



## MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Hays Town Shop

**Invocation** - John Parker

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Club

**Welcome** – President Bob Chambers

We need to make a change in the check-in process. If you have a Show and Tell project for the meeting instead of just checking the box please show the number of projects you are going to talk about.

**Secretary Report** – Harold Choate

Harold is absent. George Campagna is there a report? No, he's absent.

**Treasurer Report** – Brian Fitzgerald

Starting Balance: \$6445.59  
Ending Balance: \$6506.59.66

Currently we have 54 paid members.

**Webmaster Report** – Kesh Ikuma

Thank you for your response to the poll. We had 41 responses. 92.7% of you said you had designed something. About 2/3's of you said you had made something from scratch. Only 2 of us had never built something from a plan. 87.5% of you made changes to the plans. If you have something you're curious about what we do, please send me your questions and ideas. We had 5 new posts by members. One by Warren, Cody, Harold, Lee, Pennie and myself (Kesh). There was one external request for someone to build boxes. Lastly, there was a post by Mark Monistere that West Baton Rouge is hosting a party for its volunteers and all of us are invited. Jackie Parker – if you built a birdhouse that qualifies as working from a plan.

**Vice President Report** – Jim Landry

Kesh sent a reminder email yesterday about the July 13th meeting to St. Joseph's Abbey. The bus fare is \$20 per person. You can pay the Treasurer, Brian Fitzgerald. Please pay your fare by the June meeting because we have to pay for the bus by July 1. Bob Chambers – the email said something about lunch after the tour. The cost of the lunch is on you, it is not being paid for by the club and is not part of the bus fare.

**Service Projects Report** – Lee Owens

We have 2 ongoing projects right now. The 1st is at Lighthouse, the Cashier's Station. How is it going? Keith Bryan – We're about 40% complete. Brian Fitzgerald, how is your team doing? Brian – We're going to start it Thursday and get it knocked out Friday. The 2<sup>nd</sup> thing we're working on is the desks for HAART. Hays Town designed it, Kesh Ikuma put it on paper. How's it going? C.J.

Bergeron – It's more challenging than I first thought it. Jim Landry is doing a good job of figuring out the plans. We've got almost everything cut, we had to go to Home Depot to get one more board. Cody Henderson – We used 3/4" plywood. George Campagna – 80% finished, used 3/4" plywood. We need to put the hinges on and make the tops. What about the finish? Are we supposed to finish it? Lee – Finish is up to you. Use whatever you think is appropriate. These are all going to different places so they don't have to match each other. Cedric Broussard – We're using 3/4" plywood. All parts are cut. We could have used a cut sheet. It would have helped with the grain direction. Jim Landry – There's a program out there called Cut List that works well. It will help with grain orientation. I'll put a link on the website so members can get it. Hays Town – I've built 2 of them. One is in my shop if you would like to look at it. Lee Owens – Frank Wharton and I are working together. We used 3/4" plywood. All we have remaining is the top, and we're finished. Please bring them to the April meeting. We can show them and see the different ways people built them. Other projects coming up are as follows. We have a reception desk at Lighthouse. We have computer shelves in 2 different rooms. Kesh is working on the plans for the semicircular reception desk. We have Crossroads, a live-in alcohol recovery organization, that needs 4 wardrobes. O'Brien House is another live-in facility we're working with. They need 50 footlockers.

### **Educational Outreach Report – Bob Chambers**

Mark is not here today. Bob Chambers – Kesh mentioned West Baton Rouge Museum is having an appreciation dinner on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 PM. All of us are invited. May 18<sup>th</sup> 4H is going to have an activity for kids. They are going to build birdhouses. Mark will put a posting out to provide details.

### **Safety Minute – Keith Bryan**

Featherboards for use on a table saw come in a variety of styles and types. They all hold your workpiece against the table saw fence. They keep a workpiece from being thrown at the operator. Magnetic types must be used on steel or iron tables. There are other types for tables not made of these materials.

### **Historian – Shawn Walker**

### **New Business – Bob Chambers**

Last month, the Executive Committee (EC) looked at the club's process for approving expenditures, reimbursements, donations. It may be hard to believe, but we don't have any established procedures for these basic transactions that are written down. The EC decided after 6 years we ought to have these formalized. The EC decided it should be presented to the club for approval. This will be a permanent change to the club bylaws. (1) The club president will have authorization to make unilateral decisions up to \$100. If it is a recurring expense the total cannot exceed \$100 in a calendar year. (2) The EC can approve recurring expenses up to \$400 per calendar year. (3) Expenses above \$400 per year must be approved by a meeting of the majority of the club's members at a regular meeting. These amounts will provide common sense authority for the club's leadership while maintaining limits that are appropriate to the club's finances. (4) Moving to reimbursements, most of you know how this works. Reimbursements of expenses for Community Service projects ultimately must come from the club's client, they are not club expenses. Approval must first come from the Community Service Project Chairperson, then by the Club President, then to the Club Treasurer for payment. Reimbursements must have receipts. The receipts are provided to the client with a copy retained by the Club. (5) Donations. From time to time we have individuals or organizations that wish to make donations to the club. There are sources we do not wish to get donations from. Donations must be approved by the EC. Questions or discussion regarding any of the proposed changes? How often do these situations occur? Comment from Bob – Our tradition has been to decline donations because the Club does not wish to be obligated to anyone. Does the Club prefer not to accept donations? Comment from Bob –

No, that's not what I'm saying. I'm saying we wish for the EC to approve the donation before accepting it. Can the EC approve expenses less than \$100? Comment from Bob – The proposal is intended to make decisions expedient relative to their monetary size. Motion is made and approved with no objection. Comment from Bob – I'll get the change made and you will see it in the bylaws in the next couple of days.

We have added another item to the Membership Qualification list, the presentation of a Safety Minute will count the same as a Show-and-Tell project. The person must be scheduled to do the Safety Minute in order to receive credit.

The final thing is the Annual Tool Swap. Keith Bryan will you chair the committee? Comment from Keith – Yes, since the 3rd Saturday in April is Easter, I suggest we schedule the Tool Swap for the 3rd Saturday in May. I will need a couple of people to help me. Let's see if Mark will cook Jambalaya. Motioned and approved! Get with Keith so he can write your names down.

**Skill Topic:** Kesh Ikuma- Furniture Design

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**Show & Tell –**

Cody Henderson
Wayne Matherne
David Young

**In Attendance –**

Cedric Broussard
Keith Bryan
Jay Caldwell
George Campagna
George Cenac
Bob Chambers
Brian Fitzgerald
Kevin Garcia
Cody Henderson
Kesh Ikuma
Drew Kumiega
Guy LaBranche
Jim Landry
Micheal Lee
George Lewis
Wayne Matherne
Douglas Morgan

Keith Nordyke
Lee Owens
Jackie Parker
Dale Ragel
Russ Ratliff
David Ringuette
Richard Robles
Ray Shook
Lee Soileaux
Jeff Springer
Hays Town
Shawn Walker
David Young