

Minutes of COMMITTEE MEETING held at Munlochy on Thursday 20th JULY 2023 at 5pm

1. WELCOME to Meeting

Present :- Alec Mutch, Peter Lawrence, Alan Smith, Geoff Potter, John Ruickbie, Susan Drew, Joe Webster (present at beginning of meeting only), David Hobson, Nick Simpson, Errol Levings, David Line

APOLOGIES: - ,Alan Geddes

2. MATTERS ARISING

None

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

GP reported that the current membership was listed as 49. He advised that the latest new member was Fraser Brown and Bruce Fraser had not joined yet.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

AM had tabled a copy of the monthly analysis from beginning of year to date - which was circulated to the Committee. The main points to note.....

- the income from teas and the raffle nearly equalled the Club's rent.
- GP to forward details of two HWC invoices to AG.

5. MAINTENANCE REPORT

JR presented his report appended below.
PL and DL to assist in various workshop installations.

6. SAFETY REPORT

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

7. TRAINING REPORT

NS presented his training report (appended below) .

JR wanted to provide workshop training in the future and would agree details with NS. This training would be for provided for individual users only (and would not be so the individuals could train other users).

AM requested that all the Committee Members undertake workshop training in batches of 3. AS offered to supply wood for training purposes.

A box of ear plugs to be bought and provided for Member's use.

8. COMPETITION REPORT

NS presented his report (appended below).

NS proposed 4 annual competitions and a change to the judges and the points system. Accepted by all.

AM proposed that more lathes be manned during Competitions with members turning. Agreed.

9. LIBRARY

SD reported that a few books were out on loan. Two new books would be purchased and the loan period extended to 6 weeks. Agreed.

10. FIRST AID

JW's report was taken early on the Agenda, after which JW left. JW reported that there was only one reported very minor accident requiring a small plaster to a cut on 27th April. Following the JW recent demonstration to all members and advice about the fire extinguishers and fire fighting - a fire extinguisher and blankets had been acquired. JW would install these. JW requested any obsolete extinguishers to be donated for a possible future demonstration.

HIGHLAND WOODTURNERS CLUB, Club Premises, Munlochy Village Hall

The Hall had been approached about the provision of a defibrillator, details awaited and to be agreed.

11. LAP TOP and VIDEO EQUIPMENT etc

Phil Moore attended to advise the Committee. To greatly assist with future HWC continuity - 3 generic emails would be set up for the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for HWC business. A corresponding Dropbox would be started for storage of Club information and data.

PM provided advice about connecting a laptop to the TVs.

12. NEW EQUIPMENT etc

PL to acquire a set of double ended calipers. AM requested that PL audit and make an inventory of consumables.

13. 2024 PROGRAMME

AM proposed competition dates of 29th Feb, 9th May, 18th July and 3rd Oct 2024.

AM requested the proposed subjects for the Club meetings for the first 6 months of 2024. GP proposed 'items for the kitchen or dining table' for 4th January. The meeting on 14th March would be 'Finishing Products' by JR and AM.

14. AOCB

SHOWTIME/ SHOW AND TELL. Format to be discussed at future meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS

Start time 5.30pm 14 September, 9th November 2023

Safety, Maintenance and Hall Report - J R

Safety

No reported safety issues

Maintenance

The band saw drive belt has been replaced

The Wolverine sharpening system has been installed with the Bosch grinder

A donated scroll saw is now in the workshop area

The small disc and belt sander requires a repair to the NVR switch

The trolley on the planer has had the faulty castors replaced

The external wood store is now completed

The final fitting out of the workshop can now be done.

Work required

Housing for the dust extractor

Ducting installation

Extending the wood rack

This work will allow workshop training to start

Hall Committee

Funding for defibrillator being investigated

Assembly point notice erected in car park

Attempted break in at kitchen door repaired

New emergency lighting log books installed

Training Report – NS

Highland Woodturners Club Committee Meeting 20 July 2023

Since my last report we have held 2 training sessions at the clubhouse with 3 pupils.

Revenue £50.00.

So far there have been no applicants for any of the 'Improver' topics. We should remind members of this valuable resource.

We have not been able to include bandsaw use in our training programme.

Nick Simpson - Training and Competitions Leader. 18/07/23

Competitions Report – NS

Since my last report there has been one further competition.

I was very grateful to David Hobson and David Ross for standing in as judges at very short notice. This proved a useful opportunity to test the scoring system devised by Errol Levings and myself. All 4 of us are pleased by the robustness and repeatability of the system and suggest that it be adopted for next year.

Uptake for the HWC Shield Competition has been disappointing. Members should be encouraged to enter and be secure in the knowledge that private critique will always be available. Public critique should only occur with the permission of the entrant.

I suggest that the Experienced Class for The HWC Shield and the Christmas competitions for 2024/5 be renamed Open Class. This change would more truly reflect the population of the top group which may include relatively inexperienced woodturners who are of a standard at least one increment higher than the bulk of those members in the Intermediate group. The prize shield will have to be altered accordingly.

HWC Shield 2024 - Additional recommendations for 2024/5

1. Entry: Open to all paid-up members of the HWC.
2. Classes:
 - a. 3 classes will be offered: Novice, Intermediate and **Open**.
 - b. Class entry will be determined through discussion with the members of the HWC teaching and training team and will always involve the member when a change of class is recommended. The overriding principle will be to offer a fair level of competition within a class.
3. Judging:
 - a. Judging will be carried out to adopted criteria by a minimum of 2 judges. One of whom should have previous HWC judging experience.
 - b. Any HWC member may be a judge but those not experienced in judging to the agreed criteria should be accompanied by an experienced judge.
 - c. If one or more judge(s) has entered the competition, a replacement judge(s) will be recruited if required for that class.
4. Points:
 - a. Points will accumulate throughout the year.
 - b. 1st: 10points. 2nd: 9 points. 3rd: 8 points. 4th: 7 points. 5th: 6 points. 6th and all other entries 4 points.
5. Proposed Subjects:

Date	Novice	Intermediate	Open
	Honey pot dipper	Honey pot and dipper	Honeypot with lid and dipper
	A Scoop	A matching pair ladle or spoon	Matching set of 4 ladle or spoon
	A bud vase	A bud vase which holds water	A bud vase with 2 or more wooden flowers
	A rocking bowl	A rocking bowl	A pair of matching rocking bowls

Nick Simpson 18/7/2023.