

MINUTES
of the
TIDEWATER WOOD WORKERS GUILD
24 October 2005

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Tidewater Wood Workers Guild opened at 7:10 PM EDT on Monday 24 October 2005 in the classroom of the WOODCRAFT Store in the JANAF Shopping Center in Norfolk, VA with President Pat Taylor calling the Meeting to order.

Pat announced that the monthly newsletter had gone out to the members via e-mail, except for seven members who have no e-mail addresses; they would receive their copies via USPS shortly since the material was already in the mail. He also stated that issue No. 1 (Nov. 1992) of the periodical *Shopnotes* had come to light as he was re-ordering his shop; the most recent issue is on sale at the cash register in our host store. In addition, that issue contained plans for a tablesaw blade storage cabinet, which had Pat constructed and brought with him for examination by members present. A Xerox copy of the article was circulated for members to see.

Pat then circulated a copy of the Membership List for updating. New members were called upon to introduce themselves. Charlie Williams was present and was recognized by the members.

Pat stated that Bill Caillet, owner of the WOODCRAFT STORE who hosts our meetings, had information concerning an individual who was making available exotic Australian and New Zealand burls for woodworking – much of it finding use primarily in turning. Ordering and relevant information is available from Bill, and will be posted on our club web site.

Bill also advised us that opportunity for making *Freedom Pens* (pens made in WOODCRAFT STORES facilities by volunteers for sending to armed forces serving in Iraq and Afghanistan) would be offered, beginning at 9:00 AM in his facility on Veterans Day, Friday 11 November 2005. All supplies would be available, volunteers need supply only their skills and turning tools.

Show and Tell

Frank Pogue exhibited a somersaulting clown that he had made and decorated; the clown was balanced mounted on an axle that rolled on a curved track enabling the clown to turn somersaults as the axle rolled along the contoured track. He also showed us some birds cut from plywood that, when placed on accompanying perches, rocked as if feeding.

Another member showed a sample paneled cabinet door with a shaped frame and grooved flat panel inset. He had used this pattern in making all new cabinet doors in his kitchen, sealed with white shellac and given a semi gloss white paint finish.

While there was no product to show, Pat shared with us his experience several years ago of being asked to make a pump-house similar to a dog house, to contain the mechanism of a ground-water pump under a windmill installed at the Norfolk City Zoo. The experience was enhanced by the location being within the llama enclosure, which he became aware of after being “spitted upon” by one of the llamas.

Show and Tell being completed, Pat mentioned the need for the TWWWG to move the VCR Woodworking tape Library from its present location where it was using space needed by our host into a location of our own. This was met with a number of suggestions, not all of which could be carried out without financial authorization by the membership; and the matter was, by acquiescence of the members present, referred to the appropriate committee anticipated for election at the Regular November 2005 Meeting.

The Nominating Committee, Chaired by John Moore, presented its Report, first introducing themselves to the membership for identification; and then offering the slate they recommended, presenting each Nominee and brief bio.

The Slate offered consists of:

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

Bios may be read in the printed formal report available on the TWWWG Web Page. Motion was made and seconded

that nominations be closed; and by voice vote carried.

The Nominating Committee then offered the recommended slate of members of the various committees to enhance the activities of the Guild during the next year. Names of those volunteering to work on these Committees are also available in the printed Report on the club website, <www.twwwg.com>.

N.B. Under terms of the by-laws, the names of the Club Officers nominated must be published no less than 15 days prior to the Meeting at which the election occurs. Therefore, members who will not be attending the November (Election) meeting are requested to notify President Pat Taylor of your vote before our Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM EDT on Monday October 2005. (By phone: 481-3167, or E-mail: pctaylor55@cox.net)

Pat mentioned that he had received a comment to the effect that individual members and their abilities are not generally known to one another, thus making it difficult for those who would seek help from members more skilled in needed areas. He stated that he hopes to see in the near future: 1) a modification in the membership list such as to include the special skills and areas of interest of members; and 2) the use of durable name tags so that members can more easily identify one another.

Once again mention was made of the possibility of small groups meeting together in one another's shops for instruction, information and fellowship. There appears to be significant interest in such gatherings. The suggestion was made that it would be helpful for members with desire for such instruction communicate their area of interest to members of the Program Committee for consideration and assistance.

Pat cited he had just completed a wall mounted pegboard tool storage cabinet in which he "doubled the storage" by adding sliding pegboard doors: maximum storage in minimum space. The plans for this cabinet are found in one of this past summer's issues of Shop Notes woodworking magazine.

Business completed, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
William C. Hoffman, Recording Secretary