

Timber Framers Guild
Board of Director's Meeting

Sept 28, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:06 pm

In attendance:

Joel McCarty – Executive Director,
Lisa Sasser – President,
John Miller – Treasurer,
John Mumaw – Clerk
Clark Bremer,
Randy Churchill,
Gabel Holder
Adrian Jones

Missing was Chris Gunn, Collin Beggs,

Joel asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes. Randy moved to accept the minutes and Clark seconded. There was some confusion over whether John Mumaw or Joel had made the last edits. John said he would review both edits and make sure the one posted was all inclusive.

Joel said he had revised the narrative based on the executive meeting call. The most significant addition was the mention that Lisa had secured a \$2,500 grant for the Timber Framers Guild from the Park Service's National Center for Preservation Technology & Training. It's being treated as a conference sponsorship and their logo is being put on the conference's page of the Guild's web site. Lisa said that it was really a result of being in the right place at the right time.

The next thing to be mentioned was that Burning Man is on again with a different sponsor. Joel has arranged for Vicco von Voss to make a presentation about Burning Man at the members meeting as well as at the slideshow.

Lisa said she had an email from Ken Rower asking to attend the F2F as has been the practice recently. No one had any objections.

The Stone House Museum project, which Joel has been working on for a few years is now funded and is scheduled for June 2012. Alicia and Joel met with the local hero recently and reviewed the drawings, which are for a fairly modest 17th century style barn. Our next step is to propose a price for the Guild's participation and Joel plans to have that before them by the conference. Stone House Museum's principal building is a former residence hall built by Alexander Twilight, believed to be the country's first African American college graduate and first African American legislator. The barn is intended to replicate as closely as possible a barn originally standing near the Stone House Museum.

We had a small crisis today with the latest Scantlings. Ken was dissatisfied with the printing and pulled the copies prior to mailing. The printer will reprint the entire issue.

The Poland install contract is out but we are still waiting to hear if it's a go. Joel is not terribly confident that it will happen this year.

Joel renewed the TFG logo with the federal government recently. Will Beemer deserves thanks for reminding Joel it was time to do it.

Joel asked if everyone was comfortable with the new conferencing system. Several replied that it was ok. Joel said

that there had been problems with a recent Apprenticeship committee conference call and they were going to try Skype. Depending on their experience we may try that. Joel said that if we did, that there was a dial in work-around for people without Skype access.

Joel is still working on the reincorporation papers and will have them ready for us at the F2F.

On the financial side John Miller said that the new procedure of having the monthly documents sent to both he and Joel was working out well, giving them an opportunity to review them together. John said that the financial picture for the Guild was continuing to improve with the one exception being conferences and the reason for that we would hope, is because the Eastern Conference is yet to happen. John said that since he was not going to be at the conference he would need someone to be ready to speak about financial matters should the question arise at the member meeting. Joel said that he could get together with John to make sure they were on the same page and be ready to answer questions. Lisa said that graphics would be appropriate and Joel said that Susan Witter had already prepared some.

Joel said that the lifetime membership fund was nearly back to where it needed to be. John Miller pointed out that this was entirely due to our investments starting to perform adequately and not to anything the Guild was doing.

Joel just got back from the Northeast regional meeting and they had 90 attendees. Joel said that it was a lively conference with good weather. Southeastern regional meeting next weekend.

The Leesburg conference brochures have been mailed and so far we have 29 registrants. Clark asked about a keynote speaker and Joel said that there would be none. This was because no one compelling speaker had been found and also in the interest of keeping costs down.

The scholarship fund has a balance of about \$1,400. There were no requests for assistance at Fort Worden. So far we have three for Leesburg. The joint ILBA/TFG conference idea is on hold pending a board meeting by the ILBA on Oct. 4th. We do have a date and a venue for TTRAG and William Collins is working on the program. Joel will not sign a contract with the venue until after Leesburg.

The Apprenticeship committee is meeting every other week. This last week they approved increasing the money available for journey worker support. They are reviewing some prototype assessment materials prepared by Judy Hayward of Historic Windsor. So far it appears they like what they see. Gabel and Joel will call every journey worker to make sure they know there is money available to assist them if they would like to go to the Eastern Conference.

Timber Framing and Scantlings are available online with a new online reader. So far there have been 401 unique visitors to Timber Framing 101. Joel stressed that we are not phasing out paper publications; only supplementing them.

Membership is up to 1405, better than recent weeks, but still well below the high for the year.

The Guild's timber cart store is now in business. John Miller is the first customer.

Randy is working on a bridge project for 2012 or 2013 for Courtney, British Columbia. Ed Schum is the driving force behind the project and he has put at least two year's effort into building local interest in the project. The idea is for a 60 meter pedestrian bridge. The Courtney community has contacted Golden, BC to see what their experience was like and seems to think that it would be a good fit for the community. Right now we are waiting on a letter of interest from the town and we hope to have more information by the F2F.

Adrian left early to go to a meeting at the Spring Creek Gardens. A local networking group called Green Drinks was meeting at Spring Creek, and their executive director gave Adrian a couple minutes of microphone time to stump for future Guild projects with other local non profits. They will be meeting in the outdoor classroom built in Fort Collins,

CO in 2010.

BOD balloting is up to 183. Balloting will close on Oct. 10th.

John Miller asked about quarterly Journey worker payments. He was questioning the surcharge for paying quarterly. Joel said that based on direction from the Apprenticeship committee the payments had been \$1,000 for a single payment, \$260 for quarterly payments and \$90 for monthly payments. Joel said that he and John Miller had discussed doing away with the surcharge for quarterly or monthly payments. We all agreed that the board would direct Joel to ask the Apprenticeship committee to change the policy. On another note, Joel said that the Apprenticeship committee is discussing non-employment based Apprentices.

The Golden bridge anniversary is Oct. 22nd. John Palmer has been calling everyone that was on the original crew to make sure they were aware of it. It has also been advertised in Scantlings as well as being on the Guild's web page.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Respectfully submitted by John W. Mumaw