

# **Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild**

## **AGM - January 15, 2008 - 19:00 Hours**

### **1. Welcome Guests and New Members**

The Annual General Meeting was held in Sechelt Elementary School. President Tom Hourigan welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the three new members (Doug Pierce, Guy Lautard and Al Zimmerman) to introduce themselves. Thirty one members attended this meeting that also featured a fixtures and jigs display.

Tom Hourigan thanked Lars Larsson who stepped down after being secretary for over two years. Lars was presented with a beautiful turned box made by Heinz Tigges.

### **2. Membership Renewal**

Ken Goddard and Ed Auld volunteered to distribute the membership cards and collect the yearly dues. The new membership cards for 2008 showing our new logo received many positive comments.

### **3. Approval of the Minutes from Last AGM**

There were no comments or corrections in the minutes from the 2007 AGM. Tom Hourigan asked for a motion of approval.

**Moved** (B. Lucas) that the minutes be approved

**Seconded** (B. Milton)

Carried

### **4. Business arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **6. Reports**

#### **Presidents Report**

Tom Hourigan reported that the Guild had another successful year of growth. We have now 53 members. This is up from last year and it is evident that our guild is receiving attention from the community. Our average meeting attendance of 20-30 members is very encouraging. Some of the highlights of the year were.

- The 2X4 challenge held at our June meeting.
- The third annual Toys for Kids Project was a great success.
- Our Website continues to improve.
- The Virtual Library has been updated.
- The Corporate Sponsor program is a great advantage for our members who receive special pricing at these stores. For information on the sponsors check the website. In 2007, KMS Tools added another benefit to their sponsorship. In addition to giving a member special pricing while shopping at KMS Tools, the Guild will also receive a percentage of that purchase.

#### **Treasurers Report**

T. Hourigan gave the report for B. Bell.

Total income for 2007:                   \$2,543.00

Total expenses:                           \$1,901.33

Total Assets:                              \$2,280.78 .

**Moved** (A. Lenko) that the report be approved as presented.

**Seconded** ( R. Barry)

Motion unanimously approved

#### **Toys for Kids**

Ken Walker thanked all of the members of the toy group and reported that over one-hundred toys were

produced in 2007. Ken mentioned that these toys were made by the eight members of the group and he asked for increased participation in 2008. Since the cost of material is covered by the grant from Construction Aggregates, there won't be any cost, other than time to the member.

### **Website**

D. Bell reported that there had been over 3,500 "hits" on the website in 2007. This is a great increase over last year and it shows that the website is being used.

### **Programs**

B. Lucas reported on the programs that were presented in 2007 and then described the programs slated for 2008. Brian had circulated a questionnaire among the members to find out what they wanted in the way of programs. Several repeats were requested, such as Dremel Tools, and Wood finishing by Mohak.

### **Logo**

The Logo is now used on our membership cards.

### **Insurance**

Brian Lucas reported that the cost of our insurance has gone down and will likely continue to go down as more organizations join the plan.

### **Corporate Sponsors**

Brian Lucas reported that the sponsor program is working well and that the Guild now has \$75 credit at KMS Tools as a result of our members shopping there. These credits can be used for various purposes such as buying gifts for guest speakers or similar. Brian also asked the members to contact him if they have any suggestions for other sponsors.

### **Workshops and Mentoring**

Peter Bogardus reported that there was some interest in workshops and several were conducted. He circulated a questionnaire to the members to gauge what else was required. While there was a lot of interest, there was also a great variety of topics listed. Since there was such diversity in both time and scope it is difficult to effectively conduct any sessions. Instead it seems that the concept of a mentoring program will be more realistic. Some of our members have indicated their willingness to conduct one-on-one mentoring sessions and many more members have indicated that they would like to participate in such sessions as students. Any member that would like to become a mentor should contact Peter. It may be a good idea to list the mentors on the web site and have potential students contact the mentor of their choice.

### **Telephone Committee**

Alex Lenko reported that it is working and he is able to contact those members who do not have e-mail to let them know about the meeting.

### **Shop Crawls**

This is another successful program. During 2007 there were three shop visits in Pender Harbour, three in Halfmoon Bay and one in Robrets Creek.

## **7 Nominating Committee Report**

Nominating Committee Chair, A. Lenko presented the slate for 2008. The president then asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. Hearing no other nominations he asked that the slate for 2008 be approved.

**Moved** (A. Lenko) that the 2008 executive be elected as presented.

**Seconded** (E. Auld)

**Motion unanimously approved**

### **2008 Executive**

Past President:	Brian Lucas	Directors:	Ken Walker, Ken Goddard
President:	Tom Hourigan	Secretary	Ken Rogers
Vice President:	Heinz Tigges		
Treasurer:	Barb Bell		

**8. Correspondence and Announcements**

President Tom Hourigan read the letter from KMS Tools regarding our account with the \$75 Credit.

The inside Passage School of Woodworking is having an open house on Saturday January 26 from 1300 – 1800 hours (1:00 – 6:00 PM). One of our members, M. Miller, will have his work on display at that time. Michael is taking a nine month course at the school.

**9. Adjournment**

The 2008 AGM was adjourned at 20:20 (Motion: R. Barry, Seconded: K. Walker). The remaining time was given to discussing the **Jigs and Fixtures** that were brought by the members as well as looking over the router bits brought in for sale by Steve Willgoose. Steve also donated two bits as a door prize. The door prize was won by B. Lucas.