

Minutes of a meeting held by the tutors for HWC training programme 19-05-2022. Start time of 6.15pm

Present, A. Mutch, Chair, N. Simpson, Training manager, J.Ruickbie, D.Ross, D. Hobson, E. Levings, P. Lawrence. (Peter arrived a little late, assisted with minutes)

Apologies, G. Potter.

This meeting was called by the Chair AM in conjunction with the Training Manager NS to determine what if anything we had learned over the past few weeks after resuming the club's teaching methods and what if anything needed to change.

AM opened the meeting by giving a summary of where we were and asking the question of what had we learned. AM went on to quote from an email sent to all the tutors outlining how he felt the training could be run, this covered things like how much time each trainee was to be afforded, the standard of their work, making them aware of the basic rules of turning for both bowl work and spindle turning, making them competent with the tools required for both applications, taking account of access to a lathe out with the club premises. AM also said the trial on teaching as part of the normal meetings was possibly difficult on the pupil because of the on lookers and should be reconsidered and kept to every other Thursday only. AM also brought up the fact we had about a quarter of the members looking for tuition and suggested a way forward to get them all started.

A general discussion took place covering all of these issues, with no firm outcome forthcoming, there was a discussion on the numbers needing training and how that could be accommodated, NS voiced his difficulty in organising the tuition when 2 of the tutors were only available for one session each month, it was agreed EL and AM would make themselves available to ease that situation until the impasse of the high numbers was resolved.

DR said it was difficult to fix a definite duration for someone getting training, this was backed up by EL on the basis that people learn at different rates, while the general principle of getting them to a standard that was acceptable to set them free to practice at home was accepted.

DR suggested that some books could be used as part of the tuition process, this was agreed that the library manager AG be informed to get some new books, list to follow. These could be handed out to the pupils for the duration of their training.

JR raised the question of the status of the tutors as far as insurance is concerned, he felt a legal status needed to be established and suggested that we may need to change to a charity status in order to take away the personnel liability, AM to approach Cliff Sim (treasurer) to firstly establish with our insurance provider what our position is.

NS raised a question on our safety policy whilst using the club lathes, it was agreed NS to provide a copy of his proposed safety policy firstly to JR (Safety Officer) then to the rest of the committee for approval. This would be discussed with the whole committee at the next committee meeting on the 26 May 2022.

NS suggested that sanding as part of the training was not necessary and should be kept to a minimum. EL suggested that sanding and finishing could be a topic for one of the club meetings where everyone was present, this was agreed.

It was also agreed a further meeting on these matters was required in the very near future.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

Minutes taken by AM & PL