

Deep River Woodworking Association

76th AGM Agenda – October 11, 2022

1. Review and accept 2021 AGM minutes – motion to accept Glen W., seconded Pat C. Carried.
2. Executive reports
 - a. President and Membership reports (Glen K. – attached)
 - b. Tool steward (Glen W.)
 - i. Last year the club added a new jointer, which has worked well. A new planer has also been in service since last fall, the original model had out-of-spec feed rollers and was swapped out for a show model at no cost to the club. A new band saw to replace the TTL was also purchased. The Logmaster was removed from the Laguna band saw as it was difficult to use.
 - ii. This year, we may purchase a new combination sander. The spindle sander will be refurbished. Automatic blast gates will be added to several tools. The shaper will be put up for auction as it does not appear to have been used since it was moved to the back of the shop. Members are reminded to use dust collection bags on their personal sanders while working in the shop.
 - c. Financial report (Ron D.)
 - i. The club was in the red for the year due to the purchase of new tools. The club books are generally healthy, which has allowed for the annual fees to remain low. The roof on the north side of the building is still a liability that will have to be addressed in the coming years. It was noted by members that there are pigeons making themselves at home underneath the solar panels, which will undoubtedly lead to a faster deterioration of the roof in these areas. The suggestion is to approach the town if this turns out to be the case.
3. Election of officers – all present executive members have agreed to stand for another year. The proposed executive is:

President – Glen Kyle

Vice-president – Curtis Johnson

Treasurer – Ron Desrochers

Secretary – Jeff Olfert

Building Steward – Pat Charette

Tool Steward – Glen Wolgemuth

Membership – Glen Kyle

Members at large – Ethan Beebe, Mike Milgram

No nominations were received from the floor. Motion to accept the candidates – J. King, seconded V. Anghel. Carried.

4. Other business

- a. The shop class schedule will be published on the web site, and through email. Mike M. will lead the classes, with Glen W leading the introduction to the shop/safety course.
- b. The weekly shop clean-up will begin again on November 12th. For the last few years the club had been paying someone to do this, but this person is no longer available. Cleanup must be completed Wednesday night for the garbage pickup on Thursday morning.

5. Clean-up day – Saturday, November 5th starting at 9 AM. C. Johnson will lead the club blow-out ahead of this, and the shop will be closed from 4 PM on the 3rd to facilitate this.

6. Open discussion

- a. Glen K presented amendments to the Member's Manual. There is a concern over excessive use of the shop by a few members. Some members appear to be using the club on a constant basis, which has, from time to time, interfered with others attempting to make use of the club. For these members, it is likely that their annual dues would not cover their use of club consumables (blades etc...). It is acknowledged that it is difficult or impossible to make a rule for this, and difficult or impossible to police. A new access system is coming, which will allow for easier tracking of entries to the club. It is proposed to add wording to the member's manual to grant the club executive the power to remedy such situations, as they see fit.

Additionally, use of the club by contractor members for large commercial jobs has been observed. This is not the intended purpose of the club, but this activity is not strictly prohibited. It is proposed to change the member's manual to prohibit the use of the club for commercial purposes.

Concerns on the excessive use amendments were expressed by Gary F. How is excessive use defined? Glen K responded that this is difficult or impossible to strictly define, but excessive use would involve having active projects in the shop area all of the time, and using too many shop consumables. There was significant discussion on this topic between Gary F. and the executive. A suggestion was made to split up the tool steward duties, to lessen the load on the tool steward.

Motion to accept the changes to the member's manual for excessive use – Glen W, seconded Pat C. Carried.

Motion to accept the changes to the member's manual for commercial use – Fausto M., seconded Glen W. Carried.

Adjourned.