

# TWWWG Meeting Minutes

## November 2005

### TIDEWATER WOODWORKERS GUILD

Minutes of the Meeting- Monday 28 November 2005

The Regular Meeting of the TIDEWATER WOODWORKERS GUILD was held in the classroom of the WOODCRAFT STORE in the JANAF SHOPS, Norfolk, VA. Called to order at 7:05 PM EST by President Pat Taylor, who opened by describing the construction of several foils capable of presenting a maximum challenge to squirrels seeking to invade his bird feeding station.

His original squirrel foil was to cut out the bottom of a 5-gallon plastic water bottle and drill a hole in the neck of the bottle in order to suspend it to the pole supporting the bird feeder. Climbing squirrels were thereby trapped up inside the water bottle. However, Pat's wife objected to the ungainly appearance of this design. His follow up system uses a 20 inch length of 4 inch diameter metal duct pipe, with a wood disc inserted inside each end of the pipe; these discs were drilled with a hole in the center to fit the diameter of the feeder pole, and fixed inside the duct with sheet metal screws. The entire assembly is then inserted on the pole just under the feeder station. The duct pipe is too smooth and slippery to support a squirrels' attack on the feeder. Alternative methods were offered by members present, one of which was to fashion a rat-guard of aluminum flashing set on the pole and held in place with universal clamps.

Joe Jacobs brought in a 7-1/4" carbide-tipped wobble dado saw blade, offering it to the club- which will be raffled off to support the treasury. .

The Nominating Committee presented their Slate of Nominees for the 2006 Club Officers. President Pat reported that he had received 2 absentee votes, both in favor of the Slate reported at the previous meeting. Nominees were introduced to the Guild as follows:

For President     Andy Steinberg     For Vice President     Bret Lancaster  
For Treasurer     Gene George             For Secretary     Bill Hoffman

On Motion put and seconded, a vote by show of hands was ordered by the current President, with Bill Caillet appointed Teller. All Nominees were elected without opposition. The newly-elected officers were photographed by Bob Fred.

Gene George, re-elected and incumbent Treasurer stated that in the checking account there is a balance of \$859.00 and in the savings account is a balance of \$9,872.00.

Frank Pogue, who had brought to show-and-tell at the October Meeting some samples of balancing bird scroll-saw work, brought several copies of the pattern for those items to this meeting; and they were circulated for members who desired copies. Frank recommended using 1/8-inch stock for these bird cutouts, to facilitate their movement of the perch.

President Pat stated that all shop aprons had been sold, but more could be ordered; and he placed a sign-up sheet for those interested to order. Varying styles were discussed and Pat will check into ordering longer aprons with chest pockets for shop pencils.. Those already sold had carried a price of \$12.00; and caps had carried a price tag of \$11.00.

Pat mentioned possible interest in name-tags, and this was followed by conversation concerning a variety of styles and types, and whether, if obtained, they would be used. Further investigation and consideration is indicated.

Pat inquired about New Members; two were present who had attended the October Meeting, <sup>3</sup>by mistake<sup>2</sup>, thinking they were about to attend the Tidewater Turners meeting. Mention was made that a clip-board announcing our Club meeting dates was posted at the store register for patrons to sign up for an invitation to attend our meetings.

A question was raised by a non-member's e-mail, inquiring into using a wood stove to heat a hobbyist woodshop in a free-standing building on a residential lot. Municipal position on the question appeared confused; and a number of suggestions were made as to methods of dealing with bureaucracies and alternative methods of heating such shops. Ed Bunker responded by e-mail to the individual, providing a contact point for reference to the question. It was noted that the current issue *Fine woodworking* magazine contains an article relative to this concern.

Bob Fred is researching the cost of having our woodworking VCR tapes converted to CD, which would increase the life of the resource and conserve storage space in our library.

Inquiry was made as to how, when one has articles for sale, they can be listed on our Website. Ed Bunker responded, stating that instructions are contained in that area of the Site.

The hazards inherent in working with routers was raised by one member, asking for tips and guidance. A general discussion of hazards and safety measures emerged. Bob Fred came forth with a very informative mini-lesson in how to use a router. One tip cited the importance of a securely seated router table insert. Pat also added that he had read that with a variable speed router, or an attached router speed controller, be advised that SLOWING the RPMs of the router is essentially the same as INCREASING the feed rate...and INCREASING the RPMs (speed) of the router does the same thing as SLOWING the FEED RATE.

Pat announced that word would be transmitted regarding the several unresolved questions; and noted once again that

**THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER 2005**

The next Regular Meeting of the TIDEWATER WOODWORKERS GUILD will be at 7:00 PM EST on Monday 23 January 2006 at the WOODCRAFT STORE in the Shops at JANAF.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Hoffman, Recording Secretary