

Minutes of the Lake Erie Woodturners Chapter Meeting

American Association of Woodturners

June 15, 2024

Footprints Center for Autism
4261 Manchester Road, Perry, OH

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

Members attending: Attendance List attached

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

President's Report:

1. Ron Tomasch announced that he has not heard from the Toby Keith Foundation yet but he expects to soon. He explained that those who donated items for their auction will receive a personal letter from them. Ron also said that he received an email from them asking for the names of those clubs who donated. Ron thinks that LEWT and the Northcoast club will receive a recognition letter.
2. Ron has added a monitor for the demonstrator to be able to see what the audience sees as he is demonstrating. Ron had to buy a 25' cable to install the monitor and will give the treasurer a receipt to be reimbursed.
3. Ron stated that LEWT started six years ago when the group met at the Ashtabula Arts Center. The Center asked to have Ron's shavings to fire their kiln, but they were unwilling to allow a lathe and shavings in the Arts Center. Now Ron gives the club's shavings to a woman who uses them on her farm.
4. LEWT's next meeting place was in Joe Herrmann's shop but when the membership increased, we moved to Pat New's building.
5. Jack's Eisler's connection with the Perry schools led to our use of a classroom. It took Mark and Ron three to four weeks to set up the technical equipment.
6. Members voted unanimously to increase dues to \$30 next year. The club has about \$3,200, but Ron needs to be reimbursed for some purchases, and we will need to pay some demonstrators in the future.

7. Ron stated that LEWT used to be paid for its demonstrations at the Cuyahoga County Fair, but their new president doesn't want "entertainment," so we will need other ways to increase funds. A suggestion was made to look into demonstrating at the Lake County Fair.
8. Joe Weinpert explained his process for making a plaque of a horse's head which he entered in the Texas State Fair. His piece won first prize in the Creative Arts category. Congratulations, Joe!

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be at 9:30 am on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at the Footprints Center for Autism, 4261 Manchester Road, Perry, OH.

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am by Ron Tomasch.

Minutes submitted by: Sharon McDonough

Attendance June 15, 2024 Meeting

1. Ron Tomasch
2. Isabel Quayle
3. Charlie Irish
4. William Neubert
5. Steve Neubert
6. Sharon McDonough
7. Tom Pavlik
8. Jack Eisler
9. John Kolat
10. Ed Hawk
11. Chris Cahill
12. Joe Weinpert
13. John Dalton
14. Jim Schuld

IRD Attendance

1. Ken Kahr
2. Steve Klaue