

# South Puget Sound Woodturners

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2020

**Call to Order** – President John Howard called the meeting to order at his residence at 7:02 pm. A quorum was established with the following board members present: John Howard, President; David Best, Vice-President; Fred Abeles, Secretary; Suzette Edwards, Treasurer; Michael Poirier, Director at Large; Jeff Marshall, Director at Large; Terry Broberg, Membership; Ramon Lyn, AV Coordinator; Doug Reynolds, Wood Rat; John Jacobs, AAW Liaison; Stan Gardner, Director at Large; Ken Light, Store Sales; Tim Spaulding, Webmaster.

**Minutes for Last Meeting** – Motion – Stan Gardner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Broberg to approve the minutes as published. The motion carried.

**Last Meeting** – John Jacobs made a video of Bob Sievers at Bob's shop showing Bob using his Ornamental (Rose Engine) lathe and the video was the main program at the meeting. Doug Reynolds said he had a hard time understanding the processes that Bob was going through and felt a better explanation was in order. Those that had a better understanding of the operation of this specialized lathe understood it easier. John said it took him two days to make the video and he spent several hours editing before coming up with the final version. We felt that the video presentation was a good experiment and should be considered for future presentations.

**Sawdust Session** – There were 20 people in attendance, one of the largest sessions in the near past. There were lots of new turners. The club's new bandsaw was in full operation and worked very well cutting out some bowl blanks. The Jet Lathe of Nancy's is having some problems as the drive is difficult to manage. Dave Best said he has a mini-lathe that could be used on loan for the time being. We need to talk to Nancy to see if she would be willing to store another lathe or two in her shop.

**Old Business** – Fife Community Center lease agreement – The monthly rate, including the non-profit discount results in a 10% overall increase equal to \$284.37 per month times 11 months equals \$3128.07 for 2020 rent. We paid \$1137.48 for 4 months beginning 1/1/2020 so we owe (\$3128.07 - \$1137.48) \$1990.59 for the rest of the year. **Motion** – John Jacobs and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Broberg to pay the \$1990.59 rent for the rest of the year. The motion carried.

Quicken software – A subscription was purchased for two years for \$69.98 which included a savings of \$30.00.

**Next Meeting** – The mini-symposium scheduled for the March meeting has 5 people signed up so far – Dan Stromstad using the club's lathe showing his vacuum chuck system to turn a bowl, Pat McCart – Sharpening, Ken Light – Pen Turning, Jimmie Allen showing lidded boxes and tool sales, John Howard showing Enhancement using Branding, Dave Best showing hook tool using his mini-lathe and a tool swap has been added.

Dave Best would like to find a way to stimulate people volunteering for the mini-symposium. It was suggested that to keep an eye out for show 'n tell entries for interesting things to demonstrate.

April meeting will feature Ed Pretty from BC Canada showing "Beyond the ABC's of Turning".

Dave said he spoke with Mike Meredith (Doctor's Woodshop) and he is busy the rest of the year but agreed to do a program in April, 2021.

**Treasurer** – Suzette Edwards presented her report in writing and is included with these minutes. She also indicated that an audit was performed and she needs receipts for the purchases Ken Light made for the Store Sales. Ken said he uses the club's credit card to make purchases. Suzette also needs receipts from the demonstrators. She also said she will be at each meeting to write deposit slips for money handed to her for accounting purposes. The bank told her that they need a physical address instead of the PO Box. It was suggested that John Howard's home address be used but statements would still come to the PO Box.

**Newsletter** – The complete video from last month's meeting will be uploaded to the member's only portion of the website.

**Webmaster** – Tim Spaulding presented his report in writing and is included with these minutes.

**Insurance** – The insurance we get from the AAW for \$200 per year was paid directly to The Hartford last year. This year we received an invoice from the AAW directly. Clarification needs to come from the AAW.

**Membership** – Terry Broberg reports that we currently have 115 paid members. Several members from the past have renewed after several years.

**AAW Liaison** – No report

**Store Sales** – Sales of \$241 were reported from the February meeting.

**AV Coordinator** – Ramon Lyn said he is still looking for a new light for our video camera/boom.

**Mentorship** – Mike Poirier reports that he had a gathering of members at his home last Monday.

**Wood Rats** – Doug Reynolds reports that Devon has wood at his house for cutting. Doug has scheduled a meeting at Devon's house this coming Saturday. Ray Pelzel also has wood at his house, mostly stumps. We need wood for the July wood auction. Doug want to have enough wood for the wood auction so is asking for direction on wood sales at our monthly meetings. He's not selling much and it is a lot of work to setup and tear down. It was suggested he bring 2 or 3 large pieces and lots of smaller stuff and see what sells. Lots of members are asking for cheap practice wood.

**Adjournment** – Motion by Dave Best, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 8:16.

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## Board of Directors Meeting Sign-In Sheet

February 25, 2020

	Name	Title
1)	Fred Abebo	Secretary
2)	MICHAEL POIRIER	AT-LARGE
3)	Jeff Marshall	At Large
4)	John Howard	President
5)	Suzette Edwards	Treasurer
6)	Terry Broberg	Membership
7)	RAMON LYN	AV Coordinator
8)	DOUG REYNOLDS	WOOD RATS
9)	John Jacobs	AAW
10)	Stan Gardner	At Large
11)	Rene Lyft	Sales
12)	Tim Spaulding	webmaster
13)	DAVID BRIST	JP
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SPSW Board of Directors

