

Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild Board Meeting Minutes

Place: Biffie Gallant's home in Randolph, VT

Date and Time: Sept 8, 2PM start time

Present: Gina Steen, Jennifer Davey, Biffie Gallant, Barb Ackemann, Carol Gibson, Donna Dulude, Janice McKnight, Sharon O'Neill, Sue Girouard

Absent: Dayle Wheeler

Fall Meeting at the Stowflake: Choose food and room arrangement. Carol has 5 vendors lined up. Sharon is looking for another speaker. She has Loretta Scena but needs another. Judith Hotchkiss from Maine (who is vending) was suggested as well as Anne Standish (quilter). (Maybe ask Sandra Grant to talk about her art?)

We chose Verona and Southwest for lunches as long as all prices were equal. We just want coffee in the AM. Vendors will be around the edge (~12 rectangular tables) plus a few tables for registration outside the room. We need to keep track of anyone who just wants to attend the business meeting to be sure they don't stay for lunch, etc.. It is usually only 1 or 2 people that may do this.

Sharon and Gina will look into the actual Agreement with the Stowflake as it looks like the guild may owe money regardless of how many come. We may need to really promote the event to break even.

Jennifer and Donna will handle the registration each morning and will be there at 9AM to check people in. Everyone else promises to chip in on the teacup auction.. someone needs to bring the tickets and name tag holders..

Spring Meeting: Decided to pursue renting the Catholic church in Randolph that is right off I-91. Jennifer and Biffie will be the "helpers" for this event. Sharon is organizing the rental and dates and other details.. (addendum; April 28th was found to be the date we can have it).

Summer Meeting: Decided to look for a place on the western side of the state (Rutland up to Burlington region). Sharon will look for spots. It will be 1 day only. Janice and Donna volunteered to be the "helpers" for this one. It will be in July some time.

Elections: Everyone is continuing in their positions though Gina only wants a one year stint and wants us to find a suitable replacement. Gina will find a nomination Committee to help find new people.. Suggestions for nomination committee are

Suzanne Dirmaier, Kris McDermet and maybe other former Board members. Sandra Grant has agreed to be a Member-at-Large. Suzanne Brown was mentioned as someone we should encourage to join the Board. She hooks with the fiber bees and seems enthusiastic..

Jenn will write a blurb to put in the newsletter which will encourage newbies to volunteer!

Education: Suzanne Girouard would like to make kits free to all ages. She also could use some help at the Shelburne event on Sept 21.

Business: The only outstanding issue is with the Burlington free Press. They continue to harass Green Mountain Hooked Rugs instead of GMRHG for the ad they did for the Show. Gina and Ray are continuing to try and sort it out.

2020 Show: Barb had examples of excellent ads for ATHA and RHM. We all loved them. We decided we do need postcards for vendors. There was less enthusiasm for the larger cards due to expense. Sharon talked about online followers on Instagram and she will handle Facebook for us when she gets authority to do so. We will definitely work with Seven Days again. Can we get cards/displays into the highway rest stops? Who will do this? Articles about our 2 featured artists are being written for RHM (Jenn confirmed this).

General Discussion about whether we will change the Show venue after 2020 (no conclusions). Should we look for grants to help defray costs? Can we find sponsors? Getting hotels like the Inn at Essex to donate rooms for the artists might be nice.. can't hurt to ask..

Vendors will be getting contracts soon. Some were not happy with the new space at the show. We can make it better lit. They need to be encouraged to bring lights too. The guild table should take a worse spot and not take up as much room. It would be difficult to move them back to the other space because of the noise in classrooms placed in the main auditorium.. Nevertheless we need their money so we need to try and improve their experience..

Encourage **bus trips** to come. One group wants to come AND spend the day at the hook-in. This would be good for vendors so we need to make sure we have space for that.

Need someone to handle the reception and food. Carol is done.

Sue Girouard has a cats paw rug she is working on AND the Hinesburg group is doing a raffle rug so we need to time those..

Meeting ended at 5PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Davey
Secretary