

April 12, 2014

WeGO General Spring Meeting Minutes

Brookings, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:00 AM at the Harbor Water District PUD building in Brookings, Oregon. The agenda was approved with additions.

Officers present: *Pres.* JoAnn Sutter; *Vice-pres.* Barbara Wythes; *Sec.* Darlene Wingfield; *Treas.* Annali Cross; *Newsletter Ed.* Judy Stewart; *Education & Workshops Coordinator*, Kathy Semmes; *Exhibits and State Fair Coordinator*, Carol Piersee. The *Long-Range Planning Coordinator*, Denise Mass was absent.

Guild Representatives present: Carrie Rohn (*Aurora*), Mary Wonser(*Central*), Linda Frizzell (*Columbia*), Barbara Wythes (*Corvallis*), Shanna Suttner (*Eugene*), Kathy Nelson (*Klamath*), Sally Glynn (*Humbug*), Janis Johnson (*Portland*), Patricia Dorunda (*Rogue*), Penny Unverzagt (*Salem*), Mary Portinga (*Saturday Handweavers*), Corienne Geddes (*Umpqua*), Christina Scott (*Webfoot*), and Bonnie Powell (*Yaquina*). A quorum was present with 14 of the 16 guilds represented.

Others present: Ladella Williams (*ANWG rep and Complex Weavers rep*) and Dee Ebel, member of Webfoot Guild.

Announcements: JoAnn passed out a document for member's notebooks written by Dee Ford Potter, the founding member of WeGO, on the original history of WeGO. She also passed out WeGO lapel pins she has had made for each of us.

Secretary: The minutes of the previous fall meeting were read and approved. The motion was made by Annali and seconded by Barbara W.

Treasurer: Annali presented the year-to-date financial statements. Not all of the receipts for the Sharon Alderman workshop have been submitted. Annali will have the final workshop figures for the fall meeting. A motion was made by Shanna to approve the financial statements. It was seconded by Penny and passed.

Annali presented the 2014 Budget. There was a discussion of the included festival awards and when they should be paid as some of the festivals have already occurred. For 2014 neither Prineville nor Hood River will be paid. The Newport Spinning Festival, Oregon Flock and Fiber, and Fibermania will be paid. There will not be any expense for a traveling show this year. Corienne made a motion to approve the Budget; seconded by Barbara W. and passed.

Annali reported that we had received an additional deferral from the IRS for another 60 days about the fine for 2011. She will continue to work with them.

Scholarship Report: Barbara reported the guilds have made their selections to use their 2014 scholarships.

- Central Oregon will have Marilyn Romatka discussing Japanese Temari balls, on the 3rd Wednesday in June
- Salem is having Nancy Hoskins speak on Willamette Valley linen production today
- Eugene will have a workshop with Susanne Lily on March 24th
- Webfoot will have Nancy Hoskins speak on how to get items ready for judging

Guild Reports: The representatives presented reports of their guild's activities since the last meeting.

Website Presentation: Annali presented the WeGO website that she has been developing. In October the Executive Board unanimously approved and authorized the spending of \$150.00 for Annali to continue to pursue a proposed website for WeGO, www.wegoregon.org. Annali has worked with a Portland software company, Stellaractive to develop our site. They have a nonprofit rate of \$12.98 per month. The site will have links to other weaving organizations and showcase events such as our traveling show. Our guild and vendor brochures will be on the public page with links to listed websites for guilds and vendors. Annali hopes to post pictures of weaving projects from the guilds. There will be a member's only page containing officer and representative lists and the WeGO directory. A business section will contain WeGO board minutes, bylaws and newsletters.

A password will be sent out from a group called, *Homespun*. If you do not receive it, check to see if it could have gone to your spam.

Annali has volunteered to continue as our WebMonkey. She will handle inquiries for now at wegoregon@gmail.com. Judy will continue to work with her as the intake person, gathering documents and transferring them to Annali. Eventually they will develop a calendar of events. They would prefer to have submissions in a PDF format. In the future Annali will explore having a classified section.

Kathy Nelson brought up the issue of requiring permission for pictures. It will be discussed in the future.

The Executive Board at their March meeting held a discussion about continuing with the Yahoo site. It was generally felt that the Yahoo site was too difficult to use, and we would gradually shut it down and use the website as our primary communication source. Judy and Annali will clear existing documents and get copies before pulling down the group.

Annali will send group emails for new postings to the website.

