

Chapter 89 NAWCC Meeting Minutes

Date and Location For our final meeting of 2020, Chapter 89 held an on-line Annual Meeting via 'Zoom' on Saturday, November 21st. The Annual Meeting and Elections would usually be paired with our Fall Auction, but due to public health considerations related to Covid19, auction materials will be held over until a safer time next year.

Call to Order, Attendees President Tim VonReyn opened the meeting at 11 a.m. There appeared to be 11 members signed in to the program, with the possibility of more listening to the audio feed.

Secretary's Report Mark reported that he had sent out notices for the meeting to all on our previous mailing list, which we hope to continue updating to match our current membership. He received a question from one member about the timing of dues, and this will be discussed by the Executive Committee with more info being sent out this winter.

Treasurer's Report Bruce was not able to attend, but Tim relayed some information from him. Our primary expense coming up is the Chapter's liability insurance premium that is due in January. In a separate expense account for the work on the Portland street clock, we are holding a balance of about \$800 of the owners' money. Tim will check to see if this may be used for placing a plaque near the clock to commemorate the project and the clock's history; the balance will be returned.

Announcements Jim Powers mentioned that in the most recent Bulletin there was a notice of the passing of our long-time member Trudy Crosby. Mark will send a card to Ben on behalf of the whole group.

Old Business 1. Tim Martel presented a certificate of thanks to Mary & Phil Carthage for their wonderful presentation at our May meeting about their horological history trip through Germany.

2. Tim VonReyn asked that if anyone has their own photos of the street clock work would they please send them in for documentation of the project.

New Business

1. We received a request via the Chapter e-mail from a group working on restoration of the historic Readfield (Maine) Union Meeting House. They have been doing preservation work on the amazing three-dimensional wall murals and structural work on the ceiling and steeple, and now are raising funds for the restoration and repair of their E. Howard round-top tower clock. Our Executive Committee will discuss the possibility of a donation from the Chapter.

<https://unionmeetinghouse.org/photos/>

2. Tim VonReyn presented an NAWCC certificate to Paul Fournier to thank him for his contributions to the Chapter 89 Workshop Series.

3. The Executive Committee has nominated both Jim Bryant and Harry Hepburn for the Cal Morgan Award. Harry has served as team leader of the Portland street clock project, and the Chapter has benefitted from his depth of knowledge of early American tall clocks and also from his auctioneering and antique experience. Jim's extensive horologic experience includes repair and maintenance of many Maine tower clocks, which, combined with his engineering background, proved essential to several critical parts of the street clock project.

Chapter Elections Tim Martel announced the slate of officers for 2021, as published in the Meeting Announcement. There were no new nominations, so one vote was cast by the Secretary for the entire slate, as follows:

President:	Tim Martel
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Secretary:	Mark Beever
Ass't Secretary:	Sam Ogilvie
Treasurer:	Tim VonReyn
Ass't Treasurer:	Tony Accardi
Director:	Paul Fournier
Director:	Jinny Mead
Director:	Jim Powers

Tim Martel made a 'virtual' presentation with an official NAWCC sweatshirt for Tim VonReyn to recognize and thank him for his good work and service to the Chapter for the past 2 years as President. He will send the gift to Tim.

Show and Tell

1. Greg Saunders showed a wood works clock that he had acquired, in a half-column and splat case with a George Marsh label. He is planning to restore the movement.
2. Tim Martel had bought a statuesque clock, the top of which looks similar to the dial head of the Seth Thomas street clock.
3. Mark Beever was working on a medium sized banjo clock in a nice mahogany case. The spring driven movement is regulated by a floating balance with hairspring, and is made by Gerbruder Junghans, perhaps a successor to the original Junghans company.
4. Mike Brown discussed a "horological horror" clock that he was repairing. He had found an eccentric escape wheel that also had damaged teeth, along with twisted pallets and many worn bearings.
5. Mary & Phil Carthage showed an Urgos time and strike desk clock that they had purchased in Germany. It is in an attractive small case, and has a nice sound.
6. Tony Accardi had a rectangular glass paperweight into which he had placed a photo of the completed Portland street clock as a reminder of the restoration.

Draft of minutes submitted by Mark Beever

**** New Note:** Please see the following request from a South Carolina NAWCC member looking for information on a tall clock that was found in Maine in 1981. If anyone has seen or heard of this clock or has any information about this John Petticrew clockmaker, please pass that along to me (Mark Beever – Secretary) and I will assemble it, or you can call Patricia Lotfi directly.
Thanks!!

Patricia Lotfi, Member #0184218 here. My 3xgreat-grandfather was clockmaker John Petticrew who arrived in the U.S. from Northern Ireland in 1817. He settled in Corydon, Indiana (then provincial capital) and made clocks and watches. He died in 1830. We have finally found one of his clocks and it should be here in the next month after its rehab at Delaney's in Massachusetts. Our goal now is to locate and document all the various clocks accredited to him so that a proper file can be made with the NAWCC (and the AHS, if we can pinpoint his Northern Irish beginnings).

We have copies of two 1981 letters to the Corydon Historical Society from Philip Balcomb that reference a clock made by our Petticrew: signed John Petticrew, Corydon, Indiana and dated 1825. I'm writing to you because this clock was found in Maine! I'm attaching that letter.

Might you have any info on this clock or its owners?

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can offer!

Best,

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