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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, January  
14

7 pm

Bozeman High  
Wood Shop

## Topic

Fully turned  
wooden spoons, by  
Tony Huckert

## Minutes of the last Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Dan Olsen, vice president. John Baily, Lui Ferreira and Carmen Shockey were guests and about ~25 'members' were present.

Previous minutes included in the newsletter were referenced and no changes offered.

### Treasurer's report

We have 22 paid members with a current balance of \$3437.37

### Old Business

Mike Jackofsky possible demo discussed. Tom has discussed possible dates with Mike and he is proposing in fall of 2014:

10/3 demo – Friday with school kids

10/4 demo - Saturday for paid attendees

10/5 hands on session

10/6 hands on session

10/2 & 10/7 travel dates.

The BHS schedule seems agreeable with this but the 2014 schedule has not been published yet. Generally these dates do not have any special activities. Dan's estimate of demo costs ~=\$3500. If we get ~40 paid people for the demo @ \$50 each + 5 hands on attendees @\$300 each we can break even.

Tom received the list of wood that Mike would prefer for demo and hands on session. We need to let him know in advance of what sizes of lathes will be available and based upon lathe size he will recommend desired blank sizes.

He will make some nice pieces for a raffle. He will also bring some tools that will be for sale.

Proposed shop tours briefly discuss with no action noted.

At the November meeting the 'Bring it back' raffle was restarted to replace the 'Grab bag' raffle. At this meeting the question was asked if this was voted on and more discussion ensued. People argued for the 'Bring it back' as a way to improve the raffle while others cited hurt feelings in the past. Formal vote was taken and the decision was to stick with the 'Grab bag' raffle and not restart the 'Bring it back'

Need a demo for January as Tom hopes to head south. Tony might be available for the demo. Other possible future demos discussed. Dan Olsen suggested a demo outlining steps, jigs and dimensions for Gavels.

## Announcements

Fred Pitkin has closed his shop. He is selling his 12" variable speed Delta/Rockwell lathe, drill press, baldor grinder, and band saw. Tony is taking care of the sale for Fred and has the tools at his shop in Manhattan. Call him at 220-0223 if you are interested.



## Minutes cont'd

Discussing demos, Chris Nelson might do one on snowflakes by tablesaw and Jess one on picture frames. A round table discussion on finishes requested. Also a round table on how to deal with cracks, filling them, using decorative materials. We need to load up the calendar with more demos/discussions.

Jess donated a book from Gordon McMullen's library to the NRW library and donated 3 books from Gordon's library to the raffle. These are books that are currently in the NRW library.

We need to set up the position of a librarian to maintain the library. No one currently is taking on the task. Bob Taylor is making a new box as the purchased box fell apart. We also need to purchase cards and envelopes to add the checkout cards to new additions to the library.

The liability insurance is coming due in January. Details passed to the treasurer.

Ron Lerner brought a hollow vessel for the raffle and Tom Robinson won it.

We had a good turnout for the show and tell. (note from Dean: I didn't see the show and tell in person, but from the photos, we have some turners who are developing their skills really well. Eric had a couple nice small bowls, Lui presented an impressive portfolio of really well shaped and finished pieces, and Boyd brought a couple nice hollow forms. I personally really liked Dan's shovel.)

### Demonstration

Ivan Flock demonstrated how to turn a 30 caliber bolt action pen. Ivan went through all the steps to prep the wood, turn the pen and assemble. Dan's learning points: scraps + pen kit + mandrel + tools + finish = pen. Lots of quick tips and tricks to make the process go easier. Production mode – do a half-dozen or so pens at a time so that you can repeat each step 6 times and then move on to next step. Handed out catalogs and demo DVDs provided by Penn State Industries.

--Prepared by Jess and Dan

