

Tidewater Wood Workers Guild
26 June 2006
Minutes

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Tidewater Woodworkers Guild was held on the evening of Monday 26 June 2006 in the workshop of Pat Lester's abode in the 1400 block of Plantation Lakes Circle, Chesapeake, VA.

Many thanks to Pat and his crew for hosting the regular meeting of the TWWWG, setting up the shop to accommodate our members and for providing the snacks and refreshments.

President Andy Steinberg officially called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. He introduced each of the guild's officers as well as the committee chairs. We then immediately introduced the evening's presenter, a Freud representative, Russ Brenner.

Russ shared his company's pride and professionalism in the Freud line of 10-inch circular saw blades, and expounded on each of the samples. Russ answered all our questions. He also cautioned us on the use of "oven cleaner" as it is caustic and actually damages any blade. Russ recommended cleaning Freud circular saw blades using kerosene and a stiff nylon brush. He closed his presentation informing us the top selling blades are the "Heavy Duty Rip", the "Combination", and the "Ultimate Cutoff", respectively. Additionally, Russ, in concert with WoodCraft store presented the attending membership with a 10% discount on any Freud bit or blade!

After our routine "Show & Tell" of several unique tools, Pat Lester enlightened the membership with the "history" of the building of his superb workshop ... very interesting indeed.

After a short intermission, President Andy recognized several visitors and new members. He also introduced the new cotton TWWWG shirts in various colors. Costs were \$18 for sizes small to large and \$20 for XL and XXL. Members wishing to purchase the shirts were directed to see our treasurer Gene George to place size and quantity requests.

Announcements:

- Power tool truck tentatively scheduled for 1 August ... at Lowes on Military Highway, Norfolk
- President requests feedback via phone or E-mail on any/all topics concerning the guild
- Considering August 12th for our annual beach party
- Looking into a "White Elephant" holiday dinner NLT December 11th
- "Fred's place for wood" Saturday July 1st. Call Andy Steinberg or Andy Westrich for details

Being no further business, at 9:18 PM, President Andy Steinberg adjourned the monthly meeting of the Tidewater Woodworkers Guild.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Bunker (for)
Bill Hoffman, Secretary