

Guild of Maine Woodworkers Inc.
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday April 18, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Frank Southard, Wes Sunderland, Bob Munier, Ron Boes, Randy Mayes, Dell Osman and Barbara White

Opening: The April monthly meeting was held at Ron Boe's shop and started at 6:15 pm. Wes opened the meeting with an update on Expo 2017.

Expo Update:

- A deposit has been made on the Westbrook Armory. The total fee is \$1200 plus \$300 if we require janitorial services after the event. We can save the \$300 if we elect to do the cleanup ourselves. Frank mentioned that we will need to secure Proof of Insurance. We have 21 verbal commitments from vendors. Pat will be sending emails to those persons requesting a 50% deposit in advance. Frank suggested requesting the full deposit. His suggestion was acknowledged although a decision was not reached.
- Members discussed the pros and cons of charging admission to the expo and all agreed that at least for this year it will be free. The majority believed that we need to build name recognition before we consider charging and that we will endure the "tire kickers".

New Business:

- Establishing a Facebook page for both the Guild and the Expo were discussed. None in attendance are that savvy with Facebook. **If there are volunteers that would like to take this on we would like to hear from you.**
- Frank reported that the Kennebec Valley Woodworkers is disbanding due to low attendance and will be transferring the \$500 left in their treasury to our guild. He emphasized the need to take steps to continue to grow our organization to prevent the same fate. Barbara suggested adding a resource page to our website with links to various resources, such as hardwood vendors, tool repair.
- Wes reminded all that the June field trip will be at Lincolnville Windsor Chairmakers on Saturday, June 10th. <http://www.windsorchair.com/>

- Frank mentioned that the Kansas City Woodworkers has an impressive website. Barbara suggested we may be able to glean some ideas for our own website. The address is <http://kcwoodworkersguild.org/>.

Show and Tell:

- Wes shared his antique marking gauges with the group.
- Ron displayed his mission style chair he built from his ~17 year old prototype and explained how the finished product changed from the prototype. Ron also had on display two glass topped side tables he's building. He purchased the beveled glass from a company in Washington state. The top is made with Padouk from South Africa. This kindled discussion about hard wood suppliers.

Miscellaneous:

Hardwood vendors:

- Northland Forest Products in Kingston, NH is now selling retail.
- Highland hardwoods in Exeter, NH
- Downes & Reader in Gorham, ME are two other vendors.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.