

Minutes of Strait Turners Board Meeting – Jan 9, 2018

1. **Membership related topics:**

- a. A discussion of making membership renewal on-line concluded that Jeff Foro would consult further with Tom Riette whether this could be an option to encourage easy and documented membership signup/renewal.
- b. Use of a carbon-copy receipt book has been arranged by the Treasurer to make verification of those who have paid their membership fees by cash or check easier while providing proof to the payee.

2. **Vice President.** The Board unanimously elected Jeff Foro to serve as VP, replacing Lee Sharp at the end of his term (Dec. 2017).

3. **Budget for 2018**

- a. The board reviewed the draft budget for 2018. The purchase of a midi-lathe appears feasible and will be pursued. An item for miscellaneous purchases was added in light of experience during 2017. The finances were agreed to be healthy with conservative assumptions about membership numbers and the amount and number of foreseen payments for outside demonstrators at meetings. The budget was approved as amended (attached) should be reviewed against actual experience in mid 2018.
- b. Assumptions used for the budget – (i) a minimum of 45 members with annual dues of \$30; (ii) four “high cost” outside demonstrators with average fees of \$300 each; (iii) four outside demonstrators with average fees of \$100; and special meeting “attendance fees” of \$5 for all persons attending meetings of “high cost” demonstrators were agreed.
- c. Non-member (guests) will be charged a “temporary membership fee” of \$5 for each meeting. For clarity, the fee in 2b above will mean guests will pay for \$10 (\$5+\$5) for those meetings at which “high cost” demonstrators appear.
- d. Sales of books on woodworking (not turning) have netted \$26.80 (provided in cash to the treasurer at the Board meeting). The remaining donated books would be used as raffle prizes at the meeting or donated to the Sequim Public Library.

4. **General Meeting arrangements:**

- a. Organization of seating and presenter space at the Gardiner Community Center will be reviewed so see if more efficient seating and space use can be achieved; wood auction will be tried from the front of room.
- b. Each raffle will include one full box of pen turning kits each month (Jackie/John to bring); additional items will include books (see 3d), donated tools and other items.
- c. A board member on a rotating basis will be charged with selling raffle tickets at the meeting. Board members present chose months from March through June.

5. The January demonstrator, Martha Collins, will be featured in a soon-coming edition of the PDN and notice of our meeting at which she will present may help to boost attendance. Martha will be donating special items for the wood auction.
6. **Classes for beginners and on special topics** will be announced at the January meeting. Suggested topics will be beginning turning/safety; sharpening; bowl turning; vacuum chuck use; and log splitting. Each class leader will organize venues and dates after contact with each individual expressing interest in each topic. Detailed sign-up sheets will be available for the January meeting (Richard to do).
7. **Portland Symposium of AAW.** Dates and details were announced; AAW's interests in having volunteers from each chapter were explained. The fees for the Symposium were noted (\$325). Further announcements to the general membership will be made at future meetings.
8. **Membership Directory.** Jeff reported on progress in getting agreement of members to be listed in the directory and will discuss with Tom Riette the steps to get the directory to be published on the club web-site.
9. **Publicity about the Club** was discussed with a view to continuing to gain members and support:
A forthcoming issue of the Northern Olympic Peninsula Guide had been proposed but it was discovered that there is a charge for being included. Other options were discussed and include the following:
 - a. Being listed in the various editions of the "Coffee News";
 - b. Being included in the Newcomers' Club events to showcase local activities (Richard will again pursue);
 - c. Contacting PDN to see if the previous feature article on the club (which received only limited circulation in only some editions) could be re-used in other editions or in the Sequim Gazette Supplement at various times (Ernie will follow-up).