

# Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting January, 18, 2011- 7:00 PM

January 18th, 2011 was the Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild "Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting" attended by 19 members and 3 guests from Pender Harbour. Meeting was called to order by President Heinz Tigges who welcomed everyone in attendance. Guests and prospective members were invited to introduce and tell a bit about their woodworking experiences:

Don Orchard- has been a woodworker for many years, has built cabinets, boats, does turning.

Norm Caron- is a hobby woodworker, enjoys wood intarsia, (Intarsia is a woodworking technique that uses varied shapes, sizes, and species of wood fitted together to create a mosaic like picture with an illusion of depth), was a member of the Pacific Woodworkers Guild when he lived in Vancouver.

Paul Holisinger- is a woodturner, was a tool & dye maker and taught shop for several years, always enjoyed working with wood.

The 2010 AGM minutes were circulated previously by email to the membership, a motion to accept these minutes was moved by Jef Keighley, seconded by David Bell, motion carried, no business discussion arose from those minutes.

## President's Report:

- President Tigges thanked each of last year's Executive, Directors, committee members and membership for their work and contributions made to the Guild for another exciting and very successful year.
- Approximately 25 members per meeting attended the general membership meetings this past year, nearly always 100% of the executive attended executive meetings. Education is still the main interest of the Guild members, with the good attendance it appears we had topics of interest. if anyone has a topic they would like to see covered, let us know.
- Heinz extended a special thank you to the local businesses in appreciation for their support to the our Guild during the past year.

## Treasurers Report:

- Barb Bell, Treasurer, reported the Guild's financial statement January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, (summary of report):

Income	\$2,322.03
Expenses	2,483.04
(Loss) For The Year	(161.01)
Cash In The Bank	1,197.19
Assets, Total	3,526.41

- Moved by Brian Lucas, seconded by Lars Larsson, the Treasures report be accepted as presented, motion carried.

## Membership / Venue:

- Chairman, Tom Hourigan reported membership renewals are now due for 2011. Single memberships are \$40, dual family dues are \$50. At the end of 2010, membership count was 55

- With good working arrangements with the local school district it is planned to continue using the facilities of Chatelech Secondary School for the Guild's meetings.

#### Education Program:

- Peter Bogardus, programs' director, reviewed programs tentatively planned for the general membership meeting for the balance of 2011 till the summer break::

February- Getting the most out from your Scroll Saw - Albert Edge (Guild Member).

March - Dye colouring wood- Ed Pretty (Frazer Valley Woodturners Guild).

April - Dremel tools demonstration- Peter Cole (Dremel Tools Rep.).

May - Lie-Nielsen Tools- Jeremy Tomlinson (Spokes person for Lie-Nielson Toolworks).

June - 2x4 Challenge, for Guild members.

#### Toys for Kids Program:

- Ken Walker, chairman Toys for Kids program expressed his thanks to the members that contributed to the 2010 toy program. Ken encouraged members this is a good time to start planning and making toys for Christmas 2011. Ken reviewed the materials and plans that are available to the membership for free for the Toys for Kids program.

#### Shop Crawls:

- Heinz Tigges reported on behalf of Eldy Gandy who volunteered to co-ordinate the 2011 Shop Crawls. Shop crawls are a great way to meet other Guild members, you see first hand other member's pride- "their work shop and woodworking projects".
- Eldy was wondering if there was an interest by our Guild members to visit Bow River Speciality Woods in Chilliwack (?). This company supplies woodturners, luthiers, wood carvers and custom furniture builders with beautifully figured speciality wood in sizes, shapes and species that cannot normally be purchased at the local lumber store. If enough members show interest visiting this yard, Eldy is willing to make firm arrangements. Interested members should contact Eldy and make their wishes known.
- Eldy is looking forward to be able to visit some new shops this year, any volunteers (?).

#### Website:

- David Bell, website coordinator thanked everyone for their contributions and support over the past year. There were over 3,000 hits to our website this past year. A clean-up of redundant information and stream-lining the website layout was made this past year. David invited participation from the membership in providing pictures or videos of their woodwork projects for posting on the website, videos would involve incorporating some new programing. There was a positive discussion by some of the attending members expressing their thoughts and ideas on the website.
- A suggestion by Ken Rogers for consideration was to post the link of interesting woodworking related websites on our website. This suggestion was taken under advisement and will be discussed further at the next executive meeting.
- The Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild website address is [www.suncoastwoodcrafters.com](http://www.suncoastwoodcrafters.com) this address is noted on your membership card. A Google search of Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild will also get you to this website, a lot of interesting information can be found here.
- If someone is looking for a phone / email Guild membership list contact Ken Karaloff for an email copy. Tom Hourigan had sent the latest list out in December 2010.

2x4 Challenge:

- Dave Beauchesne, 2x4 Challenge committee chairman reviewed the June 2010 event held at Coppers Green Regional Park at Halfmoon Bay, spouses were invited. A wine and cheese social function was hosted by the Guild that evening. There were 21 entries with good support from local businesses donating prizes which was very appreciated, Dave read the names of these businesses and encouraged members to support these local businesses when shopping.
- Dave suggested Guild members start thinking about their 2011 project for the 2x4 Challenge if they haven't already.
- Dave noted we will be looking for volunteers to chair and organize this year's event.

Telephone:

- The Guild is looking for a volunteer to phone members that do not have Internet to remind them of meetings and special events, any volunteers, contact Heinz.

