

SUSQUEHANNA TRAIL WOODWORKERS GUILD

FEBRUARY NEW SLETTER

MEETING DATE: February 23 2006

PLACE: Agricultural & Industrial Museum of York

TIME: 7:00

PROGRAM: Speaker: Jim Bender
Topic: Black Powder Rifles

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SUSQUEHANNA TRAIL WOODWORKERS GUILD DUES
\$24.00 per year

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For all of you who were unable to make our first social, I am happy to report that we had an excellent turnout. It was enjoyable to just have the time to talk to both husbands and wives. Quite a few interesting items were discussed. The food was excellent and little was left, meaning that I had to go back to my own cooking in a couple of days.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Our speaker for this month's meeting will be Jim Bender. Jim will be displaying and talking about Black Powder Rifles. His talk will focus on the carvings on the rifles and how it relates to different areas of the country and some of the different opinions on who might have carved them. Jim will also be bringing some of his Powder Horns with him.

CLUB LOGO

We decided to put off voting on the new club logo until this meeting.

NOTE

There will be a planning meeting after the regular meeting. Everyone is invited to attend and share your suggestion for future meetings.

CLUB DUES

It is time for us to collect dues for the 2006 year. There have been two methods of paying dues discussed.

1. Club dues in the amount of \$24.00 will be due and payable by the January meeting each year for current members. New members would be only obligated to pay on a prorated basis for the remainder of the year from the month that they become members of the organization.

EXAMPLE: Joe Smith joins the club in April 2006. He would pay \$18.00 for membership for the remainder of the year. Then in January of 2007 he would be obligated in the amount of \$24.00 dues for the entire year of 2007.

2. Club dues in the amount of \$24.00 will be due and payable by the annual anniversary date of each member.

EXAMPLE: Joe Smith joins the club in April 2006. He would pay \$24.00 annual dues for membership. Then in April 2007 he would be obligated in the amount of \$24.00 annual dues for 2007.

We will vote for your preferred method of paying dues at the next meeting.

Thanks
Lloyd Shellem an Treasurer

CLUB BY-LAWS

Below is the first draft of the Club By-laws. Please review this document and present any changes at the next meeting.

SUSQUEHANNA TRAIL WOODWORKERS GUILD Original By-laws 2006

ARTICLE I. ORGANIZATION NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Susquehanna Trail Woodworkers Guild, incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to:

1. Advance the fellowship among persons interested in the art of woodworking.
2. Preserve the tradition, culture and history of woodworking.
3. Promote the knowledge and understanding of all aspects of woodworking.
4. Enjoy and appreciate woodworking skills of others.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1. Any person 18 years of age or older, believing in the purpose of this organization and willing to take an active part in the work of the organization, is invited to be a member and is considered an active member of the Susquehanna Trail Woodworkers Guild upon payment of the annual dues.

SECTION 2. Membership dues are assessed annually and payable to the Treasurer on the anniversary date of becoming a member, and allow the member to attend a full year of meetings and events.

SECTION 3. A member will be dropped from the roster if the dues are not paid within 60 days of the member's participation anniversary date.

SECTION 4. Dues assessment shall be set annually by the Executive Board in January. Any change in the amount of the dues shall take effect on the member's next renewal date.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Guild President. The committee shall consist of a chairman and at least two other Guild members. The committee shall submit a list of nominees and provide a report at the April regular meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominees.

Section 2. Election shall be by majority vote of active members present at the March meeting. Active members may vote by absentee ballot if unable to attend the meeting. The absentee ballot shall be sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee no later than one week prior to the March meeting.

SECTION 3. Elected officers will serve a two year term and their term of office shall begin at the Installation Ceremony at the close of the March meeting at which they are elected. No Elected officer shall hold more than one office at a time.

SECTION 4. Vacancies in any Elected office, other than the President, shall be filled within one month by an election, following the announcement of the vacancy. Nominations shall be made from the floor, and voting shall be by majority of the general membership present only if the quorum requirements are met. If there is only one nominee for the office, voting will be by voice. When there is more than one nominee for the office, the voting will be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

SECTION 1. The Elected officers shall be the: Guild President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The elective officers shall be voting members of the Executive Board. These officers are to perform the duties prescribed in these By-laws and/or by the Parliamentary authority adopted by this organization.

SECTION 2. Removal of Officers

In the event that any officer does not perform his or her duties, then the general membership may remove him or her upon recommendation of the Executive Board and by vote of the majority of membership present at the general membership meeting.

B. The PRESIDENT shall:

1. Preside over monthly meetings, Executive meetings of the Guild.
2. Appoint the non-elected officers and chairman of all standing or special committees.
3. Call special meeting as requested.
4. See that all officers and committees fulfill their duties.

