



The Turning Point

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A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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February Meeting...

The February meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School, Saturday February 4, 2023, beginning time is to be determined. Watch your e-mails as we are planning an early start to make pens for the military.

President’s Message...

I hope everyone’s New Year is getting off to a pleasant start! Perhaps the snow could back off for a while now but I guess we’ll take the moisture. I’m not sure how I feel about being back in the president’s chair but I’ll do my best.

Coming up, we have what I think are some of the most important activities our chapter undertakes.

- At our February 4th meeting we will be getting a jump on our annual “Pens for the Military” project. Watch your email for more details concerning this day.

- February 17th & 18th will find us back at Stan Houston doing demonstrations for their annual “Woodworking and Tool Show”. We will need “turners and talkers” for these two days, so when the call goes out for volunteers please consider helping out.
- During April and May we will be back at the Career and Technical Education building for the spring session of community education classes. We will be asking for volunteers to be either an instructor or a mentor for these classes. Please sign up to assist.

At the January meeting, there was healthy discussion on the fact that our meetings sometimes get bogged down and take longer than we would like. The business meeting portion of our meeting date is important. Making sure our business is done in a way that provides the most benefit for our club and members is paramount to our success. However, let’s face facts! Sitting through the business meeting isn’t REALLY what brings us there. It’s the fellowship and comradery, learning from each other, AND RANAH’S BROWNIES that keep us coming back. So, for 2023 we have pledged to get the somewhat mundane business done as efficiently as possible so that we might get on to the good stuff in a timely manner. To that end, we will plan to stick to the following schedule as much as possible on meeting days.

- 12:30- Doors open; Coffee started; Fellowship
- 1:00- Business meeting called to order
- 1:45- Raffle; Show and Tell
- 2:00- Demo and/or activity

I would like to thank Woody for his leadership during his tenure as president. I only wish I possessed his BOOMING VOICE! Until next month... ***Keep the inside smaller than the outside!***

Royce

January Meeting Minutes...

President Royce Meritt called the January 2023 meeting to order at 1:00 PM. There were 36 turners in attendance. Introductions were made and guests welcomed. President Meritt expressed our sympathies to David Grant whose mother has been diagnosed with brain cancer.

Minutes of last meeting: there was no official meeting in December and thus no minutes.

Treasurer’s report: Treasurer reported a balance of \$5666.86, which included the community education income. Motion made and seconded and approved by voice vote to accept the treasurer’s report

Membership: Corky reported memberships can be paid to him. Royce is the contact for anyone still needing a club badge.

Education Committee report

Classes will begin in April and will be Tuesday/Thursday for 8 weeks. Royce is looking for someone to take his mentorship for the 101 class on April 13. Please contact him if you are willing to do this for him. Classes will return to the CTU site we used prior to Covid. (Career Center). Please consider mentoring this year.

Library- Nothing new

Equipment- \$400.00 has previously been approved to buy needed items for the toolboxes and lathes. John Weaver suggested Craft Supply as we get a discount. Woody suggested that we have a checklist to be sure each toolbox has the required items in it at the end of any class. It was suggested we do a trailer inventory in March or April.

Royce asked if we have ever considered buying a tumbler to polish the brass for the military pens. Ron Prusa moved to obtain one at a cost of \$200.00 or less. George Bunkers seconded the motion and membership passed the motion with a voice vote.

Technology – Nothing new to report except Gene will put the information about Stan Houston on the website.

Stan Houston – Friday Feb 17 (8:00-5:00) and Saturday Feb. 18 (8-4)

Stan Houston will set up one big lathe. We will need to use a couple of our lathes.

There was some discussion about having a professional turner available those days. Fred at Stan Houston is looking into that from Jet/Powermatic. Nick Cook is their demonstrator. If they are able to obtain him it might be possible for him to do something for the club while he is in the area.

Old Business:

Royce will update information to the AAW site

Wanted – Newsletter editor...Ranah agreed to do the next newsletter (1 time) if one is not found

Military Pens- Bill reported that 80 pens were presented to the disabled at the VA hospital. They were very grateful for the gifts.

New Business:

John Olson made a motion that the section in our by-laws regarding the length of time a person may hold office in the club be amended to allow people to remain in office should another person not be willing to do that. (Term limits). Much discussion followed. George seconded the motion and it passed by a hand vote.

Ron Christensen noted that the AAW requirement that officers are AAW members (\$65.00 membership) might eliminate some that would be willing to be officers if that was not a requirement. The question was “does the AAW mandate this membership”? Royce and Doug agreed to do further research into the requirements of the AAW.

John Weaver moved and Bill seconded that the executive committee conduct the business meeting and thus shorten the time required for the meeting. Much discussion ensued. The motion failed by voice vote.

There was an agreement that we need to seriously try to stay under an hour and if you want to come just for the demo, show & tell and raffle you feel free to do that.

Demos – 2023

Suggestion – if we do not have a demo scheduled for a Saturday we then would turn military pens.

Feb – Turn military pens

March – Trailer inventory

April — TBD

May – Pressure Pots – John and Royce

*June 10 (moved due to AAW meeting in Louisville
– Lamination and Glue Ups – Doug and John

*July - Move to second July 8th due to 4th weekend
Picnic? Doug?

August - Accu-Slice demo – Daryl Elcock

September

October

November – turning ornaments – Corky

***Please note change of meeting dates.**

Raffle: total of \$122.00

Show and Tell: A nice show and tell of items club members have made: Pictures will be posted in the newsletter and on the facebook page.

Demo for January meeting – Royce Meritt – Laser Engraving Basics



Adjournment: Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by voice vote. Next meeting is at Harrisburg High School on February 4, 2023.

Items for Sale:

- Wood in pickup by door

Respectfully Submitted,
Ranah Sample, Secretary

Program/Demo:

The program/demo for February is turning pens for the military.

Spring Community Ed Classes

Listed below are the upcoming Spring 2023 Community Education Classes

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| • Woodturning 101 | Apr 11 Tue | \$35 |
| • Woodturning 101 | Apr 13 Thu | \$35 |
| • Woodturning w/Carbide Tools 201 | Apr 18 Tue | \$35 |
| • Shallow Bowls-Intermediate | Apr 20 Thu | \$40 |
| • Pens-Intermediate | Apr 25 Tue | \$40 |
| • Clocks-Intermediate | Apr 27 Thu | \$45 |
| • Tea Light Candle-Intermediate | May 2 Tue | \$40 |
| • Kitchen Tools | May 4 Thu | \$45 |

January Show and Tell







