



WAWA Inc

Convenor's Meeting Saturday 31st July 2021

Held at Wandi Community Centre, 302 De Haer Road, Wandi

Meeting Chaired by George Murphy, Wandi Convenor

Meeting Commenced at 10am

Attendees: George Murphy (Wandi Chair), Allan Williams (Wandi), Jim Cameron (CoM, Wandi), Robin Campbell (Embellishers SIG, Wandi), Bruce Jackson (CoM, Mandurah), John Braine (Mandurah), James Watson (Mandurah), Brian Mather (Swan), Mary Byers (Swan), Peter Compton (Mundaring), Max Heath (Avon), Lex McLachlan (CoM), Denis Tapley (Melville), Frank Dymond (Melville), Domenic Italiano (Collie), Joe Blundy (Collie), Frank Visser (Joondalup) and Ian Ludford (CoM, Melville).

1. Welcome by George Murphy
2. Apologies David Milton (CoM, Melville), Les Beaglehole (Bunbury) and Alan Andrews (Gosnells)
3. **Action from previous minutes:**
 - 3.1 In regards to numbers/subsidies available for Chainsaw Training. Previous decision was for two members per group to attend training. To be discussed in 4.3.1
 - 3.2 CoM to provide a protocol for passing calendar information from groups to the website moderator. Ian Ludford mentioned he has spoken to Melville and Mandurah groups but hasn't approached the other groups as yet.

Action: Work in progress by Webmaster.
 - 3.3 CoM to develop a standardised webpage for groups. Ian Ludford mentioned this is also a work in progress.
 - 3.4 Groups are still not supplying articles and reports to the Newsletter. They are required to submit a report on their WEWS. Other than the scribe notes, some examples of things of interest to report on are tips on turning, events attended, special activity or even visitors. Requirement is more than the scribe notes.

Action: Groups need to step up
 - 3.5 CoM to confirm decision on handling of competition items by attendees at the WEWS. Discussion was held concerning handling fragile items and damage of items. The Covid situation demanded no handling but WA is experiencing a controlled situation in regards to Covid. It was mentioned that voting for popular choice is hard if you cannot handle the items because you need to feel the finish, weight and thickness. It was recommended that we return to being able to handle competition items. It was also recommended that makers who know their item is fragile that they put a small sign next to their item so that members are particularly careful when handling them.

Action: It was unanimously agreed to return to allowing members to handle competition items
 - 3.6 Submitting of information of activity programmes from groups to the Webmaster – this is also a work in progress. Some groups have a specific or formal programme and others groups do not.
 - 3.7 In response to the minutes of the last meeting. Under Shopping Centre Group and Market sales it is mentioned, "There is also severe competition in the group. If an item by one member sells well then next setup there will be competing items". This is not correct. In the last eight years there has been no copying of new ideas.

4. General Business:

- 4.1 Mary Byers spoke regarding the work on honouring our Life Members and Merit Awards members on the website. Each group to assist in getting the information required.

Also mentioned was Profiles of Turners to be written by each group and submitted to Mary before being uploaded to the website. As the newsletter is bi-monthly, it is proposed to put Profiles up on the web and eventually into a newsletter. It was mentioned the importance of providing a photo of the turner and if possible, a photo of them turning. Recently a couple of our members have passed away but we are hopeful of obtaining some profiles written by other group members or family. Each group also has group members who are not in either Life or Merit category but are important in their own way and deserve to have a profile written. It was mentioned privacy issues. Currently this information on the web can only be accessed by members and not public. The newsletters can be accessed by the public – this needs to be considered when the decisions are made on what is available on the web for members or public.

Action: Groups to write Profiles on their prominent members

This led into the discussion of WAWA policies regarding generic emails addresses for convenors and secretaries of the groups. It was suggested that this is covered in the Handbook.

Action: CoM to examine the policy of electronic communication in the hand book.

The Drawings by Richard Barkman on the website also came up for discussion. It was mentioned that all the drawings currently held on the WAWA website were drawn by Richard Barkman. As they were already on the old website it would be a given that Richard would be happy for them to be accessed by the public. There are many more drawing done by Richard which Swan group has access to on their Swan Link. Should WAWA wish to avail themselves of these drawings they would need to talk directly to Richard. Currently these drawing are only for the Swan group. Once again discussion was should the current drawings on the WAWA website be able to be accessed by the public or should they remain a tool for members only.

Action: CoM to address.

The question of should we have turning demonstration videos on the website was raised. Discussion regarding qualified camera operator, editing, clear speaking, tool technique, work load, scripting, getting it correct, personal history, copyright, selection of subject, planning and storage were some of the issues mentioned.

Action: We should record the intent or aim to do this in future, especially at WEWS for historical records.

- 4.2 Bruce Jackson (President, WAWA).

- 4.2.1 Bruce advised that the Wood Show competition normally held at the Perth Wood Show will not take place this year. As an alternative, a demo and competition will be held at Beyond Tools Malaga. An email dated 30.07.21, just to hand from Beyond Tools detailed their change of proposed dates to Friday 15th October, Saturday 16th October and Sunday 17th October which would not suit competition awards for the Sept AGM.

This date conflicts with the Joondalup/Wanneroo WEWS.

