

Dorchester Men's Shed

Minutes of a meeting held on 8th October 2015 ; 5:30pm.

Venue : Poet Laureate Inn – Poundbury

Present : Graeme Trinder, Peter Shakespeare, Tony Bevins, Jeff Wilkinson, Adrian Wood, David Jupp, Trevor Colley, Mike Waddington.

Apologies : Martin Borburg, Brian Fowler, Michael Harden, Dr Stuart Smith, Vin Sootarsing and Eddie Summers.

The meeting commenced with the Chairman welcoming a new member, Mike Waddington and then a summary of the 20th August meeting's minutes were given and there being no issues arising from them, they were signed off as a true record by the Chairman.

Under matters arising, Peter asked for 'willing' volunteers to contribute to a review report requested by Dorset POPP, who were the providers of a large amount of funding. He explained what they required in that it was to highlight three 'outcomes'. These were to relate to three shed members and document their views/experience of what differences, if any, belonging to the Shed had made to their lives.

Adrian Wood and Jeff Wilkinson offered to take part.

Membership: Graeme said that membership now stood at 21 and was on target for our expected total of 26 by Xmas.

Current and Future Projects: Graeme stated that we have two projects in the pipeline with one already completed.

1. To produce Nativity figures for Poundbury ... The figures have been cut out and are currently being painted by the Future Roots' Countrymen's club members..
2. The 'Clinker boat' repairs was still in the air but Graeme expected the boat to arrive very soon now that the owner was back from holiday. There was still some negotiation to be done with regard to the 'donation' for materials as Graeme thought that the original offer of £200 was a bit optimistic and would probably be nearer £300. (Since the meeting a schedule of work has been agreed at a price of £250.)
3. Brian Sheppard has a dolls house requiring a full restoration with the owner providing funds up to £300 for materials. He also has an 'order' for a rocking horse similar to the one currently residing down the Shed.
4. Brian is still looking for members interested in taking this forward under his tutorage. He explained that to make a rocking horse from start to finish takes approx. 350 hours.
5. Our new member, Mike Waddington stated that he also needed to get on as he wants to build a wood store for Christmas.

Induction Training was again raised and Graeme confirmed that Brian Sheppard was presently writing a programme, which may be delayed due to Brian's house move.

The Secretary brought up the need for workshop supervision and suggested the creation of a rota. Both Tony Bevins and Trevor Colley offered to step in quickly and said between them they could supervise Tuesday and Thursday sessions, this would be finalised with Graeme.

Once again the issue of storing personal tools of members and a discussion on the type store needed, where it could be located and how many would be required, with both David Jupp and Tony Bevins presenting good ideas.

The Secretary asked for a vote of thanks recorded to Tony Bevins for taking on the task of sharpening all available tools, chisels etc.

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting be decided by the Secretary and Chairman and all members informed accordingly.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18.20.