

HIGHLAND WOODTURNING CLUB, Club Premises, Munloch Village Hall
Minutes of COMMITTEE MEETING held Thursday 13th June 2019 at 5.45pm in the Club Premises

1. **WELCOME** Present :- Alec Mutch, John Cheadle, Peter Lawrence, David Hay, David Hobson, Jim Kelman, Geoff Potter, Cliff Sim, David Hutcheson, Douglas Stewart, Colin MacRae, John Ruickbie
2. **APOLOGIES:** none
3. **TREASURERS REPORT**

CS distributed a printed financial statement dated 13th June to all the Committee members .It was noted that - a final account had been agreed for the Vodaphone router, surplus wood supplies had been purchased from David Noyce and there was a satisfactory closing balance.

4. TRAINING UPDATE

A training update was given by David Hutcheson. He started by saying that he wished to step back from his Committee and training responsibilities due to family matters. Everyone appreciated his wishes and confirmed that family comes before HWC. AM expressed a wish that DH would remain on the Committee but not expected to attend meetings - and a suitable second would be appointed to take over DH's duties and tasks. DH agreed.

It was reported that 5 places had been allocated for training. 4 members were currently being trained due to there being one trainer short. 4 other members were currently listed in priority order for future training. Two of the members being trained had made good progress - these would be encouraged to move on to allow others to be trained.

It was requested that the individual lathe lighting be upgraded. Daylight energy saving lights were recommended. The purchasers CM and JK would look into obtaining suitable lamps and lights.

It was proposed that all the lathe attachments for each individual lathe be colour coded with tags, so that a track could be kept of each lathe's equipment. The tagging was accepted as a very good idea.

5. BANDSAW CERTIFICATION

It was proposed that all trainers should be certified as bandsaw competent. JR proposed that he become a certifier as he was certified for the use and maintaining of bandsaws. JR would be in addition to the current certifier Errol Levings.

It was proposed that 1 to 1 training lasting about a half hour would be needed for explanation of the parts, function, setting up and safety in cutting with the bandsaw.

JR undertook to examine the bandsaw, report on any missing or needed equipment (eg a 'bandsaw buddy' used for blade setting) and examine the blade. AM had a supplier of blades. CM and JK to assist in acquiring any equipment needed.

David Hay and David Hobson to be the first to be certified for bandsaw use. A system of recording the certification to be established.

6. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

PL had noted that the website now stated that membership was full and enquiries had tapered off. The website stated 60 members maximum - but the Constitution says 65 members. It was accepted that new members should never be discouraged and new members still be accepted - where applicants were known or put forward - up to the maximum of 65.

It was advised that management of the membership could be simplified and proposals to do this would be put forward. It was acknowledged by all that the benefits of a personalised membership card were not that great.

7. ALL DAY EVENT

JC circulated a printed agenda for the 'ALL DAY EVENT' on 27th July 2019. JC proposed that he would contact the 3 demonstrators 3 weeks prior to the event and would inform the Secretary of the proposed subject for each demonstration so that the information could be incorporated into the programme.

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Sale of wood, equipment and supplies would be by Graham Taylor who would be arriving at 8.30am on the day. AM requested that any particular specific supplies requested be channelled through him to Graham in advance.

It was agreed that a raffle be had on the day. It was accepted that each Committee member would contribute to the raffle a suitable piece of wood or equivalent.

Help was requested for the organisation of tea and coffee.

It was confirmed that due to space restrictions (and as agreed at the last meeting) - there would be no additional publicity - but that friends and also members of the Caithness/Sutherland woodturning group would be welcome to attend.

8. COMPETITIONS DISCUSSION

AM has been responsible for the organising and devising of recent competitions and wished to delegate others to assist DS with future competitions. It was accepted that other Committee members would assist with judging, decide on the competition subjects and produce the competition specification.

David Hutcheson undertook to look into production of a template and printing/laminating of the presentation certificates for each category of winners.

9. DATES FOR 2020 PROGRAMME

A printed schedule of the proposed next years 2020 programme was circulated. It showed the first and last meetings being 9th Jan 2020 and 10th Dec 2020. Committee members were scheduled as being responsible for management of 2 meetings each. It was proposed that the period and time of the year for each of the Committee meeting managers would be rotated at each subsequent year.

The schedule and proposal was unanimously accepted.

The meeting managers allocated up until June are to put forward proposals for their meetings at the next Committee meeting on the 8th August. All other later meeting managers to present their own proposals by 3rd October.

10. SAFETY CONCERNS

It was accepted that proper safety protection be used by all turners on the club premises. Eye protection and filters/extraction equipment to be used. David Hutcheson would investigate signage to be located by each lathe to promote safety.

11. AOCB

Work was ongoing to try and even out the number of members in each of 3 competition categories but this was proving difficult.

NEXT MEETINGS

8th August, 3rd October, 28th November 2019 starting at 5.45pm.