

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc. Board of Directors ZOOM Meeting June 06, 2023 @ 7:00 pm Eastern

OPEN MEETING – FINAL MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Leroy Baker, Director	Tom Compton, Director	Renee Coulson, Director
John Cote, Director	Jay Dutton, Treasurer	Cathy Gorton, Director
Sherry Kitts, Secretary	Rhett Lucke, Chair	Philip Morris, Director
Rich Newman, Vice Chair	Ralph Pokluda, Director	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bob Burton

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Rory McEvoy, Executive Director

GUESTS PRESENT

Dave Coatsworth	Andy Dervan	Judy Draucker
Geoff Parker		

ITEM SUBJECT LEAD

1 Call to Order Chair Lucke

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lucke at 7:05 pm EDT.

2 Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Procedures & Announcements

Chair Lucke

- Guests were welcomed.
- Robert's Rules of Order for Small Boards will be followed.
- Special thanks were given to the Directors for whom this would be the last full meeting: Directors Compton and Pokluda, Treasurer Dutton, and Vice Chair Newman. Their service to the NAWCC has been outstanding.
- Bob Frishman and Chris Carey are establishing a new regional, the New England Regional, to be held in Concord, NH, April 26 & 27, 2024.

3 Roll Call Secretary Kitts

All Directors were present with the exception of Director Burton.

4 MOTION by Secretary Kitts: to approve the April 27, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

Secretary Kitts

SECOND by Director Cote

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

5 Treasurer Report – April Financials

Treasurer Dutton

- Operating Revenue was low by \$13,000 largely because we did not take the approved draw of 6%. We will take our first draw in this quarter.
- Operating Expenses were under budget.
- FY 2023 audit field work is complete; should have draft for Lancaster meeting.
- Many thanks were given by Board members to Treasurer Dutton and Controller Hutchinson for their diligent work in bringing the Financial Reports up to high standards.

6 Lancaster Convention Update

- Registrations: Members 608, Partners 152, Children 18
- Tables sold: 483; 63 left for sale
- Early Birds: 99; Banquet: 206; