

## **Strait Turners Board Meeting – August 30, 2016**

A meeting of the full Board was held for the Strait Turners and set the club in operation for the balance of 2016.

**Treasurer Report.** The Treasurer's Report showed that the club had a good list of fully paid members, and enough income from the wood auction to now afford to reimburse start-up expenses (State Registration Fee), meeting venue rental, and to purchase liability insurance. Further fund raising and membership recruitment will be needed as the club proceeds.

**Insurance.** The AAW recommended liability insurance is provided by The Hartford. Its cost is \$425 per year. It covers the club for events held, including those held in member workshops. The president will contact the Hartford agent (Michael George Insurance, 1-888-258-6820 ext 172) and settle the details for purchase of the insurance. The purpose of the address to be shown on the insurance form will be explored and, if needed, the club can acquire a PO Box. The Board delegated to the President/Treasurer the authority to make this decision and undertake arrangements as needed.

**Legal Affairs.** The Vice President reviewed the club's corporate status (non-profit, social and recreational club – not a tax exempt and charitable status) under Washington State law and US IRS regulations. The following points were noted for future attention:"

1. An annual meeting with 10 days minimum notice is required by Washington State law;
2. Elections of any new (subsequent Board) is to be done at a regular, future club meeting. (Note: AAW affiliation requires executive officers to be AAW members in good standing);
3. A nominating committee for a new Board must be formed (ByLaws) and it must develop a slate of candidates for election in accordance with the ByLaws.
4. To maintain non-profit status the club must:
  - a. Act like a corporation – have meetings; maintain minutes of meetings;
  - b. Have Officers, ByLaws and regular Board elections;
  - c. Keep corporate records – list of members, statement of accounts, minutes of meetings, membership roles and addresses.
5. There was discussion of tax status along with its implications (financial costs, record keeping requirements, actions permitted and not); no direct action was required or agreed at this time.
6. The State of Washington requires of its corporations - a business tax, sales tax collections and a business license. Subject to checking, it appears that Strait Turners Inc. was not subject to these provisions because of its non-profit nature or because of minimum threshold limits that apply. The situation needs to be kept under review.

**Board Elections.** Following discussion and clarification, the Board unanimously decided that the first new elections for Board would be held the November 2017 meeting, with a nominating committee (as required by the ByLaws) being appointed in August 2017, which would report a slate of nominees at the October 2017 meeting.

**Website.** Tom Riette reported on establishment of the club's website ([www.straitturners.org](http://www.straitturners.org)). It will soon be operational. Webmail addresses for the Board will be established to ease communications and a complete membership and email base will be established in time. Many other links and features will be added as time and usefulness permits. Tom is hosting the website at this early stage within other services he purchases but the club will need to take it over at some point in the future. Costs are minimal. Board members are each asked to provide a brief bio-statement of their choosing.

**Notice of Club Meetings.** Publicity for the club's future meetings will be needed. For the time being Ernie agreed that he would take the lead in notifying newspapers, etc. As the tasks develop, some of the duties may transfer to others in the club.

**Schedule of Meetings.** After discussion of multiple options and reasons, the Board unanimously agreed that regular meetings for the rest of 2016 would be held on the last Wednesday of each month, at 9:30 am, with the venue being Gordon Day's shop unless otherwise decided and announced on an ad hoc basis. Consideration will be given to hold some meetings on evenings or weekends for those members who still work full time. Some technical demonstrations and events can also be held with dual options – i.e. a technical demonstration given at a regular meeting might be repeated on a weekend or evening meeting, for members who cannot attend the regular meeting. This will be determined with experience and if demand for such efforts is sufficient. Meeting schedules will be reviewed after experience is gained and may change for 2017.

**Meeting Programs.** A Program Committee was established within the Board (Jackie Le Doux, Harold Meyers, John Hale) to develop the technical content/demonstrations for future general meetings.

The **next meeting** of the club will be September 28, 9:30 am. The September meeting will focus on two technical topics – introduction to lathes and safety for all our new members/beginners and bowl turning – Harold Meyers will organize and lead the demos.

The date for the **next Board meeting** will be determined.