

Minutes of the NRWG meeting on June 12, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Palakovich at Ron Lerner's shop adjacent to his home in Bridger Canyon. There were 18 attendees.

Wayne has received the group order that was placed with Craft Supplies. The group received a 15% discount and free shipping on the order. The club ordered and received Jimmy Clewes latest 3-DVD demonstration videos.

Ron Lerner brought up the subject of raising the dues next year to provide more funds for the guild. A show of hands indicated that all but one of the attendees would be in favor of doing so. It was also suggested that the cost of the hands-on portion of professional demonstration should be self-supporting, with those attending the demo paying the cost of providing the demo. A suggestion was made that the dues be raised to a level that would allow the membership dues to pay for the demonstrator's general demonstration presentation. A discussion followed, but no consensus was achieved.

A discussion was held on "which demonstrators" would be most appropriate for the next professional demonstrator. Several were suggested by members and the proposing members were directed to obtain more information about the content, qualifications, cost and availability of their favorite presenter. It was suggested that those attending the Provo and AAW conferences consider which of the presenters at those functions would be appropriate for presenting to our guild. It was suggested that possibly we could bring in presenters that would visit the Billings and Kalispell clubs also, thereby providing higher quality presenters at a reduced cost to all of the clubs.

A monthly raffle that was proposed by Tom Robinson at the last meeting was held at the end of the business meeting. Tickets were \$1 each and the proceeds went to the club. Tom was generous enough to provide a finished pen from his presentation last month as the inaugural raffle prize. The raffle raised \$28 in ticket sales. Dan Olsen was the lucky winner and next meeting he will provide the prize.

The business meeting was closed and Tony Huckert presented a demonstration of several methods of creating tops on the lathe. One was the creation of tops using discarded CDs as the spinning mass and a turned wood center providing the pivot point and handle to start it spinning. He also demonstrated the "classic" turned wood top decorated using a chatter tool.