announcement of meeting time, location, and program topics which will be posted on the website for each upcoming meeting. Michael will also provide a copy to Larry Miller for distributing to the e-mail distribution list he set up for the club.

10. Due to a scheduling conflict, the September and October meeting locations/program topics have been revised:

September 22, 2005 will be at the shop of Jim McDermott. Jim, a professional photographer, will give a presentation/demonstration of tips and techniques for photographing our work: "Photographing Naked Wood". The address/directions will be posted on the website.

October 27, 2005 will be at the shop of Tom Hooper. Mike and Barb Hayes will give a demonstration on making pens. The address/directions will be posted on the website.

Barb mentioned that the fourth Thursday of November is Thanksgiving, and the fourth Thursday of December is 12/22 – quite near Christmas. We will discuss November and December meetings at the next Board Meeting.

11. Larry will contact Board Members to set up the next meeting to discuss member recruiting, fundraising, member roster/notification, and 2006 meeting locations in more detail.

The meeting was casually adjourned as folks started arriving for the first regular meeting of Woodturners of Olympia.

Respectfully submitted for approval on August 26, 2005,

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