

Strait Turners Board meeting - 2/15/18

1. **Treasurer's Report.** The report in an improved format showing a summary with income, budget, expenses by detail and supplemental sheets with details of paid-members, and expenses, was reviewed and accepted. A bank statement was attached. Club resources are \$3,985.85 at the end of January. Jackie's work and effort to develop this new format is appreciated by all.
2. **Club charge card/ debit card or use of Bank ACH .** This topic was discussed in connection with Web Master Tom Riette's request that the club directly be billed by the ISP which hosts our web site rather than his personal charge card being billed. The bill is due once every other year and the approximate amount is \$275. To do this Tom had suggested the club have a credit card in its own name.
After discussion of the details of establishing credit and debit cards with the bank, the Board felt the steps raised too many issues to be worth pursuing and preferred instead to see if the ISP would accept payment directly from the Club's Bank account in the form of an ACH transaction. Ernie will discuss this further with Tom to communicate the details to the ISP.

In a tangentially related discussion about email links on the club website, the Board agreed the present @ST.org system was not working well for them and while Tom's effort to establish a club server was greatly appreciated, he will be asked to substitute the Board members' preferred email addresses in place of those that now show on the website. Ernie will coordinate provision of this information to Tom.

3. **Selling by Members at monthly meetings.** The Board approved a motion that club members/attendees may not sell items at meetings with the exception of items brought for sale by the demonstrator for that meeting. Club members may of course sell items (tools, etc.) to each other when they meet at the meeting but showing of these items and transactions should take place outside the meeting place. Club members are reminded and encourage to sell items and equipment through the "classified" page on the club web site. Tony was charged with drafting an announcement letter that could be sent to all members and referenced at a coming meeting.
4. **On-line Renewal of Membership.** Jeff is continuing to discuss arrangements for this with Tom Riette. The links to do this will be on the website once it is functional.
5. **Workshops on Special Topics.** The number of people requesting each topic were summarized and arrangement were discussed. Workshops will be organized independently by the following: Richard Bumgarner (**Beginners/Safety** - to be in Richard's shop (4 persons)); **Sharpening** (to be held in Jeff Foro's shop) jointly organized by Richard, Brian Johnson , and

Jeff (9 persons); **Basic Bowl Turning** (to be held at Lynn Taylor's shop) organized by Lynn (with possible aid of Dan Ackerman) – (10 persons); **Safe Log Splitting and Blank preparation** (to be held at Ernie's shop) organized by Ernie with electric chain saw to be brought by Richard. The Board agreed a club treasury donation of \$15 per attendee would be set.

6. **Membership List.** To better coordinate keeping of the membership list Jeff will take the lead with new member information being provided directly by Jackie at the end of each meeting or when new member dues and information are received. This will help Jeff maintain annual membership badges and eliminate problems occurring in the past.

7. **New TV.** Rod Barton has donated a 2nd large screen TV which fits into the storage cabinet. The cabinet is now full and while a new midi-lathe will still fit once it is available, no further contributions of equipment or tools can be accepted without discussion first with the President.

8. **AAW Symposium in Portland Oregon** (June 2018). After discussion it was agreed that Strait Turners would not try to organize all of the steps for gaining the \$25 fee reduction for "group" tickets (of 10) to the Symposium. Any of our members who wanted to do so are welcome to do this through the OPCAWW (Bremerton Club), in which many of our members are also joint members.

Special events to be held at the Symposium were reviewed and it was agreed that announcement of these would be made at subsequent club meetings so that those interested could participate as desired.