Library:

- Heinz has been trying to contact Selina Statnyk who has been doing a great job maintaining the Guild's virtual library. Guild members that wish to share their books or magazines with other Guild members can post their titles in the Guild's virtual library through Selina. Members wishing to borrow a book, should note the tracer alphabetical code of the book on the right hand side, consult their membership list to identify the alphabetical code of the owner and contact details. Arrangements for this library are made between the borrower and the owner.
- Good discussion followed by some of the attending members expressing their thoughts and ideas on sharing books, magazines among the Guild members.
- This above subject will be reviewed at the next executive meeting.

Other Business:

- Corporate Sponsorships have been extended for 2011, these company names are noted on our web page that have offered discounts to our Guild member's for personal purchases. Refer to the Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild web page for these corporate sponsors and their levels of discount. Heinz Tigges has contacted these companies and has provided them with our membership list. All new members names are added to these lists at the time of signing up. The typical way most of these sponsors extend discounts off regular prices is they ask for your telephone number, if the telephone number corresponds with their list, discounts are applied automatically. Some companies may ask you for your Guild membership card. Over the course of the past year there were other companies, not on the above list, and individuals that have made donations in support of our Guild programs, we extend our thank you to them again.

Guild Liability Insurance:

- Heinz Tigges reported the Guild's "Liability Insurance" protection policy was renewed for 2011.
- All Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild members are covered under this policy at our Guild's sponsored events. The policy our Guild carries is an umbrella type of policy that includes several other Lower Mainland Woodworking Guilds which we are part of. This policy covers the members and the Guild if an unfortunate incident occurred at a Guild sponsored event. This is a typical type of policy that is required for groups as ours to hold meetings at Chatelech Secondary School or to host public events.

- Below is a memo of summary of coverage as interpreted by the President of the BC Crafters Association:

*Extent of Liability Coverage*

*We have had a few questions regarding the extent of our BC Crafter's Association Liability coverage with respect to items made for Children. To help clarify this concern I offer the following explanation.*

- 1). *Guild members are covered for a Liability action arising from such things as a Demonstration in a Guild meeting or Public Showing or Display. However, once a product is accepted by the Public our Liability coverage stops. To provide coverage for such things as Choking hazards and Lead Paint or other such hazards would be quite expensive and the Guilds in the BC Crafter's Association could not afford the premiums. Plus to get such items approved by the Government would require much work over a number of years. Until an appropriate waiver for any claims against Toy items made by a Non Profit Guild is developed there is not much we can do to legally support such a good cause.*
- 2). *The Liability Coverage as it pertains to a Guild making toys stops when the item is made and only pertains to paid up members of a Guild associated with the BC Crafter's Association. Members working in their own workshop are not covered by this Liability Insurance unless the work being done has been sanctioned by the Guild as a Guild event.*
- 3). *A Guild Sanctioned Event is one that the Guild knew about before the date of the Event and has sanctioned it by listing the Event in the minutes of the Guild and /or has printed the information about the Event in their Newsletter. To support the procedure of having a Event sanctioned by the Guild a "Event Request" form has been made and can be used to provide the needed information to the Guild Executive for them to act on thus making the Event a "Guild Sectioned Event".*

Refreshments:

- Norm Ross volunteered to arrange for coffee & cookies for the meetings.

Election of Officers for 2011:

- Ken Rogers, nominating committee chairman and acting returning officer, Michael Miller was the scrutineer for the 2011 election of Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild officers.
- Nominated were:
  - President - Dave Beauchesne
  - Vice President- Peter Bogardus
  - Secretary - Ken Karaloff
  - Treasurer - Barb Bell
  - Directors - Lorne Byzyna
  - Dale Harvey
  - Tom Hourigan
  - Norm Ross
  - Ken Walker

There were no new nominations from the floor. Moved by Ken Rogers the nominations be accepted as presented, seconded by Tom Hourigan, motion was carried, the nominees were elected unanimously.

- Motion moved by Jef Keighley, seconded by Peter Clayden that Treasurer Barb Bell, President Dave Beauchesne, Past President Heinz Tigges, and Director Tom Hourigan shall have signing authority for the Guild's banking account at the Sunshine Coast Credit Union, motion carried.
- Motion moved by Peter Clayden, seconded by Ken Rogers, discretionary spending by the Guild's Executive have a spending limit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per transaction, otherwise the item would be voted on by the membership, motion carried.

Presntation:

- Dave Beauchesne thanked outgoing President Heinz Tigges for all that he had done for the Guild during his two year term and presnted Heinz with a special custom made, wood handled screw driver set. Heinz expressed his heartfelt thanks.

Show & Tell :

- Several members brought a variety of items of interest to share with the other members.
- Paul Holisinger- turned oak picture frame and a picture frame made from a spalted maple burl that had a knot in it.
- Dave Beauchesne- Made a right handed wooden spoon to match a left handed wooden mixing spoon. (A challenge presented to Dave by a person at his work place). (see photo below).

Door Prizes:

- Ken Rogers won figured maple boards donated by Brian Lucas.
- John Cargo's name was drawn for the \$25.00 gift certificate from KMS Tools.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Ken Karaloff  
Secretary, Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild



– Woodcrafters 2011 Executive, missing Dale Harvey, Lorne Byzyna

– Left & right handed wooden mixing spoons, made by Dave Beauchesne

