

East Tennessee Woodworkers Guild
Meeting Minutes June 9, 2008

Board Members in attendance:

David Lewis	Vic Kaminsky	Ron Clayton	Jay Harkins
Dan Land	Bruce Cole	Al Hudson	Lee Gossage

Meeting held June 9, 2008 at the home of Al Hudson. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM DST.

David Lewis noted that as of this date, the Guild had 106 members. David performed a review of the members that were in the Guild in it's initial years versus members that were current. The findings were that the Guild has had large turnovers over the years in membership. The goal is to keep current and new members interested, to reduce turnover.

Committee Reports:

Education – Ron Clayton: The survey requested on the ETWG Web site had a poor response with only about a 10 % return. Lee Gossage will place a request in the next newsletter requesting members to complete the survey on the ETWG Web site. Ron presented to the board the results of basically the same survey distributed to the Tellico Woodworkers which had about 70 % return. Based on the poor response, it was suggested that the board will select the workshops and skills members are interested in.

Suggestions were to have round table type programs at the General meetings, possibly have an outside source present a session on furniture repair, general discussion on types of workshops. Dan Land suggested the Guild develop a curriculum for woodworking, i.e., a set of criteria to teach members all aspects of woodworking.

David Lewis noted that we need to establish a method to handle workshops.

A possible General membership meeting might be “what to consider and how to provide the necessary electrical power for a workshop”. Vic Kaminsky is to contact member Tom Wallen as a possible source on woodshop electrical setup.

Robert Lowery has offered to provide a week long marquetry class. Ron will contact Robert for details as to what will be provided, number of students and cost. Details will follow.

Exhibit– Bruce Cole: Bruce discussed the plan to have an Exhibit that is for guild members only. Bruce will have more detail at the next board meeting. The

plan is to schedule this for the fall of 2008. He will propose a date for the next Master Woodworkers Show.

Programs – Lou Mansur: (via e-mail) The next meeting will be held in the Maryville High School woodshop. The guest speaker will be James Hooper. James was one of the original founders of the ETWG. David Lewis also received an e-mail from David Reeves who offered to do a presentation at a guild meeting, possible on hand applied finishes or coloring wood. This was forwarded to Ron for his actions.

Treasurer's Report – Dan Land: The treasury has an account balance of \$ 6000.00

Meetings: - David Lewis began a discussion on monthly meetings. Input from members indicated the desire to have monthly general meetings. After much discussion, including the impact on board meetings, it was determined that the Guild would continue to have a meeting every other month. These would be our regular meetings. Suggestions were that we have additional “special” meetings or events. Currently we have the “Official” Charlie Mead Picnic. Others might include an A & M tour, a speaker and possible demo at Woodcraft with possibly a 10th meeting for a special event. Ron Clayton made a motion, seconded by Vic Kaminsky. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Distribution of meeting minutes was requested by Charlie Mead. All agreed that this would be good for the Guild. Vic Kaminsky will prepare the meeting minutes and distribute to the board members for review for corrections or additions. When approved, the minutes will be e-mailed to Guild members and placed on the ETWG Web site.

ETWG 25th Anniversary: David Lewis requested ideas from the board for a 25th anniversary. Several items were discussed as follows.

One is to have a Woodworkers weekend similar to the Arrowmont ones in the past. Rick Scott and Jerry Spady will provide guidance for whoever will take charge of the woodworker weekend event. A member must take the responsibility of the event.

Bruce Cole will check Maryville College as a possible location for a ww weekend.

Art Alliance Membership: David Lewis presented a motion for the Guild to pay the \$40.00 membership dues to the Art Alliance. Bruce Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried.

History of ETWG: David Lewis received a box of historical on the guild. He was unaware who provided this information.

Insurance: David Lewis has been searching for Guild insurance. He could not locate an insurance company that would cover woodworking. Dan Land recommended David contact the shop for hire in Oak Ridge to see how they approach this issue. David will follow up on this suggestion.

Assistant Librarian: Bruce Cole volunteered to be the Guild's Assistant Librarian at the general meetings.

Future Woodworkers Scholarship: David Lewis has provided the Maryville HS teacher (Maryville High School) information on the available scholarship.

Meeting Door prizes: After ticket sales and donations, the Guild provides about \$40.00 toward the general meeting door prizes.

Master Class Member No. 2: After discussion at the April 14, 2008 board meeting and this board meeting, a member has been selected for award of Master Class Member No. 2. David Lewis presented a motion identifying the selection. Al Hudson seconded the motion. All board members present, voted yes to the selection. Final approval is required by the board members not in attendance at this June 9, 2008 meeting. All board members must approve the selection. If approved, the award will remain confidential until the selected member is present at a general meeting.

Newsletter Color Inserts: A proposal to include colored inserts for special events was discussed by the board. After much consideration, especially increased cost to the newsletter, a decision was made to continue printing the newsletter only in black and white. This decision was based on the fact that newsletters are available on the Guilds Web site which is all in color.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vic Kaminsky, Secretary