

Minutes of the Lake Erie Woodturners Chapter Meeting
American Association of Woodturners
February 15, 2025

Officers Present: Ron Tomasch, President; Sharon McDonough, Secretary; John Kolat, Treasurer and Webmaster

The regular monthly meeting of the Lake Erie Woodturners Chapter of the AAW was called to order by President Ron Tomasch at 9:30 am.

President's Report

1. Ron welcomed new member Laura Webster who is from Chardon.

1. Richard Raffan, one of the world's most famous turners will be featured in a two hour Zoom presentation live from Australia at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 17. Richard does all his turnings using "old school" techniques. He will begin by explaining how he got started in woodturning followed by where he is today. He will offer a Question and Answer segment for viewers who put their questions in Chat or use the Raised Hand tab.

2. This Zoom presentation is paid for by the Lake Erie Woodturners and the North Coast Woodturners who will equally split the \$400.00 cost. Ron suggested that before the Zoom presentation, all members sign into Zoom, go to the upper right corner, click on Settings, and then Update Zoom. Zoom updates frequently so this will insure that you can connect. For those unfamiliar with Zoom, you might want to practice by searching for the tab that leads to "Chat," "React," and/or the Raised Hand symbol which members will need to use in order to be recognized to ask a question. Ron reminded members that out of respect to Richard, they will need to display an actual name (not iPad 2 or Mom and Dad) and to be considerate of others by waiting patiently to be called for questions because there will be many people watching Richard's presentation. It would be a good idea for members to sign into Zoom on Monday at 6:45 to allow enough time for you to get help signing in, if needed.

3. Members who have not yet paid dues for 2025 will not be sent the link to participate in this Zoom presentation. However, you still have until the March meeting to pay dues before being taken off the LEWT membership list.

Treasurer's Report

1. John Kolat is updating the membership list and asked Richard Biller, Chris Cahill, Charlie Irish, and Jeff Foreman to update their email and contact information on a membership application.
2. Currently LEWT has \$2,597.60 plus any deposits made today or any that are in the mail now.
3. You can pay dues to John today or through PayPal to LakeErieWoodturners@gmail.com. You must add \$3 to your fee to reimburse LEWT for PayPal's fee.

Today's demonstration was by Joe Herrmann who turned a "square" bowl.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be at 9:30 am on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at the Footprints Center for Autism, 4261 Manchester Road, Perry, OH.

Minutes submitted by: Sharon McDonough

Attendance for Feb 15, 2025 Monthly Meeting

1. Ron Tomasch
2. Joe Herrmann
3. Sharon McDonough
4. Charlie Irish
5. Jeff Furman
6. Kathy Brockel
7. David Qualls
8. Mike Crouch
9. Steve Neubert
10. Bill Neubert
11. Laura Webster (guest)
12. John Kolat
13. Chris Cahill

IRD Attendance

1. Tom Pavlik
2. Richard Biller
3. Dave Manupella
4. Rose DiGeronimo
5. John Dalton