

Deep River Woodworking Association

77th AGM Minutes – October 10, 2023

1. Review and accept 2022 AGM minutes – motion to accept Glen K., seconded Charlie L. Carried.
2. Executive reports
 - a. President and Membership reports (Glen K.)
 - i. Membership was at 96 for last year. This is strong.
 - ii. Members are asked to use e-transfer for payment of dues. Forms are available on the website; please leave a paper copy in the box at the shop.
 - iii. New members are asked to stay after the AGM to discuss a time for the shop safety tour.
 - iv. Weekly clean-up has been re-instated and is working well. It has been setup in 6-week blocks.
 - v. There is still a lot of misuse of the tools. If you don't know, ask; someone will be glad to help you.
 - vi. Looking for someone to step forward and assume the Club President role for next year.
 - b. Tool steward (Glen W. - attached)
 - c. Financial report (Ron D.)
 - i. Monthly bank statements were presented to review by the membership. The club had a small surplus this past year. 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 being replaced in October/November 2023, at an anticipated cost of \$9k. The club has a bank balance of \$36k. Motion to accept the report – Ron, seconded by Glen K. Carried.
3. Election of officers – most 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 – Charlie Lacaille
 - 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 – L. Hunt, seconded Pat C. Carried.

Ron D. requested that it be recorded here that James Istchenko and Kevin Williams are no longer members of the club.

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 sometime in November.
 - b. The weekly shop clean-up will begin again on November 15th. Cleanup must be completed Wednesday night for the garbage pickup on Thursday morning.
5. Clean-up day – Saturday, November 4th starting at 9 AM. Curtis J. will lead the club blow-out ahead of this, and the shop will be closed from 4 PM on the 2nd to facilitate this.
6. Open discussion
 - a. Glen K presented a motion to limit the number of days that a member can use the shop to 90 days per year. After which, additional time can be purchased at a determined rate.

There seem to be a small number of heavy shop users that account for a large portion of the activity in the shop. Consumables (blades etc...) end up being used much more heavily by this group relative to the rest of the members, and the proposal is a simple way to try and account for this. There is no perfect solution.

The door entry controller keeps records on fob usage, and once the data is downloaded to a spreadsheet it is relatively easy to count the days that a member uses the shop. There was discussion about multiple entries on a day, as this is often the case as members go to/from the shop, but Glen K. mentioned that this will not count as multiple visits under the proposed rules.

Some members spoke in support of this proposal by mentioning that our fees are very low compared to other clubs, and that in some clubs there is both an annual and per-use (or per-hour) fee structure.

Motion to limit the number of individual club entries to 90 days per year – Glen K, seconded Pat C. Carried.

- b. John K. inquired about the status of the Laguna band saw. Glen K. responded by saying that there remained quite a bit of work to get this going again. This is the goal.
7. Adjourned.