

Minutes of COMMITTEE MEETING held at Munlochy on Thursday 30th March 2023 at 5pm

1. WELCOME to Meeting

Present :- Alec Mutch, Geoff Potter, Errol Levings, Alan Geddes, John Ruickbie, Susan Drew, David Line, Joe Webster, David Hobson

APOLOGIES: - Peter Lawrence, Alan Smith, Nick Simpson

2. MATTERS ARISING

The bottles of whisky had been received and welcomed by all the trainers.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

GP presented his report (appended below) which included details of the current membership, updated inventory and details of HWC's AWGB associate membership and AWGB grant system. The HWC could possibly benefit from a £150 AWGB grant.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

AG presented a copy of the monthly analysis from beginning of year to date which was circulated to the Committee. The main points to note.....

- For those watching closely you will notice the Opening Balance has changed from the one I submitted at the last meeting. This is a result of it being the case that we received some membership payments in 2022 that were actually for 2023 that I was unaware of so I have had to adjust for that fact.
- insurance has now been paid for the year starting 1st April 2023. The sum covered for equipment is £30,000 as agreed earlier with you
- Inflation has had an impact along with the increase in value of equipment on a "new for old" replacement value
- no other changes to the cover apparently
- subscriptions reflect 40 members plus the six honorary folk
- summary analysis of the Equipment and Other purchases is shown

AG stated he was not aware of any other significant commitments currently beyond the normal monthly payments for hall rent and waste collection. Our commitment for Electricity remains unknown at this stage.

5. MAINTENANCE REPORT

JR reported that the main item has been the main bearings and shaft replacement on the Nova lathe. This has changed the Nova lathe to a 33mm thread making all our lathes a standard size. I would like to thank David Hobson for his help with this work.

The sharpening bench is going to be altered to accommodate a copy of the wolverine sharpening system.

Rubbish removal is now simple with our own bin but we must clean up and bag and bin our rubbish after each session.

6. EQUIPMENT REPORT

JR reported that the Bosch grinder in new condition had been acquired by JR. This grinder is to be fitted to the modified sharpening bench.

7. SAFETY REPORT

JR reported that he has not been notified of any safety issues arising in the club.

8. TRAINING REPORT

The training report (appended below) from NS was read out by AM.

9. COMPETITION STATUS

The competition report (appended below) from NS was read out by AM.

10. LIBRARY

SD proposed putting books containing the relevant content corresponding to any particular Club Meeting be put on display at the meeting. A £200 annual budget was approved for book acquisition – details of purchases or requests for special expenditure to be brought to the Committee.

Discussion about loan charges concluded that loans would cost £1 per book loan with a period of 4 weeks. Late returns would be charged at £5.

GP offered to format the book index inventory and have PM upload it to the Club's website.

11. FIRST AID

JW reported that there was now a new first aid kit and an accident book mounted on the wall next to the sink. The eyewash kit to be examined. It was noted that mobile phone coverage was poor to non-existent indoors. Turning activities should usually take place with a minimum of two preferably 3 people.

The Hall to be approached by JR about possible relocation of the Defibrillator which was currently in the phone box near the car park.

A whiteboard would be available for First Aid notices.

First Aiders were SD and Richard Comfort. A request would be made to members for more.

Training nights were usually attended by NS.

There would be First Aid training on 13th April and JW would rehearse a typical scenario.

12. REGISTER OF KEY HOLDERS

All the current Committee have keys. GP to complete a register of key holders and he is to contact Mark Sutton, David Hay, Mike Day to see if they have keys.

13. BARMOSSIE WOOD SUPPLIES

AM reported that he had contacted Barmossie about possible discounts but had no reply. AM to contact Barmossie to let them know that we were not going to progress supplies with them but would post an advertisement on our notice board if they wished.

14. NICK AGAR

AM had been approached by Paul Hibberd about a whole day demonstration by Nick Agar. Expenses and accommodation would cost nothing but his fee was £500. There was a possible £150 grant from the AWGB – GP to apply. Costs could be covered by charging say £25/£20 entry. Venue would be the Club rooms with a say 25 limit or perhaps in the Hall which has more space - if available (JR to check). The public may be invited. It would be after July and probably a whole Saturday.

Everyone was enthusiastic.

15. AOCB

Gary Lowe would be demonstrating on 11th May organised by DH at £120.

Jim Cameron / Western Australian Woodturners President had enquired and been invited to visit on 11th May in which case the meeting would start at 6.15pm to allow for a talk.

NEXT MEETINGS

Start time 5.30pm 25th May, 20 July, 14 September, 9th November

HWC GEOFF POTTER _ SECRETARY'S REPORT for 30/3/23

CURRENT 2023 PAID UP MEMBERSHIP now stands at 49 compared with nearly 60 for 2022. A number of family memberships have lapsed. Most lapsed members were inactive at meetings. I think I only had two members contact me to say they would not be rejoining.

We have two new recent members Marco Baglioni and Fiona Campbell. Joining details have been sent to Norman Brown. There are enquiries from but no responses from Keith Brown, Alan McKay, Marcus Jenks and Rebecca Ramsay.

