

**Strait Turners  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
Nov 1, 2016**

All Board members were present except for Tom Riette.

The Treasurer's report showed income for the year at \$1,447, expenses at \$630 and a Bank balance of \$817. Issues going forward included exploring additional ways of adding to club resources and developing a provisional budget for 2017.

The scheduling and venue for monthly meetings was discussed. Several members had observed the difficulty and long day involved in the current scheduling, which is on the morning of the same day as the Olympic Peninsula Turners evening meeting. Originally intended to perhaps allow Strait Turners to benefit from inviting some of the same demonstrators as the Olympic Peninsula Club, the current scheduling did indeed pose problems. In addition, the venue of Gordon Day's shop would not be available for the appointed day at the end of November. The Board was thus asked to consider alternative days for a regular meeting, and to explore alternative venues that could dependably be available.

After discussion, the following was agreed:

1. The November meeting would be rescheduled to November 17, still to be held at Gordon Day's shop. Reminders would be sent out. Ernie will contact the local papers to post a notice to also recruit new members. Thereafter all regular meetings will be held at 9:30 am on the last Tuesday of each month (note: no meeting in December).
2. The originally scheduled November presentation could not be held due to absence of the presenter because of family medical issues. Richard volunteered to conduct the demonstration around the topics of bowl turning techniques, safety and demonstrations of multiple options. Lee showed an example of a new embellishment technique (using an electro-chemical arcing technique) he had been trying and will also present that technique at the meeting.
3. Ernie had been exploring alternative venues. He presented them and discussed their costs, availability, access issues and general suitability for Strait Turner Meetings.

Demonstration vs Mentoring: The Board agreed that activity at monthly club meetings would be focused on demonstrations about a topic - not mentorship of skills of single individuals. However the Board also wanted to encourage experienced club members to undertake small workshops and mentoring sessions on special topics - to be held in individual shops. These would be similar to that Richard had volunteered to host, aimed at complete newcomers to turning, emphasizing the basics of the lathe and safety. (Note: This session took place on Nov 4 and was well received by the 5 members attending.) Additional suggestions of workshop sessions are sought and volunteer hosts are invited to make their availability known to the Board.

2017 Presenters: The list of persons volunteering to hold presentations at 2017 meetings included: Martha Collins - lamination; Tom Riette - segmented turning; Gordon Carpenter - segmented turning. Jim Conway made a number of additional suggestions via email. The presenters working group of the Board will develop a provisional schedule of options for presenters for 2017 after further contact with the new program chair of the Olympic Peninsula Turners to see if we can share in any of their presentations.

Dues: After some discussion the Board agreed that dues for 2017 would be set at \$20 (individual and family memberships) for existing members and \$30 for new members enrolling after January 1. Dues would be payable at or before the first meeting in 2017. Full year dues would be prorated later in 2017 only for persons joining late in the year (e.g., after August.) Temporary membership by payment of a per meeting fee (currently \$3) would still be required of all visitors/guests and those not wishing to become regular members. This provision of the By Laws is needed for insurance purposes.

Strait Turners Logo. Pat Hale volunteered to take the lead in eliciting ideas for design of a Chapter logo. Ideas and views from the membership will be sought. The inputs will be reviewed at a coming Board meeting.

Library: Lee volunteered to take the lead in exploring arrange details and procedures for a Chapter library (books, videos, etc.) He will report back at the next Board meeting.

Dec 3 Christmas Show - Pioneer Park. The NW Wood Artisans Group will hold its annual Christmas Show on Saturday, Dec 3. Strait Turners will participate with a table, featuring the club banner, a handout to explain the club and entice interest of new members, and having turned pieces for display and for sale to benefit the Club treasury. Each member of Strait Turners is asked to donate at least one piece for sale at the show to benefit the club. The Board approved an expenditure of \$25 to rent a table at the show.