

Ryedale Woodturners

Treasurers Report August 2021

It continues to be difficult to assess our financial position this year, due to the ongoing coronavirus crisis. The good news is that we still have funds in the bank, and we have managed to sustain some kind of club identity through online demonstrations and the online coronavirus gallery sharing pictures of items club members have turned. We have managed to host 6 professional demonstrators, supplemented by 4 in-house demonstrations by Steve Fearnley, John Whiteley and Martyn Weller, which were given at no cost to the club. Apart from Philip Greenwood and Sue Harker, who charged us very reasonable rates no doubt due to club connections, demonstrators are charging similar fees for online demonstrations as they did for live ones, (though no travel costs at least), so together with ongoing insurance and AWGB membership, this has meant we have an in-year deficit of £550.

I believe the Club can cope with this, thanks to the in-year surpluses of over £1000 for the previous 2 years. We will lose more money on any professional demonstrators we engage in 2021, as we decided to suspend membership renewal fees until February 2022 – that is, the length of time we have been without in-person meetings. Hopefully we can re-coup some funds through mounting club sales – we have one scheduled for the first weekend in September. We do have 3 new recruits who have joined informally during lockdown.

We did purchase a webcam and microphone this year, and subscribed to Zoom for a year, to enable the online demonstration to take place effectively. Thankfully the cost was wholly offset by a successful application to the AWGB (Association of Woodturners of Great Britain), who set up a Covid grant scheme to help clubs.

We hope to stage our first “real” meeting for 16 months in August 2021, which will include a demonstration, but will also be a chance for people to catch up with one another. Demonstrations for the rest of the year are yet to be booked. We hope to be able to offer these via Zoom as well as in person, so that members still uneasy with the easing of restrictions, and those who simply are not able to attend on the night, will be able to be involved. If this is not possible live on the night, then we should be able to make a video available on line subsequently.

A breakdown of receipts and payments is attached below. A full detailed spreadsheet is available to anyone on request.

General report on club activity 2021 – 2021

Due to the Covid crisis there were no live demonstrations or meetings for the whole year. However various initiatives kept the Club alive, albeit in virtual form.

Within a fortnight of lockdown, Lance set up Stay in touch, where members sent photos of any woodturning or woodwork they had been doing, and Lance shared these with everyone via email. Steve Fearnley also put them all on a “Corona Gallery” on the club website. To date there have been 330 submissions, all gratefully received and hopefully enjoyed.

We began to explore online demonstrations quite early on in the lockdown. Philip Greenwood started us off in May, we had a couple of workshop tours courtesy of Steve Fearnley and Lance Garrard, a You Tube video demonstration from John Whiteley, videoed by Lance; Martyn Weller did a Zoom presentation on segmented turning, and Steve Fearnley a Zoom demonstration on making wizard wands. We then had an online demo by Emma Cooke, the Tiny Turner. This was an example of an IRD (Interactive Remote Demonstration): specific to our club only, interactive because questions could be asked and answered via Zoom, and remote because they take place in the demonstrator’s workshop. Other professionals followed, with Sue Harker, John Boyne Aitken, Phil Greenwood, Paul Hannaby, and Dennis Wake. Steve Fearnley did another video presentation on a pyrographed platter, interactive despite being pre-recorded. We also held a Christmas quiz night via Zoom in December.

Zoom only allows 40 minutes for meetings if the basic free service is used. We took up the AWGB offer to host meetings for us a couple of times, but when they had a conflict with another meeting one night, we decided to buy a one year subscription to Zoom which gives us unlimited time for meetings. So far we have hosted 3 meetings, and had a virtual committee meeting with this subscription. When we return to “live” meetings, we hope to be able to share these online via Zoom, for people who are unable to attend.

July 2021

RYEDALE WOODTURNERS ACCOUNTS SUMMARY 1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021

RECEIPTS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021 Notes
Commission	£110.70	£753.60	£1,107.88	£0.00	
Subscriptions	£849.00	£974.00	£1,140.00	£0.00	
Sales		£140.00		£0.00	
Grants		£150.00	£1,292.96	£289.00	AWGB Covid support - for Zoom subscription, mic and webcam
Donations		£203.00	£91.00	£0.00	Some members overpaid attendance fees as a donation
Meeting attendance fees	£1,132.90	£1,864.20	£1,215.00	£727.00	Online demonstrations, £3 - £5
Interest (savings account)			[1.33]	£0.28	
Sundries	£2.00	£1.76			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£2,094.60	£4,086.56	£4,846.84	£1,016.28	

PAYMENTS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021
Speakers	£1,276.80	£1,392.00	£832.40	£1,030.00	Online: 6 professionals, 4 club. Plus 2 by P Greenwood last year
Prizes and raffle	£277.47	£217.73	£222.39	£0.00	
AWGB Affiliate Membership	£45.00	£45.00	£45.00	£45.00	
Generator hire		£150.00			
Other equipment purchase	£16.99	£24.99	£1,426.40	£144.97	USB headset microphone, webcam
Zoom subscription				£143.88	Zoom subscription
Venue Hire (Snainton Village Hall, Sales venues)	£367.00	£830.00	£470.40	£0.00	
Stationary & Postage	£399.99	£20.60	£15.55	£30.36	Stamps, envelopes
Catering	£174.43	£118.21	£142.00	£0.00	
Sundries	£24.99		£20.00	£0.00	
Insurance (Zurich)	£171.85	£174.80	£177.82	£180.94	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£2,394.52	£2,973.33	£3,351.96	£1,575.15	

In year Surplus/deficit	-£299.92	£1,113.23	£1,494.88	-£558.87
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Banking

Current account 30 June		£2,285.70	£3,770.06	£3,216.27
Savings account 30 June		£876.46	£877.79	£878.07
Cash in hand 30 June		26.05	£35.24	£29.88
Closing balance 30 June	£2,074.98	£3,188.21	£4,683.09	£4,124.22
<i>Opening bank balance 1 July</i>	<i>£2,374.90</i>	<i>£2,074.98</i>	<i>£3,188.21</i>	<i>£4,683.09</i>
<i>Difference</i>	<i>-£299.92</i>	<i>£1,113.23</i>	<i>£1,494.88</i>	<i>-£558.87</i>