

Minutes OPCA AW Board Meeting 10-17-18

Board Members Present:

Larry Lemon, President
Jon Geisbush, Treasurer
Ellen Winnie, Secretary
Jamie Straw, Programs
Jeff Varady, Membership
Ray Ewing, Sergeant at Arms

Also Present:

Jeff Brody
Brad Stave
Jim Leary
George Kromka

The meeting was convened by Larry at 6:05 pm

Note: Huge thank you to Jeff Brody for taking notes until I could get there.

Then the board began a discussion of the mentor program. Among the ideas proposed:

- * Club should have mentors write up bios of themselves and their turning interests and publish those bios on the web site, in the newsletter (on a rotating basis) and possibly on business cards they can hand out to new members.
- * Each mentor should conduct an open shop at least once a year
- * Mentors should be introduced at each monthly membership meeting
- * Each new member who joins OPCA AW should be assigned a mentor (initially based on geography), and that mentor should reach out to the new member to offer support and help with needs the new member has (some mentors disagreed that they should be affirmatively reaching out to new members)
- * At least one mentor each month should participate in a table near the sign-in table at each meeting and be available for referral of guests or new members by VP Membership
- * Idea presented that there should be a PowerPoint slideshow that runs on the video screens before meetings with slides introducing the club's mentors

- * The issue was raised that two of our named mentors are either in poor health or are withdrawing from mentorship positions. The need to recruit new mentors was raised, but that elicited the question of who should choose new mentors and what skills/traits are needed for mentors. Must they be professional turners? What personality traits are required? What level of turning skill is required, etc.
 - Brad Stave volunteered to lead a committee of mentors to prepare a "job description/job qualifications" for mentors and report back to the board at the November meeting.

The following notes are mine

Reports:

President:

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Treasurer:

- * Jon presented a report on the status of the current budget and expenses of the club. We are in good shape financially.
- * There was a discussion on finances for the Holiday Party.

- ~~A motion was made by Jon, seconded by Jamie to approve \$1,000 for Cindy to purchase gifts, with at least \$300 going to items purchased from Club members.~~

Correction: A motion was made by Jon, seconded by Jamie to approve \$1,300 for Cindy to purchase items for the Holiday Party. This includes \$300 for food and decorations, and \$1,000 for gifts, \$300 of which should be purchases from Club members. The motion passed.

- * There was a discussion regarding contacting sponsors for donations. Ellen will send letters to those who donated last year. Anyone who can pay a personal visit should let us know.
 - Jamie volunteered to contact Ruth Niles, Ellen will visit Edensaw.

Secretary:

- * No additional report other than contained in discussion of the Holiday Party.

Membership:

- * Jeff would like to remind the members of the Board that they should check in at meetings.
- * It was suggested that we might develop a Specialty Tool Lending Library. After a discussion it was decided that there were too many issues/risks for the Club to supply a tool lending. It was remanded to the Mentors for discussion.

Programs:

- * Jamie reported on the status of our Facebook account. She has set it up so that anyone requesting admittance must answer three questions. After some discussion, the first question will be changed to only ask for a general location, and to prevent robots, and cut down on spammers, only those who answer all three questions will be granted access.
- * The next Sawdust session is on the 21st. Presenters will be Jon Elliot, Jimmie Allen, Ralph Lindberg, and Jamie Straw. It was decided that for liability reasons, only members of the club or paid presenters may have stations at a Sawdust Session.

Public Relations:

- * Not present. Jim sent a request that Board members to send any articles or photos for inclusion of the next Chattermarks

Sergeant at Arms:

- * There was a discussion about the Wood Wranglers. It was reaffirmed that we do not take down trees, just clean up trees that are already down. Ray will send a note to Jim to reprint a prior article on the Wood Wranglers to give an opportunity for new people to join.

Past President:

- * No Present, no report

Old Business:

* Membership Program. The automated program Jeff recommends would be \$200 a year with 30 days to test and decided if we want to use it. If canceled, there would be no cost to the club. After some discussion, it was decided that 30 days was not really enough time to tell us what we need to know.

- A motion was made by Ellen to approve trying out the program at Brad's discretion. It was suggested by Ray that the motion be amended to allow Jeff to wait until next year. The motion was seconded by Jamie. The motion passed.

- * New Officer Nominations. Ralph was unable to attend the meeting and reported in by phone. He is working on it.

- * Date for the Holiday Party is December 11th at the usual place. Other particulars were discussed earlier in the meeting.
- * Microsoft Office Suite Pro. The club has an opportunity to purchase a copy of MS Office Suite Pro for \$80.00. This would be registered and transferable to who ever fills the office of Public Relations. A motion was made by Ellen to approve the purchase, seconded by Ray, the motion passed.
- * Renter's insurance for club property. Jon reported that The Hartford, who carries our liability insurance, would include a \$20,000 policy on our equipment with a \$500 deductible for an additional \$75 per year. This would raise our insurance costs from \$435 to \$500 per year. A motion was made by Ellen to accept the bid, seconded by Ray, the motion passed.

New Business:

- * The offer by North Coast for the box of wood pieces for \$27 shipping was discussed. The prior box we purchased them was deemed not worth it. The offer is declined.
- * Camera Boom. Ray presented the plans for a camera boom that is more flexible than the system we currently use and would hopefully alleviate some of the issues with our current system. He is requesting \$400 to build it. There was a discussion on the pros and cons, including whether or not our current cameras would work with it. A motion was made by ????? to build the boom, after a discussion with Jeff. Seconded by Jon, the motion passed.
- * Drying Solution. Jim Conway was very impressed with a drying solution he saw at the AAW Symposium. Apparently, it is only sold in large quantities. He is requesting the club purchase a quantity and sell it to club members. After some discussion regarding storage, shelf life and other complications, it was decided to circulate a signup sheet and make it available as a pre-sale only.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 at the Family Pancake House in Port Orchard.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully Submitted

Ellen Winnie
Secretary