

Mid-Island Woodworkers' Guild

Newsletter

February 3, 2016

Hello all,

We now have an Executive, and a growing membership for MIWG! Our initial get-together on January 27, 2016 confirmed that there is an active interest in this new Guild. The attendance count showed 27 people, but the head count was actually a bit higher. (We aren't sure of the exact number.) During that meeting, and since then, a number of issues have been resolved, and acted on - both by the attendees at that meeting, and by the new Executive, elected at that initial meeting.

Here is what has transpired...

1. The attendees voted to set the membership fees for MIWG at a \$25 initiation fee plus an annual membership fee of \$50 for a total of \$75 for new members. The subsequent renewal fee will be \$50 per year until changed at an Annual General Meeting (AGM).
2. General Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month with the exception of the two summer months of July and August.
3. The elections determined the following as the 2016 Executive:
 1. Tony Dobson: President
 2. Harlan Richards: Vice-President - Programs
 3. Rob Oldale: Vice-President - Membership
 4. Steve Neil: Treasurer
 5. Brent Busch: Secretary
 6. Brian McLaurin: Director-at-Large
 7. The above "Directors" appointed the following to the Executive:
 1. Ken Kaktins: Wood Recovery Chair
 2. Dave Workman: Events Chair
 3. N.B. This leaves two Executive Positions open for the moment:
 1. Librarian
 2. Shop Tour Chair
4. In the week since that initial meeting, the following has been accomplished:
 1. A bank account has been opened at the Island Credit Union
 2. A membership list has been created and we now have membership dues to deposit in that account.
 3. A meeting room for the next year has been secured. It is Meeting Room A at Nanaimo District Secondary School (NDSS). Our first General Meeting will be held in that room next Wednesday February 10. There is plenty of parking and the room is extremely centrally located. The address is officially 355 Wakesiah Avenue (actually Nanaimo District Secondary School), but to access the room as you proceed south on Wakesiah Avenue (from Bowen, or 3rd Street) past the Aquatic Centre and then NDSS, turn right at the driveway that is between the School Board Office (395 Wakesiah), and the stand-alone Band Room of NDSS. Proceed down the driveway until you see the parking lot on

the right. Meeting Room A has the wheel-chair ramp on the western wall facing the parking.

5. The first Executive meeting was held last night (Tuesday, February 2) at Steve Neil's place in Ladysmith.
6. At our initial meeting last week, Arie de Lange volunteered to begin the process of creating a logo. He has delivered the preliminary version, and it was presented to the Executive which has approved it.
7. The Executive decided that the Membership fee for 2016 would apply until December 31, 2016. The full fee of \$75 (Annual fee of \$50 + Initiation fee of \$25) will apply until the end of August. After that date, new members will continue to pay the \$25 initiation fee, but the \$50 annual membership fee will be prorated based on partial or full months remaining until the end of the year.
8. At the General Meeting next Wednesday, we will leave the first 1/2 hour or so available to collect membership fees and to fill out a new member's survey. The newly paid-up members will then be asked to vote on the following motions passed by the Executive last night. (Non-paid attenders may stay, but may not participate in the vote.) Here are the motions:
 1. Moved by Oldale, Seconded by Neil: To change Membership year from date of joining to a Guild Year of January 1 to December 31;
 2. Moved by Workman, Seconded by McLaurin: That MIWG change the date of the AGM to the second Wednesday in November from the June date;
 3. Moved by Kaktins, seconded by Richards: That notification of the upcoming year's membership fees due be given at an AGM to allow members adequate time to prepare to keep their membership current and paid-up.
9. The regular agenda for the General Meeting will follow the disposal of these motions, and will include a presentation by Dave Byers - the woodworker from New Brunswick who offered to showcase a piece of work that he has done.

We hope that you will be in attendance and bring your new membership dues of \$75. Please reach-out to and bring any other friends, family or acquaintances that may indicate an interest in being members of the Mid-Island Woodworkers' Guild. At the moment, our sole source of funding for budget plans is members' dues, so we look forward to a healthy and rapid increase in our membership!

Best wishes and regards to all of you who have continued to follow the progress of the creation of MIWG. We look forward to your continuing with us as members in the Mid-Island Woodworkers' Guild.

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