C. The FIRST VICE PRESIDENT shall:

1. Assume the duties of the President during any absence.
2. Take over the duties of the President if for any reason he cannot fulfill his term or the office is vacated.
3. Be the program chairman, appointing a committee to plan the monthly programs and obtaining speakers who are informative to the Guild's purpose.
4. Shall be the Education Coordinator and be responsible for holding, sponsoring or scheduling workshops, classes or seminars for the educational benefit of the Guild.

D. The SECOND VICE PRESIDENT shall:

1. Advise and furnish assistance in performing the duties outlined above.
2. Be the Membership Chairman conducting an ongoing campaign to attract new members.
3. Provide new members with membership package containing membership card, Guild By-laws, member roster and any other pertaining Guild information.
4. Be responsible for managing and arrangements for all Guild Social events.
5. Shall chair the Special Project Committee and be responsible for project requirements, project status and data concerning hours and material expended by Guild members in completing each project.

E. The SECRETARY shall:

1. Record the activities (take minutes) of all Executive Board meetings.
2. Receive and send correspondence necessary for the operation of the Guild functions outside Guild membership.
3. Be responsible for maintaining record of the Guild in cooperation with the Newsletter Editor.

A. The **TREASURE** shall:

1. Set-up and maintain a checking account in the name of the Susquehanna Trail Woodworkers Guild.
2. Keep an accurate and current record of receipts and disbursements and be custodian of all funds.
3. Be Chairman of the Finance Committee.
4. Provide an annual Treasure's report for insertion in the May newsletter.
5. Set-up and/or maintain a Post Office Box, as the official address of the Guild, in the name of the Susquehanna Trail Woodworkers Guild.

Article VI **NON ELECTED OFFICERS** shall be:

- A. **Newsletter Editor** shall be responsible for writing, duplicating and distributing the monthly newsletter, which shall be mailed seven days prior the next regular meeting.
- B. **Photographer** is responsible for taking pictures of Guild activities and providing those pictures too the Newsletter Editor, Web Master and Historian.
- C. **Show and Tell Coordinator** is responsible for presenting members who wish to display projects at the monthly meetings. He also takes notes of the displays and who constructed each for the Newsletter Editor.
- D. **Librarian** is responsible for maintaining the Guild's library.
- E. **Toy Coordinator** is responsible for coordinating efforts of Guild members and gathering data pertaining to hours and material expended by members in making the toys and providing this information to the Guild Historian.
- F. **Show Coordinator** is responsible for coordinating efforts to have a Guild informational booth at various area shows or activities to display member's skills and inform the public about the Guild.
- G. **Web Master** is responsible for maintaining the Guilds Web Page on the Internet, ensuring integrity of information displayed there, and providing data to the Guild Historian.

Article VII **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Section 1 The Executive board for the Susquehanna Trail Woodworkers Guild shall be composed of: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer who are voting members and the Newsletter Editor, Education Coordinator, Show and Tell Coordinator, Librarian, Toy Coordinator, Show Coordinator, Historian, Web Master, Photographer, Special Projects Coordinator, Tour Coordinator and Entertainment Coordinator who are non voting members of the Executive Board.

SECTION II THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

- A. Shall have the authority to carry out the supervision of the affairs of the Guild between general membership meetings.
- B. The Executive board shall meet monthly.
- C. Make recommendations to the membership.
- D. Shall perform other duties as specified by these by-laws.
- E. Approve expenditures within the budget as deemed necessary to facilitate the Guild's mission. If the expenditure involves a change in the budget of more than \$1,500, the Board must report back to the general membership with the proposal of change and is required to obtain approval from the membership.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDING THE BY LAWS

SECTION 1. The President shall appoint a committee to amend the By-laws. The committee shall make the changes deemed necessary and present them, in writing, to the Executive Board.

SECTION 2. The Executive Board approved changes shall be distributed with the Guild's newsletter prior to the general meeting.

SECTION 3. Member's input can be presented in writing or in person at the next Executive Board meeting.

SECTION 4. The final Executive Board changes shall be explained at the next regular meeting and a motion for approval will be made, seconded, and discussed. If there appears to be significant opposition then the vote will be secret ballot, otherwise the vote will be by show of hands. A two-thirds majority vote of the members present is required to accept the proposed changes to the By-laws.

ARTICLE IX RULES

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Susquehanna Trail Woodworkers Guild in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws and any special rules of order the Guild may adopt.

Article X **MEETINGS**

SECTION 1. The Susquehanna Trail Woodworkers Guild general membership shall meet formally (general meeting) the fourth Thursday of each month except November which meeting will be one week later in December. There will not be a regular scheduled December meeting.

SECTION 2. Executive Board meeting will be called by the President as necessary for smooth and continued operation of this organization, and meet a minimum of four times during the year.

LANCASTER COUNTY WOODCARVERS SHOW

The Lancaster County Carvers Woodcarving and Wildlife Art show will be held on
March 11 and 12 at Millersville University at the Student's Center from 10am till 4pm.
See Mike Galloway for more details

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