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Officers

President

Jurgen Weiel

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Jarred McDaniel

Treasurer

Boyd Carson

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 pm

Bozeman High
Wood Shop

Topic

Calabash Bowl
(ala Mike Mahoney)
by Jay Stanley

For directions to the
meeting, see our
website at

www.NRWG.org/

Minutes of the last Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jurgen Weiel. There were no guests willing to speak up.

Treasurer's Report

Boyd stated we have \$1695 in the bank, after paying a couple large bills and several members ponying up dues.

Old Business

The annual picnic will no longer be held at Ron Lerner's cabin as in the recent past. Jurgen opened the floor for discussion about whether we want a picnic, and if so, when and where, and in what form. Prior to having picnic's at Ron's cabin, June meetings were like usual meetings but held at someone's shop as the high school shop is not available. The general sense is that we would like to have a social gathering of some sort. It should be a pot luck. Perhaps it will be in September at Clyde Park, with Bob Taylor volunteering to host.

Announcements

Jurgen presented a question from one of the members for discussion: what do people think about turning with gloves on? The response could be summarized as, "There are safety concerns, but it does have some advantages while rough turning." The chips can come off hot and cause abrasions to the side of the turner's hand. They have the potential for getting caught, so they should be snug, like stretch/carpenter gloves, or fingerless gloves, such as David Ellsworth's cut off gloves or bike/weight lifting gloves.

Don Bishop reported he is moving from his current out of town location, probably in the summer, and has some 20" hardwood logs of 3-4 feet length which he offered to members. Terms to be determined.

Jurgen asked if we thought we might like to have a "President's Challenge" as other clubs do. This involves a designated project given at one meeting, people go home and make it, then a show and tell of the results at the next meeting. The work would not be judged, just presented and discussed. There was consensus this could be fun and would stimulate people to make things they might not otherwise, motivating them to grow in their skills. After additional discussion, the first project will be "Turn an egg," for the APRIL meeting.

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Announcements

Oregon Woodturning Symposium, March 13-15, 2019, Albany, OR.
(oregonwoodturningsymposium@gmail.com)

Idaho Artistry in Wood 2019 March 16-17, Boise, ID
(idahoartistryinwood.net)

MSU student Nelson Goldsworth is looking for someone with a shop and tools who would allow him to make a desk for his apartment. He's had the blocks and particleboard desk up to now, so he may be thinking of upgrading to birch plywood and not a Louis IV reproduction. If you have the capacity and a generous heart, contact him at nelson.goldsworth@gmail.com.

Tools Available—Randy Roberson from West Yellowstone has a couple of older but unused tools for sale (406-539-9661):
Murphy-Rogers MRT7B dual bag dust collector with magnetic starter and two remotes
Powermatic 719 hollow chisel mortiser

Minutes cont'd

Upcoming Demos:

March—Jay Stanley, fresh from a Mike Mahoney workshop, will demo a calabash bowl

April—Jim Majxner will present Planes: history, set up, and restoration.

May—to be determined

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There was a raffle and a terrific Show N Tell.

The program for the evening was a Sharpening Hands-On organized by Jurgen. While some attendees enjoyed a little social time, the members who participated in the sharpening program were quite intent and seemed to learn a lot. A few had a chance to try out their adjusted grinds on some wood.



Learning Help from the AAW

The AAW has really expanded their offerings for novice turners. For those who are not AAW members, there is now a section titled Discover Woodturning. This portion of the web site has a robust selection of offerings in articles, videos, safety, shop tips, photos of turned work, and a 'how to get started' selection. To access, go to the AAW website at woodturner.org, click on "LEARN", and select the "Discover Woodturning Learning Portal".

For those who are AAW members, Woodturning FUNdamentals is proving to be an extraordinarily rich resource. As an example, here's a list of this month's topics, which has something for just about everyone:

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Tools

- Lathe setup and adjustment
- Grinder setup and adjustment
- Gauging toolrest height

Wood & Finishing

- Why finish? Which finish?
- Palma's finish decision tree
- Maple: Many figure variations

Techniques

- Spheres: Build skill and train your eye
- Another way to skin a sphere

Projects

- Shopmade cup centers
- Rotating spheres, a multiples challenge
- Egg cup introduces endgrain hollowing
- Endgrain treasure box
- Napkin rings expand your skills
- Shopmade expansion chuck
- Magic wand casts a spell



Use this for your show and tell items

Your Name _____

Wood Species _____

Finish _____

Special Notes _____

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Wood Species _____

Finish _____

Special Notes _____