Newsletter: Judy reported that she will send the newsletter out as usual for now, but that it will be posted on the website also. She is developing event calendars and adding more photos.

Education and Workshop Coordinator: Kathy reported that six guilds are applying for the ANWG grant. She also reported that people did move around the state to attend the Sharon Alderman workshops. Members from Portland and Bend attended the workshop in Salem, and several Portland members traveled to North Bend.

Kathy is now scheduling Heather Winslow from Illinois for a workshop in Hood River in 2015. Heather is able to do a total of four workshops. She will charge \$450 per day. Clatsop was interested in having

her. Kathy will coordinate organizing further workshops for other guilds. She will make Heather's offerings available.

State Fair and Exhibits Coordinator: Carol is pleased with the cooperation she has been getting from the State Fair people. This year the fair organized under a fair council but is managed by a private group. At the Executive Board meeting a discussion was held about whether we even wanted to continue with the State Fair. With Carol's encouragement, it was ultimately decided to continue trying to encourage exhibits and to continue with judging assistance. We definitely will continue with the demonstrations. Carol has worked in getting information ready to be published in the Fair booklet. There is a score card with good objective judging criteria in the booklet. Carol developed the judging criteria; the Executive Board approved them at their March meeting. Those wishing to enter an item will have to pre-enter the item with online registration only. She is asking the reps to help people to submit.

Carol will do the displays this year. She is getting a nicer space to demonstrate close to the cabinets with entries.

Still of concern is the pick-up of items. The fair still wants to use Sleep Country. If we could get people in our guilds to collect the items at the Fair, we could bring items back to the fall WeGO meeting and distribute to the reps to take home. The Fair starts Aug 22nd, not too far before the fall meeting. Penny will ask the Salem guild members if they can to do some of these tasks.

We will see how things go this year before making further plans.

Other Events: The Executive Board voted to commit \$500.00 (\$100.00 each) to support other local fiber events around the state. A board member was assigned to serve as contact for each of the following events:

- Oregon Flock and Fiber -Canby - Darlene
- Black Sheep - Eugene - Barbara Wythe
- FiberMania – Grants Pass - Denise
- Yaquina Spinning Festival – Newport - JoAnn
- Columbia Gorge Fiber Festival - Hood River – Kathy S.

Carol asked about also including the Fiber Market Day held in Prineville. It was decided to also include this event with Mary Wonser serving as the contact person. (See budget discussion above for payments for 2014.)

Fair Demonstrations: Carrie organizes the demonstrations for the first six days of fair.

Traveling Show: JoAnn had the remaining items from the traveling show picked up in Eugene in March. The show was well received. She announced the People's Choice Award won by Anne Abendroth of the Salem guild for her "King's Coat." Other winners were announced previously. The next traveling show should be held in 2017. Work will begin in 2016 to schedule venues and encourage the making of items to be submitted.

Long Range Planning: – JoAnn reported for Denise. The plan was briefly reviewed and updated.

Membership: Darlene reported that all 16 of the guilds had paid their dues on time. She distributed the new guild and vendor/class brochures. There were twelve paying vendors. We will continue to print the brochures for handouts to the public and also post them to the website.

Nominating committee: We need to find candidates for the following offices by the fall meeting: President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and State Fair and Exhibits Coordinator. Darlene and Carol agreed to continue in their current positions. Annali noted that she needs a Newsletter Editor with some technical capability. JoAnn appointed three members from around the state to serve as a nominating committee:

- Janis Johnson – Portland
- Bonnie Powell – Yaquina
- Corienne Geddes - Umpqua

HGA Rep: Judy gave Eva's report. Eva will resign as HGA rep position after the fall meeting. She wants to do a repeat of her previous survey before she leaves.

ANWG Rep: The ANWG AGM meeting will be held in Portland on June 14th. They will announce the recipients of the 2015 grants. There will be a 2017 conference in Victoria, B.C.

Complex Weavers: Ladella reported there will be exhibits during the Complex Weavers Conference in Tacoma in June. She also noted that there are several facebook pages that might be of interest to members including a 4-shaft, and 8-shaft group, a NW braiding group, and a kumihimo group.

No other business was presented.

The fall WeGO Board meeting will be October 11, 2014 at the Eugene Textile Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Wingfield, WeGO Secretary

Attachments to the Minutes

Agenda
Genesis of WeGO
Financial Statements
Proposed Budget
Exhibits & State Fair Coordinator Report
Updated Long Range Plan