INVENTORY

I have expanded and updated the inventory this month - it stands at £ 29480 including a 10% uplift for increased replacement costs.

AWGB REPORT

The HWC is an **Associated** Club at a cost of £45pa. We have just rejoined and have received our certificate. We benefit from being a general AWGB member and its main advantage to us (besides their usual advice) are insurance discounts - a deal with Zurich Insurance. There is possibly some limited access to grants - perhaps for Demonstrators or Open days which are to be investigated. Our members can individually join the AWGB for £18pa.

The Club Up North appear to be an **Affiliated** Club. The differences between Associated and Affiliated are a bit vague! They benefit from perhaps higher grants but every one of their members joins the AWGB as an individual member at a very slightly reduced cost of £17pa each.

There are lengthy details about grants and advantages of different types of Club membership given below.

AWGB notes.....

Demonstrator Grant

The Demonstrator Grant, as from 2018 is £300.00 per Branch. This may be used by a Branch, as it sees fit, across its demonstration programme.

Event Grants

We will allocate £3000 per annum into an "Event Grant Fund" to underwrite losses up to the specified level detailed below which will assist Branches/Clubs to organise significant "events" to promote Woodturning and the AWGB Charity.

Such Events will, normally be run by an AWGB Affiliated Branch or an Associated Club and will not normally include club demonstrations even where these are full day events unless there is some other factor or activity which makes the event more widely available for the promotion of the craft or the AWGB.

Events can include a wide range of activities such as:

- Open days, mini Seminar days or weekends such as Turn East or Woodworks at Daventry.*
- Attendance at local shows where a Branch/Club promotes themselves, the AWGB and woodturning in general to the public.*
- Taster sessions for the general public.*

It is expected that Branches and Clubs will promote the AWGB at all supported events.

As not all the members of an Associated Club are AWGB members there will be a two tier award.

- AWGB Affiliated Branches – maximum underwritten amount of £300*
- AWGB Associated Clubs – maximum underwritten amount of £150 which is provided as an extra benefit for Associated Clubs who organise particularly special events to promote woodturning and the AWGB.*

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When applying for underwriting support:

- 1. Applications must be made before the event using the appropriate application form available on the AWGB Website.*
- 2. A statement of anticipated income and expenditure for the event must be provided with the initial application together with a statement of actual costs and income after the event in support of the amount of financial assistance requested.*
- 3. Clubs/Branches will commit to providing an article about their event for inclusion in Revolutions.*
- 4. Where events include the sale of members work it is expected that event organisers will charge a commission on any sales to assist in covering the costs of the event.*
- 5. Where the Event Grant Fund is likely to overspend consideration will be made of any awards made in the previous year to the applicant when deciding who is to be granted an award.*
- 6. Each application will be reviewed and agreed/rejected by the Grant Committee up to a maximum of £3,000 total expenditure in any calendar year.*
- 7. The Trustees may approve an extension of the £3,000 maximum in any one year if funds permit this.*

Training Grants

- 1. Training Grant: If the AWGB training courses are unable to facilitate a specific request, we may, at our discretion, consider offering the member up to £100 towards the cost of booking a suitable course themselves. The grant amount will be paid direct to the course provider on receipt of confirmation the course has been delivered. There is a total budget of £1000 per year for training grants.*
- 2. Ray Key bursary award: The trustees may award a sum of up to £750 to cover a package of support including training and mentoring for a member who shows particular promise. Applications are expected to be supported by at least two independent turners. The selection process for this award can be expected to be stringent. The payments will be paid directly to the training providers / mentors as appropriate and the recipient is expected to periodically report on progress.*

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Training report from NS

Fee for training was increased to £10.00/2hour session at the last Committee meeting.

Since my last report we have held 4 training sessions at the clubhouse with 6 pupils. Revenue £60.00.

The club is attracting more beginners, so the workload is expected to rise. We are now offering 'Improver Training' aimed at specific topics for members beyond initial novice level. These may need to be spread over more than one session. All trainers have been asked to indicate which subjects they would be comfortable to teach on a one-to-one basis.

Most training takes place at the clubhouse but, in addition, Errol Levings continues to offer some tuition based in his own workshop at Invermoriston with the usual £10.00/2hour session payable to HWC.

No equipment issues except for consumable abrasive belts for the Pro Edge system. The appalling state of many new members' tools necessitates major regrind.

Competition Status from NS

HWC has 2 competitions:

- 1. HWC Shield** competition is open to all members. There are 3 classes; Novice, Intermediate and Experienced. Classes have been determined by the Training team following an open entry system for the 2022 Christmas competition. There will be 3 rounds this year each with a theme and points can

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be accumulated over the year leading to the award of the appropriate HWC shield at the end of the year. Presentation of the shields will be made at the meeting before Christmas.

2. **HWC Christmas** competition will be held at the last meeting before Christmas and open to all members. The 3 classes from above will apply. There will be no limit to the number of entries an individual may submit. The winner will receive the McGregor Trophy.

Details of rules, classes and judging criteria have been sent to all members and are displayed on the clubhouse notice board.

Nick Simpson

Training and Competitions Leader.