**Agenda**

Feb 25, 2020

1. **Call to order**
2. **Determination of Quorum (at least seven BOD members present)**
3. **Agenda –**
  - a. Any additions, corrections or deletions?  
**Approval of previous Board Minutes from Jan 28, 2020**
4. **Monthly meeting discussions –**
  - a. February Video Demonstration – John Jacobs and Bob Sievers Ornamental Rose engine turning
5. **Saturday Sawdust Session: 20 Attended – Excellent**
  - a. **New Bandsaw up and running!**
6. **Old business:**
  - a. Fife community Center facilities lease
    - i. Monthly rent increased from \$258.37 to \$284.37/month
      1. Both rental rate and non-profit discount increased resulting in an 10% overall monthly rent increase.
      2. \$284.37/mo. x 11 mo. = \$3128.07 for 2020 rent
      3. \$1137.48 paid for 4 months 01/30/2020
      4. Owe (\$3128.07-1137.48= **\$1,990.59**
    - ii. Need to wipe down tables after each meeting.
    - iii. Treasurer purchased Quicken Software – now only available by lease. Cost?
  - b. Mini Symposium
    - i. Pat McCart – Sharpening
    - ii. Ken Light– Pen Turing
    - iii. Jimmy Allen Boxes and tool sales
    - iv. Large Lathe?
    - v. John Howard – Enhancement using Branding
    - vi. Need Oneway lathe? – coordinate pick up at Nancy's
7. **Director's Reports:**
  - a. **V. P. Programs** – Dave Best
  - b. **Secretary** – Fred Abeles
  - c. **Treasurer/Newsletter** – Suzette Edwards
    - i. **Annual insurance through AAW**
  - d. **Membership** – Terry Broberg
  - e. **Webmaster/Social Media** – Tim Spalding
  - f. **AAW Liaison/Video Librarian**– John Jacobs
  - g. **Store Sales** – Ken Light
  - h. **Industry Coordinator** - Pat McCart
  - i. **At-Large – AV Coordinator** – Ramon Lyn

j. **At Large** – Jeff Marshall

k. **At Large – Mentorship** - Michael Poirier

l. **At Large - Wood Rat** – Doug Reynolds

i. **Cutting for auction this Saturday at Devin & Kathy Garlick's**

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m. **At large** – Stan Gardner

**8. Good of the order**

a. Around the horn

**9. Adjournment**

## TREASURER REPORT - 01/31/2020

TRANSACTIONS - YEAR TO DATE: 1/1/2020 THROUGH 1/31/2020

BEGINNING BALANCE	1/1/2020	\$	6,573.15
INCOME		\$	1,442.00
EXPENSE		\$	(1,137.48)
BALANCE AS OF	1/31/2020	\$	6,877.67

### TRANSACTIONS - JANUARY 2020

INCOME	\$	1,442.00
EXPENSE	\$	(1,137.48)
NET TOTAL	\$	304.52

### Notes for JANUARY:

#### Deposits -

1/14/2020 Membership	\$	122.00	
1/17/2020 Store Sales	\$	215.00	
1/17/2020 Membership	\$	1,015.00	
1/17/2020 Name Tags	\$	15.00	
1/17/2020 Wood Sales	\$	75.00	\$ 1,320.00

#### Expenses -

1/30/2020 Fife Community Center	\$	1,137.48
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## February 2020 SPSW Webmaster Report

This report is for the four weeks since the last report. There has been one new post and the February newsletters.

There have been 422 sessions (visits) (avg. 15.1/day) made by 354 users (visitors) totaling 1,025 pageviews and an average of 2.43 pages/session. There were 1.19 sessions per user. For this report period the average sessions are down to 17.5 from 15.1 per day, and the average pages per session are up from 2.09 to 2.43. Of those 354 users, 92% are new. The highest daily number of sessions was 30 on February 4th and the lowest was 4 on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Of the 422 sessions, 148 were on mobile devices (86 on iPhones) and 47 on tablets (24 on iPads). The average time spent on the site for returning users was 2:34, for new users was 1:44.

Of the 422 sessions, 191 (45%) were from Google, 119 (28%) were direct (user typed in our URL or bookmarked) and 35 (8%) were from Bing.

Chrome was the most popular browser for users (35%) compared to Safari (31%) and Edge (7%).

Of the 422 sessions, 123 (29%) continued to a second page, 77 (18%) continued to a third page and 53 (13%) continued to a fourth. The most popular page is the home page (181 pageviews), followed by the calendar (49 pageviews) and the classifieds (26 pageviews).

Of the users that Google identifies, 69% of this report's users are age 55 and older, while none were identified as under 35 years old. 66% of the users are men. The age and gender statistics are limited by what Google collects. 7% are food and cooking enthusiasts, 6% are home & garden do-it-yourselfers and 6% are hobbies and outdoor enthusiasts. 17% have an interest in home & garden, i.e. tools, improvement, services, décor and furnishings.

There were users from 199 cities in 29 countries on 6 continents. The highest numbers of users were from Seattle – 36, Ashburn, VA – 27 (which may be a VPN service) and Tacoma - 17. By country, the US was highest at 79%, China at 4%, Canada and the U.K. at 3%. U.S. English was used by 83% of the users, while 4% used Chinese, 4% used British English and 1% used Canadian English, eh.

There are 116 subscribers to the SPSW Members mailing list, 29 on the black list (many I removed who haven't paid dues since 2017) and no unconfirmed. There are 63 approved members on the website.

There are now 260 non-members that have signed up to receive the monthly newsletter. Per the mailer program, there are 197 addresses on the Black List, 0 that were bouncing (email address doesn't exist now) that have now been removed and 3 that have not confirmed.

I am happy to take suggestions for content for the website. I don't mind doing some research, if necessary, based on the suggestion.

Our Facebook page has 95 likes and 104 follows. Our Twitter account has 408 followers.