

Ryedale Woodturners

Treasurers Report August 2020

It is inevitably difficult to assess our position this year, due to the coronavirus crisis. However, it is safe to say that the measures the Club has taken to overcome its financial issues have been successful. For the second year running we have managed an in-year surplus, with or without the effect of the lockdown. This is due in part to the increase in annual membership fee from £25 to £35, which saw an overall increase in fees collected of £240 on last year, despite a slight fall in numbers enrolling. More significantly the commission on Club sales at £750 last year and £1100 this year is the major factor in addressing the 2017-8 deficit, and this despite having to cancel the Easter sale this year. A move to fewer demonstrators charging over £200 plus travel for their attendance, replaced with more local and club members, has also helped.

The Club has now had an in-year surplus of over £1000 for two consecutive years. We are not a charity or profit making body, and under normal circumstances I would have proposed making a reduction in annual fee to £30, and a reduction in the base rate for sale commission to 20% (but retaining the option for 50% which some generous club members have given). I have also considered the Club beginning to acquire a few specialist tools that could be loaned out to Club members, to try out before they buy their own: a sphere cutting jig, a threading jig, a fluting jig, a pyrography machine spring to mind. We are also likely to need some additional video equipment. As it is, I think it best to delay any consideration of changes for at least a year, as we see how the coronavirus crisis will affect what we can do and what our membership will be.

What has been agreed by the Committee is that membership has been extended for at least as long as meetings have been cancelled, which means no membership renewal fees will be collected until at least February 2021.

We have experimented with online demonstrations and activities, which have been well supported, though do not suit all members of the club. Costs for these have been placed in the next financial year, as have payments made via cheque and bank transfer – many thanks.

A breakdown of receipts and payments is attached below. A full detailed spreadsheet is available to anyone on request. Also a few facts and figures about the Club history are offered below.

Steve Fearnley
July 2020

RYEDALE WOODTURNERS ACCOUNTS SUMMARY 1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020

RECEIPTS	2018	2019	2020	2020 Notes
Commission	£110.70	£753.60	£1,107.88	Thornton Show, Goathland, Thornton
Subscriptions	£849.00	£974.00	£1,140.00	35 members. Increased from £25 to £35 this year
Sales		£140.00		
Grants		£150.00	£1,292.96	Coronet lathe and equipment
Donations		£203.00	£91.00	Wood donated for sale to club members, and a stool (JL)
Meeting attendance fees	£1,132.90	£1,864.20	£1,215.00	Aug 19 - Mar 20. £5
Sundries	£2.00	£1.76		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£2,094.60	£4,086.56	£4,846.84	

PAYMENTS	2018	2019	2020	2020 Notes
Speakers	£1,276.80	£1,392.00	£832.40	6 demos: 4 professionals, 2 club members, Sept 19 - Mar 20. 2 Philip Greenwood online demos £140 accounted for in next financial year
Prizes and raffle	£277.47	£217.73	£222.39	Christmas competition; monthly raffle
AWGB Membership	£45.00	£45.00	£45.00	
Generator hire		£150.00		
Equipment purchase	£16.99	£24.99	£1,426.40	Coronet lathe; boom mic
Venue Hire (Snainton Village Hall, Hill Institute, Reading Room)	£367.00	£830.00	£470.40	6 at £30 , 3 at £35, less discount for kitchen closure. Goathland and Thornton Sales.
Stationary & Postage	£399.99	£20.60	£15.55	Membership cards; stamps
Catering	£174.43	£118.21	£142.00	Christmas party; monthly biscuits
Sundries	£24.99		£20.00	Donation from wood sale to Yorkshire Air Ambulance
Insurance	£171.85	£174.80	£177.82	Zurich has extended cover by 3 months due to Covid 19
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£2,394.52	£2,973.33	£3,351.96	

In year Surplus/deficit	-£299.92	£1,113.23	£1,494.88
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Banking

Current account 30 June		£2,285.70	£3,770.06
Savings account 30 June		£876.46	£877.79
Cash in hand 30 June		26.05	£35.24
Closing balance 30 June	£2,074.98	£3,188.21	£4,683.09
<i>Opening balance 1 July</i>	<i>£2,374.90</i>	<i>£2,074.98</i>	<i>£3,188.21</i>
<i>Difference</i>	<i>-£299.92</i>	<i>£1,113.23</i>	<i>£1,494.88</i>

Ryedale Woodturners: a little history

From the club accounts and talking to some past club members, I have been looking into the Club's history.

The Club started back in 1995, with 40 members, paying an annual membership of £10, and £1 on the night to attend. I believe it was called the Scarborough and District Woodturners, and Initially it was a Hands On meeting to use the lathes, swap notes and learn a little from experienced turners, in particular Rob Thompson.

Gradually demonstrations were included, often by local turners, but only 3 or 4 per year. It wasn't until 2006-7 that there was a full programme of 10 demonstrations, plus a Christmas buffet and an AGM. We have had demonstrations from many well-known turners:

Christine Addley, Nick Arnull, Mark Baker 2, Alan Batty 2, J Berkeley, Keith Bevitt 4, Darren Breeze, B Carter, Bob Chapman 3, Ian Clarkson 6, Jimmy Clewes 3, Paul Coker, Angela Cole, Emma Cook 2, Steve Fearnley 2, Richard Findley 4, Margaret Garrard 7, Philip Greenwood 5, Andrew Hall 4, Mick Hanbury 12, Mark Hancock, Graham Harker 2, Sue Harker 11, Steve Heeley, Simon Hope 3, Steve Jenkins, Paul Jones 2, Ray Jones, Tony Kitchin 3, Andy Lodge, Dave Lowe 5, Gordon Malan, Gerry Marlow 5, Randal Marr 2, Andrew Morby-Smith 2, David Muckle 2, Bob Neill 2, John Oldham, Pete Osborne 2, M Pidgeon 2, Mark Raby, Guy Ravine, Joey Richardson 4, Keith Rowley, Terry Scott, John Shepherd, Reg Sherwin, Colin Simpson, Nick Siriagos, Geoff Smith 4, Jenny Starbuck, Chris Stott, Alan Soulsby, Terry Taylor 3, Sarah Thirlwell, Rob Thompson 3, Les Thorne 2, Alan Truman 3, Dick Veitch 2, D Wardingley, Simon Whitehead 7, John Whiteley 4, Tony Wilson 13, Jim Wood 2, Danny Woof 2

Membership grew to a peak of 72 in 2007 -8, though average attendance was around 50 (70%). At this stage there was a programme of 10 monthly demonstrators, plus a Christmas buffet and an AGM. Fees had risen to £16 a year and attendance on the night was £2. After this numbers declined rapidly in the next 2 years making a slight recovery, and by 2016-7 membership was down to 48, with an average attendance on evenings at 34.

In 2017 the Club moved from Snainton Woodworking Supplies to the Village Hall. Membership dropped to 41. The last 4 years it has been 41, 37, 41, 34.

