

MINUTES MEETING MAR11TH 2008

Thirty three members attended the meeting at Chatelech High School Shop.

Two new members and two guests were welcomed by the membership. The new members were Carolyn Clarke and John Hourigan. Carolyn's main woodworking interest is finishing and John's is wood turning.

The meeting opened with a reminder to those that have not yet paid their annual dues that Ken Goddard was here to accept their dues.

In Peter Bogardus's absence the President reported on the workshop on sharpening which had already taken place and was greatly enjoyed by the 15 participants. Sign up sheets were made available for future workshops along with there dates. These include dovetailing, mortise and tenon joinery, frame and panel construction, basics of veneering and possible dowel joinery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION AND PROGRAMMES.

Brian Lucas spoke about our next program on April 15th at Chatelech High School and will be on pen turning by Ian Fulford.

TOYS

Ken Walker reported that we were only able to \$500 funding from Construction Aggregates for this years toy project whereas we got \$1000 last year. A cabinet maker friend of his from Vancouver has graciously donated 150 board feet of pine to help us out. The president indicated that he will go back after the summer to Construction Aggregates to see if he can get any more funding.

2x4 CONTEST UPCOMING IN JUNE

Heinz Tigges is looking after it this year and passed around a sign up sheet with the hopes that we will have more people interested this year. He also asked those people who solicited prizes from local merchants if they would do it again this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Len Pakulak asked those who had ordered wood to please pick it up very soon as it will not be available for much longer. He also indicated that as there is some surplus and that any remaining wood (cedar, alder, hemlock, ?fir) can be picked up for free by just calling Community Forests and indicating you are from the Suncoast Woodcrafters and they will tell you where you can go to pick it up. Their number is 885-7809

PROGRAM



ROY MITTON

once again gave us an excellent program. The topic was steam bending of wood. In order to understand the process he first discussed the make up of wood and in particular the components that make steam bending possible by heating the wood to turn the lignin between the cells into a plastic state. In the demonstration he bent a six foot long piece of 2x2 white oak into a semi circular shape using a homemade steamer of PVC pipe, a household electric kettle to generate the steam and then bent it around a preformed jig. It was a great presentation enjoyed by all and we do appreciate all the time it took for him to prepare the didactic

part of the lecture as well as the trial and error in perfecting the technique. The written handout was very helpful and will make a good reference for anyone wanting to try steam bending.

(See Past Project on Minutes page for all the text)

Steve Willgoose thanked Roy and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Guy Lautard won the Rotary Tool Kit door prize

The meeting adjourned at 9.00 PM