

# ADOPTED

## TIMBER FRAMERS GUILD, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 1st November 2006  
Time: 19:00 – 21:30 EST  
Location: Teleconference

#### Present (TFG):

Brenda Baker  
Joel McCarty – Minutes  
Grigg Mullin  
Curtis Milton  
Al Anderson  
Rudy Christian

#### Apologies (TFG):

Rick Collins  
Laura Brown  
Leon Buckwalter  
Will Beemer  
Gord Macdonald  
Susan Witter (invited)  
Sue Warden (invited)

### **1. Matters Arising**

All Minutes of last meeting approved.

### **2. Financial Reports**

Curtis is looking for a report on the success or struggles of the new chart of accounts.

Any line item questions that Curtis had were satisfactorily answered as timing issues (accounts payable, for instance).

Advertisement revenue shortfall questions: are all revenues in hand? Curtis will report back. We're about a half page off the mark for Timber Framing over the last year.

Who will call the lapsed advertisers for a little follow up? Action Item for Joel; call Bailey's.

Do we want Will to move forward with an investment proposal from Berkshire Taconic?

We'll hold that discussion for our Thursday meeting at the conference.

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Rudy raises a question about our budget projections . . . were we too conservative about our budgeting, and is this a problem?

General philosophical discussion followed for some time. We sure would like to make Sue Warden is at our Conference Board Meeting to address some of these 'bubble in time' questions.

In general, while our overall numbers may be a little bit down from last year, we remain in excellent financial health. (or 'Wicked half decent!')

Curtis believes that gross receipts are down for the year to date but net is up. All subject to adjustment as the paper settles.

### **3. Office reports:**

#### **Becket:**

No questions for WB at this time. Pre Con workshop numbers are impressive.

Al would like to see a discussion at the F2F BoD meeting as to how we could increase the attendance at the Site Safety Modules. We'll ask at the Members Meeting. Rick will take this on.

#### **Alstead:**

Discussions about project budgets, projects in the pipeline, and what our time-line for developing the 2007 Budget BEFORE the F2F.

### **4. Committee Reports:**

**Publications:** The Pubs Comm met briefly this week. Plan Book mockups will be available for inspection at Roanoke. The Pubs Comm has decided to take on the EBSCO proposal; that will put our Timber Framing content (going forward) into databases accessed by libraries all over North America.

TF is very short on copy for this issue. It goes to the proof reader on the 15th of this month. Some help is offered. The board is reminded that it has some responsibility to support this effort, if not by direct authorship, then by proxy.

General philosophical discussion about our publications and their respective objectives.

Pubs policy question: We are currently inconsistent in our authors' compensation. Ken offers a plea for consistency. We need to be paying for re-publication rights, as well as for original work. We agreed to compensate ALL contributors henceforth, retroactive to the last series of TTRAG articles.

**Projects** Comm meeting scheduled for Roanoke to determine our work plan for 07.

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Brenda suggests that we promote committee participation at the Members Meeting. Projects is not ready to accept 10 new members at this time. We'll just let folks know what we've been up to.

**Education;** Laura to speak at the Members Meeting how to proceed with the spring initiative from Laura.

**Membership;** no report.

**Nominations;** five in place. Al Wallace, Chris Gunn, plus incumbants Brenda, Rick and Grigg. Ballots are at the printers.

**Conferences;** no meeting this week. Too much conference work.

**HR report;** nothing at this time. First week of December meeting to review PC apps.

**Scholarships;** we are ROCKING! There is a bit of money left.  
Action Item for Rudy; RC will deliver an official annual report at the Members Meeting in Roanoke.

**Curriculum;** no report at this time. See Becket report.

## 5. Other Business:

Some items dealt with in the body of the meeting.

Remaining:

Storage for the Trebuchet (which we now own).  
Board approves the expense. Unbudgeted in '06 approximately \$2.2k.  
Joel is directed to insure it.

Discussion followed. Motion approved.

General approval of the F2F at TTRAG concept. Some of the folks working in the academic game will find this difficult, but not impossible. Dates are 21 and 22 March. Travel on the 20th, and please plan on staying for the TTRAG meeting.

Next meeting, 6 December, Wednesday, 1900h est.

*Meeting Adjourned 20:44 Eastern*