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Next Meeting

Tuesday,
February 9

7 pm

Bozeman High
Wood Shop

Topic

Hands-On with
Your Skew

by Dean Center

(hey, it wasn't my
idea. Bring your skew
with you.)

Plus a short video
of Michael Hosaluk
teaching his tricks

Minutes of the January Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Stanley. We had one guest named Kate, but I failed to catch her last name. (please email me at Secretary@nrwg.org or see me at the next meeting)

Treasurer Ivan Flock reported we have a balance of \$1719.

Old Business

1. Liability Insurance. It's time to pay our annual insurance premium of \$425. It's our single largest annual expense. Members were reminded that we purchase our own policy, due to small, but important differences between the self-insured and AAW sponsored policies. We have previously chosen to purchase our own. Members were asked if the Board can go ahead and pay the premium, and members voted yes.
2. Workshop. Tom Robinson has tentatively set a workshop with Michael Hosaluk for September 30-October 2. The cost of the workshop will be higher than what we have paid in the past, but Michael is a unique demonstrator, with a long history in woodturning, a wealth of knowledge and variety of offerings, and also a very fun presenter. He is one of the original founders of the AAW. In his work, he incorporates a great deal of art which makes for highly unique results. We will not know until March if we will receive an AAW grant, and members were advised the cost of entry and the hands-on day will probably be a little higher than our prior workshops. The members present agreed we should proceed with scheduling the workshop, and try to increase both local and regional attendance.

(Tom contacted Mr. Hosaluk and we have a firm commitment for September 30-October 2)

New Business

1. Coffee. Rick had been setting up and maintaining the coffee/tea service for meetings, and we will need someone to take his place. George stepped up, and Betty Green apparently got arm twisted into agreeing to help, too.
2. Bob Risk finds himself in possession of a boring machine (apparently a large, horizontal drill press-type tool) which he does not need and would like someone else to have it. I believe he will give it to the first taker. If you are interested, please see his ad on the web site or contact Dean.

Announcements

Desert Woodturning Roundup, Arizona Woodturners, February 26-28, Mesa, AZ

Idaho Artistry in Wood, February 27, Boise.

Dakota Woodturners Spring Symposium, April 22-24, Bismark, ND

Utah Woodturning Symposium, May 12-14, Provo/Orem.

(Super Wednesday will no longer be held due to facility changes at Craft Supplies, but they will offer special symposium discounts. They have an expanded retail showroom and new teaching facility.)

AAW International Symposium, Jun 9-12, Atlanta.

Trent Bosch, Great Falls Woodturners, September 24-25.



Michael Hosaluk Workshop

☞☞☞ Your Board heard some concern from members after the January meeting and met twice, along with a couple of additional members, to discuss, consider and plan. The end result is that we will proceed with the workshop, but may consider shortening it to 2 days if we don't get the AAW grant and there is not robust interest in the hands-on. In addition, we have established an ongoing committee to assist Tom in planning and preparation. The committee is focused on making this workshop more desirable and better marketed, to increase attendance.

At the February meeting, we will play portions of a Hosaluk teaching video to give members some idea of what they might expect from a hands-on. The cost of the hands-on will be \$150 per person. Those interested in the hands-on will need to sign up, first come-first served, and pay a non-refundable deposit of \$75. We will keep a list of alternates, so if someone discovers they will be unable to attend the hands-on, they may be able to secure a replacement.

Minutes cont'd

Show and Tell was terrific, again.

The **Raffle** was enthusiastic, as members have responded with a good number of new items for the treasure box.

Auction. Jess brought in some gear and supplies that had been Gordon's but which Patrick does not need. George explored his auctioneer side and sold off the lot. Rolling with momentum, he went on to auction off a couple of raffle box pieces as well.

The Demonstration for the evening was a group contribution sharpening discussion and demo. Jay brought in his Tormek system and demonstrated it in one station, while Tony and Dean held forth on the beastly high school grinder with the Wolverine jig set up. Several folks with tools that give trouble with sharpening got them sharp and also pointers on how to keep them that way at home. A couple of Sorby bowl gouges stumped Dean by not producing a good result with Doug Thompson's recipe. One appeared to have a non-parabolic flute, which is required for that method. The other may need Kirk DeHeer's recipe or a shorter protrusion to get the desired grind. Hopefully, Tony got them lined out before quittin' time.



George Auctions Off the House



Crowd at the Grinder



Jay demonstrates the Tormek System