Discussion was had, would having two competitions running for the same weekend be an issue, would the Beyond Tools event effect the attendance at Joondalup/Wanneroo WEWS, when would the trophies be presented and would we be able to have members turning at Beyond Tools on the Saturday.

Action: To leave as is. To continue with both events, as both competitions are different and trophies to be awarded at Busselton WEWS in November.

As per previous years, The Beyond Tools competition is an open event, artistic and across three divisions. Judging can be done before Saturday but most popular vote would need to be completed on the weekend. Items will be collected from the groups. Date to be arranged closer to the event

- 4.2.2 Competition items for 2022 WEWS to be submitted to the Competition Coordinator (Barbara Jennings) asap. It was mentioned that ideally these would be finalised by this time of the year. They need to have been submitted by now, ready for the August CoM meeting, which this year is Wed August 11th.

Members mentioned that the competition items must be unambiguous, stick to measurement and not changed throughout the year.

Action: Groups to have their suggestion submitted before close 10th August.

Avon mentioned they will hold a WEWS in 2022.

4.2.3 Volunteers are required for appointment to next year's CoM. If the previous lack of President had gone on to the next AGM the matter of winding up WAWA may have arisen as required under the Associations Act. We need to avoid this possibility. The CoM needs new blood and it only works if groups put through names of volunteers. This organisation needs volunteers if the annual cost is to remain at \$60. 1 Year duration for President. CoM does not have to do all the work – they can ask other members to participate in activities. Sub committees help carry the load. The President and Secretary are pivotal to the organisation.

Action: Groups are responsible for finding a President and CoM members

4.2.4 A survey has been sent to all members to determine website usage and requirement. 4 responses received so far.

Action: Responses to be collated by web master.

4.3 Denis Tapley (Melville)

4.3.1

In regards to numbers/subsidies available for Chainsaw Training. Previous decision was for two members per group to attend training. Is it fair to limit the subsidies to two members per group when group sizes vary considerably?

Some members would consider training for their own use but the requirement by WAWA is that they then make themselves available to assist in sawing wood especially for Wandi as it is the best site for wood to be delivered. Requirement of training/certificate is for use at group level but also work on behalf of WAWA and their activities.

Some groups do not require chainsaw training.

Action: Recommendation to CoM for a budget to be allocated to the training department for chainsaw training. Empower the training group to have a say in the WAWA budget, also enabling them to spend the allocation as required.

4.3.2

As mentioned in the agenda some groups have a regular program of demonstrations. Some groups do not. The same groups have difficulty in finding demonstrators for WEWS. Denis stated that Demonstrations at group level would ease members into the experience of presenting a demonstration at a WEWS. Discussion on how to achieve this was had. Some groups are working on their own individual projects. Mention was made that one person could turn and another could talk about the demo. Mention was also made that groups could start with a few doing a ten minutes demo each and this could progress to 20 minutes and finally to an hour. Some groups use a model of a demonstration and fellowship. Denis mentioned that demonstrations are useful to give structure to the meetings. There currently is a demonstration training module available.

Action: Denis to revamp and make available for groups

4.3.3

The STEP series of masterclasses. Denis mentioned that this is not quite correct. These classes are aimed at intermediate turners but not raw beginners. These classes are to enhance members' skills. There are currently 5 classes listed on the website home page. Application form is also on the website. The first set of lessons start August 19th. So, sign up soon. Other STEP classes are in September and October so far. The venue will be decided on how many applications and their home locations. Depending on demand more classes will be organised. Classes will be 7-12 depending on demand. Trainers will travel to the country locations if the demand is there. Denis suggested that the normal daily attendance fee (normally \$3 to \$5) be waived for these events to encourage the whole concept of this skills enhancement program. Discussion was held regarding this suggestion as some of these daily monies go towards rent of the venue. It was suggested that WAWA pick up this tab as the students are already paying \$50 per class. All groups have the capacity to hold a STEP class with the exception of Swan and Joondalup. Gosnells could only hold it on a Saturday because of the school and working with children issues.

Action: Denis to monitor the demand of classes, locations and rent situation

4.3.4

Denis also mentioned that the Melville Woodturners group have been granted a building extension to their workshop by the City of Melville. Completion is expected sometime in 2023.

Lunch break

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Other Business:

It was asked of Gosnells if the lathe that was raffled at their WEWS was a WAWA lathe. It was confirmed that it was a personal lathe donation.

Ian Ludford ran a website presentation. Going through a number of sections on the website. The STEP program. Only a few present had already looked at this on the home page. Ian also mentioned that along with a home or welcome page, the groups sites could also have sections detailing past convenors and links to other areas of group interest or training.

Wagons/trailer issues. It was suggested that each group purchase their own sugar, tea and coffee as the supplies in the wagons are stale. The trailers have new chains, plugs doubled up and built-in sockets. There is a key box on the front of the trailer. The code was given out. We were advised that the code always needs to be reset. Reminder to put the key back in the box not your pocket. Every group has keys to these trailers. It was also mentioned that the audio-visual trailer has lots of rust and the side doors open up high but have no struts. Need to watch you do not bang your head.

Weekly costs per clubs. It was asked if other groups have an annual or quarterly charge as apposed to collecting a small charge each week. This appears to be a grey issue. There are varying ways of collecting this small cost all with some degree of difficulty.

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Next meeting February 26th 2022

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Meeting closed 2pm