



West Midlands Woodturners

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Chairman's Comments

Welcome to our New Year when we celebrate our 20th Anniversary and hold the AGM on 27th of January.

We as a Committee hope you will help to make this first meeting of 2008 a memorable occasion to show how the club maintains its enthusiasm for our craft . All members and invited guests are welcome to join us and we hope to make it a Special Day. To mark the occasion we are honoured to have the renowned Ray Key, President of the AWGB , who will demonstrate his skills and techniques and give us his philosophy on woodturning design and form. There will be no charge for the day, refreshments & lunch will be provided.

Do your best to be there to mark this milestone event, and also bring a piece for the Display Table please . Looking forward to seeing you all , Brian.

Notcutts

We are at Notcutts Feb 16th and 17th. We need to be set up before 10.30 so I suggest getting there approx 9.30,...by the back entrance. Core time for the stall is generally 10.30 to 4.30. Our aim is to sell as much as we can to raise money for the school PTA.

Please see if you can find the time to come and help. I will try to get a list of people at the AGM so that the stall is covered at all times...We will all have an enjoyable time there.

I must give my apologies in advance as I will not be able to be there on the Saturday morning, but I am sure we can get set up OK.

Programme 2008

Jan27 – Demo and AGM

Feb 16/17 Notcutts Stratford rd Solihull

Feb 24 – Chris Eagles Full day

April 6 -Hands on half day

Our Next Meeting

Jan27 – Demo and AGM Start 9.00am.
AGM to start at 2.00pm finish approx 5.00pm

Arrangements – Lunch will be a choice of Fish, S&K pie or Chicken, each with chips and peas. If you are coming, **please phone Geoff on 01543 686806** before Jan 23rd to order your food. **Note:**..if you don't call there is no guarantee there will be any food for you. And please let Geoff know if you cannot make it as the club cannot afford to pay for meals wasted.

Tea and Coffee will be provided.
Start approx 9.00am finish approx 5.00 pm. With the AGM 2.00 to 3.00pm
Do not forget a cup each for your tea

AGM Agenda

1. Welcome by committee
2. Apologies
3. Approval of last years minutes (Feb Newsletter)
4. Matters Arising
5. Review of the past year and financial statement
6. Election of Officers
7. Proposal for local AWGB rep
8. Vote on remaining AWGB
9. Tea for meetings
10. AOB

The treasurer will be taking membership fees but would prefer them in an envelope with your name on so he can enjoy the day. (Note £14 pa)

Here are the minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 21st Jan 2007.

AGM Minutes

1. Brian Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting and immediately handed over to Graham Lovatt to say a few words in memory of Tom Lewis, a founder member of the club who recently passed away. Graham spoke well and suggested that if anyone wished to remember Tom that a donation to Diabetes UK would be appropriate. Brian suggested a donation from the club and £25 was agreed. Together with members personal donations a cheque for £83 will be sent. Brian carried on to thank all those who help in running the club in any way with particular mention of those who help at outside events and with the tea. John Witham thanked for the work in booking all the demonstrators.

2. Apologies were received from nobody and the turnout was very good. (60+)

3. Approval for last years minutes was proposed by K Beresford and seconded by B Goodall and approved.

4. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising from last years minutes.

5. Review of the Year. The accounts were presented by Geoff and showed a loss over the year despite little special expenditure was made. This takes into account the money put aside for the rent of the school hall and the additional cost of demonstrators. A noticeable increase in the cost of biscuits also had an effect .

6. The committee was re-elected en masse, the proposer was K Lanchester, seconded by G Lovatt. The officers are:

Chairman – Brian Gibbs.

Treasurer – Geoff Wolverton. Secretary –

Peter Hockley. Events Secretary –

John Witham. Librarian – Peter Ford

At this stage it was noted that P Hockley wishes to vacate the post of secretary at the end of the year.

7. The post of AWGB Local representative has become free as Ray Tunstall is standing down but there were no suggestions of replacements from within the club.

8. The club voted to remain as a branch of the AWGB.

9. Library. After some discussion it was decided that, due to low usage and the strain it puts on the librarian, the library would dispose of the books etc , initially by sale to the members but keep the abrasive sales .

10. As there has been a low turn out at the Christmas party over the last few years a

discussion took place re change. The meeting felt that a short demo from one of the members with hands on may get a better attendance.

Any Other Business:

-Tim and Brian our suppliers of tea and biscuits announced that they would like to get additional help with the long term aim of doing the teas less often.

Peter supported the charity Diabetes UK saying that his grandson, who had been running round at the Christmas party, had spent some time in hospital over the break having been diagnosed with Diabetes.

Brian Batemen from the floor called for a vote of thanks for the committee, which was unanimous.

Graham Lovatt asked if the committee could think of any way in which the club could celebrate its 20th birthday in 2008.

After tea Peter Hockley demonstrated Apple manufacture. I cannot comment on the quality of the demonstration but it seemed generally well received. (no one threw anything at me)

Peter Hockley
Secretary