

Sun City West Woodworking Club

4-17-2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members present: Max Thompson, Art Lincoln, Ed Sproull, Ron Kolacek, Jim Casey, Kenneth Kirkland, Brad Fiddler, Gary Rippentrop Sr, Bob Simmons

Members Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 11:18

Reports:

Maintenance Art Lincoln

It was noted that several members spend a lot of time fixing machines. Some only work on machines and seldom use the shop. Lots of good work that we need to appreciate.

Art said he has talked to several instructors about the planned new lockers size. Plan is about 32"W x 15"D x 24"H. The location planned is back to back with existing lockers where office jigs are mounted near the scroll saw area. Condensing the scroll saw area a small amount will make some room.

Max requested a drawing and budget to be ready before the next General meeting.

Motion was made by Gary to proceed with drawings and budget for the locker space for trainers. Brad seconding it. Carried.

Cameras Ed Sproull

Cameras are up and working. Agreed to mount screen near the front desk where the tool crib person can see it and help monitor the shop. Ok to buy 1 monitor and 4 more cameras to be mounted as needed.

Financial Ron Kolacek

Reminder - new membership dues: January-June \$50, July-December \$25. The orientation fee of \$35 will remain and is non-refundable.

There was a discussion about the fact that every Wood Club board can only make financial and policy decisions for their one-year term – not multiple years.

Equipment Repair & Replacement Committee Gary Rippentrop Sr

Gary Rippentrop Sr is taking over as the purchasing agent and gave a report on what is needed to repair the router table brakes and other miscellaneous parts. Nothing considered major.

Motion made that Gary Rippentrop Sr. is appointed as club purchasing agent effective today. Ron seconded and it carried unanimously.

Gary is reviewing additional people to help with parts of his Equipment Committee work.

Safety Committee Kenneth Kirkland

Ken says that people are reluctant to work on the committee. Some say there has not been enough enforcement in the past.

Bob Simmons & Brad Fidder will help Ken with members, ideas, enforcement, etc.
Reminder - in the event of a accident, use the documents in the folder near the door we badge in ... procedures and forms are there.
The red hazardous materials container near the back door needs to be emptied daily.
At upcoming general meetings, Bob Simmons will do presentations on safety glasses, hearing protection, wood toxicity, and verifying external / internal wood moisture prior to using a table saw.
Bob will also create a sign to be placed next to the eye-glass side-shields in the lumber room ... stating that they are not to be used on NON-ANSI-Safe safety glasses.

Training, Lathe Committee & Club Web Site Jim Casey

Jim Casey had reached out to the previous instructors, and all were on board to continue doing the classes that they had previously done.

Jim is forming a lathe committee at the request of the board. In our past meetings, the board agreed that we will keep the one-way lathe, and design / install existing cabinets & shelving in that corner of the shop. Jim showed a proposed drawing – cost will be minimal.

Motion was made by Jim to keep the Oneway lathe and to modify the area to make it more usable. We will also keep the tail piece extension mounted on it – no member is to remove it without lathe committee chair’s approval. Brad seconded the motion – board approved this unanimously.

The past board drew up some lathe user and the safety policies. Jim and his committee will review these, laminate them, and post them in every lathe cubicle.

2 Upcoming classes Bob Simmons

1. Demonstration on using and sharpening hand tools.
2. Make a Stool, Learn a Tool.

Tool Crib & Inventory Max Thompson

Tool crib needs some organizational & maintenance ... Max reviewing. All board members should review our current websites for good, updated, & accurate content.

Shop Hours

Not ready to change this yet. Will continue to monitor this. As long as we have monitors to work, the shop hours & days will remain as-is.

Special Projects Team

Max discussed plans to re-start this team at the beginning of May, with specific written guidelines for the team and specified hours for accepting projects. The plan includes having only the special projects team members to accept projects.

Volunteer Progress

Many of our open needs have been chaired by board members, and they are forming their committees. If members want to join one of the committees, they need to talk to the person in charge.

We are still in need of a chair person for our Social Committee – Max will appeal again via email, General Meeting, etc.

Policy & Consequences for breaking band saw blades received wide support by members at our 4-4-23 General Meeting, so:

Motion was made by Max to implement the fees below. Ed Sproull seconded, and it carried unanimously.

- Fee for breaking a band saw blade under 1" if user admits = \$ 25.00
- Fee for breaking a band saw blade 1" and over if user admits = \$ 70.00

Motion to adjourn was made by Ed Sproull and seconded by Gary. Carried.
Submitted by Ed Sproull