

East Tennessee Woodworkers Guild
Board Meeting Minutes August 11, 2008

Board Member in attendance:

David Lewis Bruce Cole Howard Cox Lee Gossage
Dan Land Lou Mansur Ron Clayton Al Hudson
Vic Kaminsky

Meeting held August 11, 2008 at the home of Al Hudson. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM DST.

There was a general discussion of the past regular membership meeting. All felt it was a good meeting with good attendance. Door prizes were discussed. Al Hudson and Ron Clayton initiated the discussion on should there be fewer expensive or more lower cost prizes. All present were for a greater number of door prizes. This provides more opportunity for members to win a prize. Lou Mansur suggested that members might donate something for the prizes, a sort of white elephant sale.

The previous month's minutes were reviewed for any corrections. Al Hudson provided a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Lou Mansur. The minutes were approved as presented. David Lewis noted he received several positive e-mails in reference to Board meeting minutes now on the ETWG Web site.

David Lewis presented a graph indicating the trend in membership from 2005 to 2008. Generally about half of the 108 members continue to remain active. Membership growth was discussed. Dan Land questioned if couples paid for a single or double membership. Also is there a provision for prorating dues. The By-Laws are specific in that any new member paying after September 16th of the current year, is considered paying for both the current year and the following year.

Committee Reports:

Education – Ron Clayton: The general response to the Questionnaire was very light. Ron will provide feedback to Sandy Pittard.

Membership seems to prefer small workshops where a product/project could be produced. This appears to be the most desirable workshop over a strictly technical demonstration type. David Lewis noted that combining the technical how to and actually producing a product is the ideal learning combination. The outcome of this discussion is that Lou Mansur strongly suggested that we favor workshops where the participant can take home an item that was made in class, rather than have someone just demonstrate a technique. In Lou Mansur's experience both on the learning side and teaching side, participants relish taking something home along with learning the related skills. Critical issues that result from this combination are available shop space and Insurance. The

board again had a long discussion on the Liability Insurance issue with no immediate resolution. David Lewis will still continue to investigate this issue.

Bruce Cole suggested that the board look into the possibility of partnering or co-authoring with Woodcraft of Knoxville to have these workshops. Lou Mansur suggested structuring programs with Woodcraft. Ron Clayton is to contact Dave/Liz at Woodcraft to see if and what type of arrangements might be incurred.

Membership Exhibit – Bruce Cole: This is the ETWG membership only exhibit. Bruce noted that Jefferson Wood Works and Woodcraft might be interested in sponsorship. Al Hudson had a concern of sponsorship conflict with the Master Woodworker Show versus a membership non-juried show and the public's confusion with the MWW Show. Al suggested the Guild show only at Woodcraft.

Dan Land noted the woodcarvers at the Tennessee Valley Fair in September. Bruce Cole suggested the possibility of a booth at the Craft Fair. David Lewis reinstated that the objective of the members show is the need to allow average woodworkers the opportunity to show their work. Suggested that this might be coupled with the woodworkers weekend.

Lou Mansur noted that Ed and Arlene Decker suggested that the guild woodworkers weekend be held at their facility. Al Hudson further noted that he received a proposal, with availability is April or May 2009. Cost would be about \$90.00 per person, providing meals and lodging. Bruce Cole and Ron Clayton will investigate this further.

Master Woodworkers Show – Bruce Cole suggested November 6, 7 & 8, 2009 as tentative dates for the Master Woodworkers Show. Bruce is to approach obtaining a contract for this show. Ed and Darlene Decker will assist with information.

David Lewis stressed the importance to have the Master Woodworker Show entry rules in place.

Maryville College New Museum: Bruce Cole commented that Lisa Austin & Associates wish to have local and regional artists display at this facility.

Programs – Lou Mansur: David Reeves will be our speaker for the September meeting. David's topic is "Finishing Wood; mystery, magic, just a lot of fun". Ralph Watts is the presenter for the November meeting, discussing coloring of wood. David Harding of Woodcraft, topic under discussion, will provide the program for the January 2009 meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Dan Land: The current balance in the ETWG treasury is \$5,948.74

ETWG By-Laws – David Lewis requested that all board members review the current guild By-Laws. Board members are to submit recommended changes, improvements, etc at the October board meeting. This is **important**.

Guild Picnic As usual, the guild picnic was fun, except for the threatening storm that skipped over us. The demonstrations were great. Some discussion occurred on should the picnic be held later in the year, as it is very hot in August. Will have to discuss with Charlie Mead

Lucy Scroggie – David Lewis read a letter to the board to removed her name from all ETWG distribution lists. Name has been removed.

Mark Adams – David Lewis received a letter about Mark. Mark is a possible speaker for the guild. Ron Clayton suggested that the guild look into the possibility of the Tellico Woodworkers and ETWG share the cost to have Mark Adams speak to the clubs.

Nominating Committee – In preparing for 2009, Officers must be proposed. The board recommended Rick Popp, Rick Scott and Jerry Spady for the Nominating Committee. Vic Kaminsky presented a motion to accept the above three, the motion was seconded by Lou Mansur and approved by the board.

David Lewis moved that the Nominating Committee provide a proposal recommending 2009 nominees by October 1, 2008. Second was by Lou Mansur, All approved the motion.

Master Class – Much discussion occurred on induction into the Master Class. David Lewis noted two categories, general knowledge and juried membership. The Guild's recognition to a master juried craftsman. The board need to review and resolved questions presented by the membership.

Lou Mansur suggested reviewing the Website for The Cartouche Award to determine the process used to determine the recipient of this award. We must do more research per David Lewis.

Al Hudson stated that some of the requirements to be addressed are the long time/ life time contribution to the craft in the fields of woodworking, teaching, support of the craft.

Motion to adjourn occurred at 8:43 PM DST.

Vic Kaminsky, Secretary