



# Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild

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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 12,  
7pm at Bozeman High  
School Shop

Topic: Round table  
discussion, topic yet to  
be selected

## Minutes from the last Meeting

Guests present were Jay Stanley and Lois Swartland, who are students of Tony's.

Treasurer's Report—Nick presented a summary of the income and expenses for the Trent Bosch Workshop. We had income of \$1920 in fees paid and \$2784.60 in expenses. Nick explained that the large, heavy cases Trent brought incurred high fees from the airline. The net was a cost to the club of \$836.60. We had many members pay dues recently and the Treasurer was easily able to cover this cost from our bank account. We will not hear about the AAW EOG grant for a couple of months, but we may receive up to \$1500 to defray the cost.

Jim reviewed the current liability insurance situation, explaining that the AAW's cost for providing insurance to the clubs had increased from \$11,000 to \$175,000 over 2 years and that they had dropped the club portion of the coverage. We are required to have liability insurance by the School District, in order to use the facility. He further explained that he had used his insurance industry contacts to find the most cost effective coverage, which costs \$425 per year for twice the previous coverage. The Executive Board had an emergency meeting on January 21 and decided to purchase the insurance to ensure that we and the school would be covered for the workshop. He reported that our current bylaws do not allow the Executive Board to spend more than \$100 without approval of the members, but urgent action was required. He asked for approval from members and there appeared to be agreement with the action taken by the Executive Board. The AAW continues to explore options for a collective policy which would hopefully cost \$100-200 per year for the club. Jess commented that dues will need to increase to cover the new cost of insurance, but suggested that we wait on this until we have a review of the club budget by the Executive Committee.

The Bylaws review is ongoing. (If available, see below)

We had a raffle and the first winner selected a nice, large blank of mystery wood, maybe tight grained ash. The second winner selected one of the projects made by Trent Bosch.

As usual, we had Show and Tell. Tom brought a very large bowl made from a tree harvested by a group of club members a couple years ago, and on which he did some carving and repaired a couple cracks with a biscuit joiner and some custom made cherry biscuits. Jay Stanley impressed with a very original birch 'banana' bowl on which he had mounted a single antelope horn, and with a nicely shaped hollow form from a maple burl he brought here from his farm in Indiana. See the web site for pictures of these and the very nice other pieces.

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## February Minutes, continued

We then had a discussion of the Trent Bosch Workshop. We had 235 students, 30 or so adults, and 30 international teachers attend on Friday. We had 28 or so on Saturday and 7 for the Hands On on Sunday. Everyone gave Rick a round of applause in appreciation for his efforts over the three day program. We also thanked Tom for hosting Trent and saving the club the cost of lodging. Many club members contributed to the success of the program and their efforts are also much appreciated. We need to send a thank you to Kenyon Noble for the loan of the lathe. (Don't forget they carry a good selection of turning supplies and equipment.)

People were pleased with Trent's presentations, complimenting him on his ability to customize them for the audience present. It was remarkable that he could do a piece for each of the shop classes on Friday. The Hands On participants thought he did a good job of providing feedback without being critical, and was dedicated and industrious in working with the turners. We would happily have him back.

Dan, who was miraculously tolerant and good natured during the Hands On, commented on the Jet 1442 lathe he was assigned and suggested that it not be used in the future. He suggested that the Jet lathes are not built for the hard use they receive in the high school shop and we should consider getting new lathes for the school or bringing in better lathes for future Hands On activities. There was considerable support for this proposal and it should be a subject for future discussion.

NOTE: Definitely not an official part of the program, Nick had a spell at the conclusion of the meeting and the club members responded very effectively, despite the absence of the Team Doctor. He spent the night at the hospital for tests and went home in the morning. The good news is he's reportedly 'fit as a fiddle' (if the fiddle is a 400 year old Stradivarius).

Dean Center  
Secretary

## NRWG By Laws Revision

Proposed modifications of the NRWG By Laws has been received from Jane Lerner. The proposal will be discussed by the Executive Board prior to the March meeting. It is possible President Jim will present something to the members at the general meeting, but no action will be taken until a future meeting. Notice that the new By Laws will be discussed and voted upon will be in the newsletter prior to that meeting.

One of the issues raised in the By Laws and insurance discussions is whether we should become a non-profit corporation. (Not Exxon-Moble, just a little bitty LLC) We need more information on the pros and cons of this option and we'll have further discussion over the coming months.

The Executive Board members extend their considerable gratitude to Jane for the excellent work she has done. She did a remarkable job of both keeping us out of trouble while still keeping the nature of the group in mind.

## Photos from the Trent Bosch Workshop



The crowd



Trent describes screw chuck use



Rough turning left handed



Pneumatic saw carving



Results



Vessel of Illusion



Show and Tell at the Workshop

A summary of the 3 day Trent Bosch Workshop will be posted on the web site, by the next meeting.  
**NRWG.org**

Scenes from the Hands On:

