



The Turning Point

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December Meeting...

Harrisburg High School, 1:00 p.m. December 3. Jack will do a demo on Fractal Lichtenburg burning. There have been some dramatic samples of this technique shown during the show-and-tell portion of recent meetings. Google Fractal Lichtenburg for more information.

Also Doug volunteered to bring his lathe and duplicator for anyone wishing to make a baseball bat.

No formal business meeting planned. Just open shop time. This December meeting format has been very well received in past years. As always bring your questions, suggestions and show -and-tell items.

Future Meeting Plans...

January; Coring a set of bowls with the Woodcut and McNaughton tools.

February; Annual Pens for the Military project.

March; Hollow forms with the Carter hollowing system.

November Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners

November 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The November meeting was called to order at 1:10 by President Al Hird. There were 24 turners in attendance. Happy Birthday wishes were extended to Jack!

A. Minutes of last meeting: October minutes were approved as presented.

B. Treasurer's report: Frank reported treasury has a balance of \$1540.82.

C. Library report: Bob reported that the new Glenn Lucas DVDs are now available. Also some new magazines have been added.

D. Community Ed report: Community education classes for the Fall term are completed and were well received. Al thanked all who assisted and encouraged members to take part in future classes. Sue will no longer be coordinator, Al will be taking over. There is a concern that the increase in class cost might have discouraged attendance for some classes—John W and Al will discuss this concern with Melanie (Comm Ed Coordinator). Suggested classes for the Spring term are: Woodturning 101 (2 sessions), Penmaking, Duck Calls, Platters, Green Bowls, Sharpening, and Hollow Forms.

E. Equipment report: John W. has a contact at Dakota Sports that is still searching for equipment (baseball) bags for the tools. Cost will hopefully be under \$10 each. Steve has a new switch for one of the lathes.

F. Membership report: Corky reported 43 active (paid) members for 2016. Dues for 2017 can be paid now—they are due in January and remain \$25 for next year. Royce asked if anyone still needs a name badge (sheet passed around). Badges are made by the Tech Ed class in Lennox at no cost to the Club.

G. Old Business:

1. A used cargo trailer for the Club was located at a rental dealer in Tea and was brought to the meeting. It is a 6' x 10' trailer with rear ramp and side door, good tires and a spare. Dennis said the trailer is owned by the parent rental company in Sioux Center and the price is \$1750 plus tax. He would like to make a donation to the Club for costs exceeding the Club's budgeted amount of \$1500. Jack has inquired about possible AAW grant to fund part of purchase price—no response, as yet. There was a discussion on how to raise money for the trailer so we would not deplete funds in the treasury. Al will check with Sue about how much money was collected for materials at the Community Ed classes—this will be used for trailer costs. It was decided to send a letter to members asking for pledges—Jack will do this. Beyond the cost of the trailer, there will be additional money needed for license, insurance, shelving, etc. Those at the meeting passed a hat and anonymously pledged \$1255. Motion passed to buy the used trailer found by Dennis. Doug has room to park the trailer. Jack has locks for the trailer. Steve has a lockable gang box (30" x 4' approx) he will donate for tool storage. Jack, Gene, Doug and Dennis will work on interior options for the trailer. The trailer will be titled in the Club's name (we have Federal tax ID) with Club Treasurer's name/address used for licensing. Current rental company decals on the trailer will be removed by Dennis. He and Jack will take care of purchasing and licensing the trailer.

H. New Business:

1. Reminder: The AAW Symposium is in Kansas City on June 22-26 of 2017. Hotel rooms tend to be reserved early so plan accordingly!!

2. The Club has been asked if they wish to demonstrate at Sticks & Steel on Black Friday and Saturday; the demo on First Friday (October 7) and Saturday (Oct 8) was not as good this year as it was last year. Motion passed for Club to turn at Sticks & Steel on Black Friday & Saturday

(Nov 25 & 26). There will be 2-3 lathes and run from about 5-9PM on Friday, 9AM–3PM on Saturday. Sign-up sheet passed around.

3. Rex asked if we were going to do more pens for the military in 2017. He completed the pens that needed “fine-tuning” from our last workday; also has a supply of .308 cartridges that are polished and ready to use. Motion made and passed to purchase 200 pen kits. Rex will shop for best deal.

4. Upcoming meetings: December will be a turning day with no business meeting. A demo on fracking will try to be arranged. February will be a *Pens for the Military* day. A committee comprised of Jack, John W and Doug will work on demonstration/educational sessions for future meetings. A sheet was passed around for suggestions of what members would like to see and also for volunteers who are willing to demonstrate. A list of upcoming meeting events will be put out as soon as they are decided upon.

5. Jim H has a Jet 1236 variable speed (w/lever) for sale. It is in very good condition, has a stand, and is priced at \$350.

6. Final piece of business for 2016 was the election of officers for 2017. After discussion, nominations and voting, the following members were elected to serve:

President – John Weaver

Vice-President – Royce Meritt

Secretary – Ranah Sample

Treasurer – Jack Zimmer

Gene needs new officers’ phone numbers and emails for Club website. Motion made and passed for Club to pay for AAW dues for Ranah.

7. Sharing: Doug brought 6 baseball bat blanks (he can make more if anyone wants one). John W. had poplar and mahogany. Jim H. shared scroll and jigsaw blades, formica pieces, and some miscellaneous items. Royce is looking for birch bark for making flyrod handles (Doug did have some).

After meeting adjourned, members shared a variety of projects for Show and Tell: bracelets and platters were shown by Doug, Al showed off a thunderbird bowl, John W displayed a variety of angels, Royce had numerous pens, and Frank had made a lidded bowl and platter. Afterwards, Frank demonstrated turning a natural edge bowl from hackberry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch, Secretary

Community Education Classes...

The spring term classes are in the planning stages right now. More information to follow as the plans firm up.

November Show and Tell...

Everything from angels to a firestarter to a lamp!!!!









