

2024 Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Island Woodworkers Guild

June 11, 2024

Chair: Neil Bosdet - Past President

Call to Order

Meeting called to order, quorum of greater than 25 members in attendance.

Reports:

President: Blair Matheson

Overall, a good year thanks to the efforts of our executive and volunteer members. Our membership remains stable at around 140 members. The guild is in a strong financial position, treasurer's report will follow in the meeting.

The wood recovery program has put us in very good shape thanks to Dany Coulombe and his team of helpers. This includes an up-to-date inventory of wood on hand. We have a robust and diverse collection of wood still on hand following a very successful sale. We have future access to logs at Panama Flats in Saanich.

Presentations at our monthly meetings have been great which has led to opportunities for further learning including a "Introduction to Fusion 360 program". Shop tours have been excellent and included a 2-night excursion to Washington for 8 members.

The guild maintains a presence in the local community. Thanks to Phil Maken, Visions in Wood was a big success. We contribute to Camosun College with in-kind donations and a \$500 award for best chair at their upcoming Exposition of Craft and Furniture Design, titled "Intention and Grit" starting June 19, 2024 at 7pm. All are invited to attend the show. Toys for Kids at Christmas provided 300 wooden toys. We are well on our way building bat boxes to help conservation efforts of the Habitat Acquisition Trust. Let us know if you want to be involved.

Looking to the future there are things the executive is discussing. We would like to add to our tool crib, which currently consists of a vacuum press for veneering. Perhaps a Festool jointer. We want to explore getting back to donations for high school shop programs and creating a closer relationship with our sponsors to give back to them for their discounts. The executive would like to explore helping members or their estates selling their equipment and possibly a internal guild trade or sale day for their own no longer required equipment.

To make new things happen or share other ideas I would like to **appeal to our membership** to get involved. We can do more things, but in order to do so we need your help to make these ideas happen. Please reach out to the executive and share your time and knowledge with any of these projects.

Treasurer: Fred Harvey

Internal financial audit was completed with Ross Neuman and Ian Brown.

The report was shared with the membership before the AGM and will be attached to the minutes.

Highlights (as of May 31, 2024):

Total assets of \$45,228 (2023 assets \$38,068)

Cash \$17,265 and term deposits \$16,883

Wood program has an inventory of 4,603 Board Feet

Camosun support: \$500 cash prize for best chair, 318 bf of wood.

Library Bruce Thomson

A new set of 9 Tricks of the Trade DVDs have been added to the library. Each is of variable length and are excellent instructional videos of a broad variety of woodworking techniques.

Elections to Executive:

Blair Matheson (President), elected by acclamation

Neil Bosdet (Past President), elected by acclamation

Glenn Bartley and Wayne Halabourda (VP Program), elected by acclamation

James Casey (VP Membership), elected by acclamation

Fred Harvey (VP Finance), elected by acclamation

Ian Brown (Secretary), elected by acclamation

Appointed Positions:

Members who have agreed to hold non-voting positions with the Executive are:

Librarian: Bruce Tomson

Prizes: Randy Dahlquist

Wood Recovery: Dany Coloumbe

Webmaster: Andrew Ryskamp

Shop Tours: Russ Campbell

The Guild would like to thank and acknowledge the contribution of three members who are retiring from the Executive: Frank Letchford, Eric Koob and Dan Sharp.

Other Business:

Tool Crib:

The executive would like to continue to build on the current tool crib which currently consists of a vacuum press for veneering. The goal would be to provide access for members to tools they might need too infrequently to purchase but benefit from access to. Lee Valley has agreed to be the central repository for the tool crib.

Motion put forward by Executive:

Approval from the membership to purchase a Festool domino joining system to be added to the Guild's tool crib. The cost is expected to be under \$2,500 plus taxes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Spring Challenge presentations

Motion to adjourn

Motion Phil Makin, seconded by Andrew Ryskamp, passed unanimously.