



Committee Members Attending	Venue: from home
Daniel Clark - Shop Management	John Hawkswell - Chairman
David Smith - Secretary	Phil Cowey - A/V/Z System/ Webmaster
Brian Wharton - Treasurer	Les Cooper - Wood Management
David Woolley - Membership Secretary	Mike Macey - Vice Chairman

The Management Committee Meeting 397 held over Zoom 3rd July 2024

- Apologies:** ME
- Approve Minutes of the 29 May meeting 396:** Approved with correction to item 9 to read *Tool sharpening - PC*

Matters Arising:

3.1 Committee vacancies: Following the multiple appeals for help a number of good candidates have come forward with an interest in taking a role on the committee. These are as follows;

Nick Lee: Present and very welcome at this meeting to observe and consider appropriate role.

John Grayson: For Programme Organiser, DS to provide all relevant information. asap

Phil Yerborg: A role in wood management. LC to investigate.

Action DS / LC

3.2 Demonstrator database: this topic was deferred until the new Programme Organiser is in place.

4. Financial Report to 30th June 2024.

Category	Data		
	Income	Expenditure	
Evening Demo		£305.00	Chris Parker; fees plus travel
Fees		£5.32	PayPal fees from card receipts
Hall Hire		£80.00	HRFC Social Club
Miscellaneous Payments		£47.00	Refund from 26-Feb-24
Raffle	£98.00		Raffle tickets sold
Shop Purchase		£329.92	Chestnut shop order
Shop Sales	£252.40		Shop sales – cash & card
Visitors	£15.00		3 visitors
Wood Purchase		£50.00	Donation to Twyning Church Fund
Wood Sales	£279.50		Wood sales – cash & card
Wood Store		£9.61	Oil for hinges & Ant trap
Total Result	£644.90	£826.85	

Bank Account @ 30.Jun.24 **£ 7,258.20**



BW reported: Lloyds bank is yet to retrieve the erroneous £47 paid into the GAW account. Queries were raised regarding the formatting of the cashflow table, these to be investigated by BW in due course.

Action BW

A discussion took place regarding the Treasurer making a running calculation of club profitability; although the new shop system offers a running stock value, the meeting felt that despite this an adequate 'profitability assessment' can be derived from the cash balance set against known annual costs.

5. Correspondence:

DS request a recipient for the router table prior to the Hands-On evening sale. LC offered his address and agreed for his mobile phone number to be passed to the donor (Sylvia).

Action DS

The review of Peter Dixon's evening was forwarded and he was very grateful and mentioned how useful the video of the demonstration was too.

Correspondence was received from HRFC requesting that we secure chairs from upstairs before 18.45 to ensure members do not intrude on the women's keep fit class. BW to answer this note with a request for more chairs.

JH reported his interview with a Dutch reporter investigating UK woodturning. (The committee waits to see his published celebrity status!)

6. Review of June demonstration with Christopher Parker:

The demonstration went on too long until 10.30pm with the demonstrator possibly spending too much time in the perfection of his work rather than putting the emphasis on techniques. This resulted in long periods of silence encouraging certain members to chat. Unlikely to invite this demonstrator in the near future.

7. Preparation for the July Demonstration by Martin Saban-Smith:

DS reported Martin was to demonstrate the turning of a desktop clock and a thistle shaped box. All the usual club activities to take place plus tool/wood sales to support Butterfly Charity, with the response to the Len Thomas Challenge awaited.

The meeting agreed to the offering of free donated wood to members supporting the GAW stand at the Frampton Show.

Action DS

LS reported that two crates of wood are packed and ready to be picked up from Stoke Orchard, BW undertook to collect for club night.

Action BW

8. Len Thomas Challenge - progress: The meeting approved the second challenge of an Egg Cup (Shown on Website).

Real progress with this challenge can only be judged by the number of items submitted at the July club night.



9. Preparation for August - Hands On Evening

CONTENTS:	
Tool Sharpening	PC
Members' Carving show table	All
Members' Tool Sales Table (self-labelling required)	All
Scroll Saw techniques	LC
Presentation	D Walesby
Marquetry	?
Competition	Spinning top
Pyrograph	JP
Turn & Win Table	All

Action JW

10. Membership Report:

DW reported a queue of 5 people seeking membership and questioned the cap on 120 members. After much discussion it was agreed with some reluctance to maintain this level with a "one out one in" policy at the discretion of DW. The lack of space, tables and chairs remains a problem.

11. Frampton Country Fair:

MM confirmed that everything for the Frampton event was going to plan. The demonstrators are yet to be agreed.

12. Review of Website and A/V System:

PC reported two changes over the last two months - the Contact Form has been changed to make it GDPR compliant and to encourage people to supply more information - a different form for 'offers of wood' may follow next month.

GAW have been 'upgraded' to a new package, the host is now in Germany rather than the UK and the ping time has gone up from 14mS to 24mS. Also, the cost goes up when we renew next May.

13. Shop/Wood Stock/Barcode Review

DC reported the completed barcode system was all working with stock levels identified. Currently searching for tea bag paper but otherwise stock levels are good. Will confirm the suitability of stocked items with members.

Action DC

14. Wood Sale at Stoke Orchard:

LC confirmed a wide range of woods, sizes and prices for a major sales event. It was agreed to meet at 9.15 am and open to members from 10.00 am until midday.

Action All



15. Training:

MM reported that the next training course had been disrupted but the trainers will now be PA, ME and himself. It was confirmed that membership is a pre-requisite to qualify for training.

16. Any Other Business:

MM reported that a member had received a poor response from Toolite regarding the purchase of a lathe, it was decided that this incident was contrary to previous responses and further observations might be required.

BW Suggest providing an aid to demonstrators in the form of a clock mounted on the lathe shield, this was agreed and BW will make this purchase. (DS confirmed that the new terms and conditions for demonstrators clearly set out the timing for club night demonstrations.)

Action BW

17. Items to be announced at the July meeting:

- The July WOOD SALE
- Frampton items turned and donated
- Hands On Evening
- Football (maybe) Talking over the demonstrator

Action JH

Next meeting 7th August

** Carried forward*