

Santa Cruz Woodturners

Meeting November 18, 2023

Minutes: DRAFT for board review

9:00 AM: **Meeting called to order** by President John Wells.

9:05 AM: **Visitors and new members** introduced: Dave Coffaro, and from the previous meeting, Pat Sullivan.

9:10 AM: **Mission Hill site:** John announced that our application was approved for SCW, a non-profit community organization, to continue using the Mission Hill School shop for a once-monthly Saturday meeting for 6 months, renewable. The monthly fee, along with a staff fee for secure opening, was deemed reasonable and affordable by the Board in early November, with consultation with the anticipated incoming board members.

Prior to the Board's approval, several alternative venues were evaluated with site visits by a group of members representing both current and prospective boards.

9:15: **Election of officers for 2024.** Wells Shoemaker cited bylaws with introduction of nominations in the October meeting, with an interval extending into November 10 for additional nominations via email. (No additional names were submitted.)

In addition, the slate for 2024 included a new position, Member at Large, approved by club membership as a bylaws amendment, by voice vote at the September, 2023, meeting. This position will provide additional bench strength to the incoming board, increase the pool of future leaders, and offer a hand for special projects and challenges.

Each of the prospective new officers had in-depth interviews and orientation to club priorities, duties, and history.

The 2024 Slate was:

President: Sue Broadston

VP: Kevin Stierhoff

Treasurer: Bill Hopkins

Secretary: Bill English

Member at Large: Nicole Dubus

Immediate Past President: (Automatic, not elected) John Wells

Moved by Shoemaker that the slate be elected by voice vote, seconded by Roy Holmberg, and **approved unanimously**.

New board will take office on Jan 1, 2024, but will be meeting in tandem with the current board to assure a smooth "handoff" of responsibility.

9:20 AM: **Audio Visual Heroes.** Appreciation expressed unanimously to the multiple individuals who researched, installed, trouble shot our audiovisual tools, arranged for YouTube display of recorded sessions, and arrived early to set up before each meeting. Kevin Stierhoff and Kevin Osborn have been the 2023 stalwarts for hardware operation and resourceful thinking.

9:30 AM: The **President's challenge** for November was "Thankful." Elegant individual submissions and fine stories accompanied the display.

9:40 AM: **Show and Tell** likewise introduced turned objects exemplifying the creativity and continued improvement of many members.

9:50: **Public Interface:** Kevin Osborn and Roy Holmberg described the club's current displays at the Half Moon Bay Coastal Arts Gallery and the Santa Cruz Governmental Center.

9:55: **Makers Market:** Roy Holmberg shared last minute details for the club's booth and turning demonstrations at the Santa Cruz Makers Market, a street craft fair in downtown Santa Cruz, November 19. In an exhaustive preparation, Roy had completed a repair of the club lathe, revision of the stand, production of a sturdy sharpening station, organization of props, power for the lathe, and hours of communication with the organizers.

Participating club members (9 volunteers) will have the ability to display works for community interest, engage visitors, as well as offer items for sale. 10% of the proceeds will be contributed to the club treasury in hopes of offsetting the modest participation fee.

10:00 AM: Incoming Treasurer **Bill Hopkins** gave a "no dust demo" of turning "inside out ornaments." Bill narrated his demo, featuring deftly edited video shorts of the many steps in this exceptional technique, complete with a table full of examples passed around the audience.

10:45 AM: **Meeting adjourned,** with stalwarts staying behind to return equipment to safe storage and restoring the shop facility to pristine condition.

Submitted Nov 27, 2023



Wells Shoemaker
Secretary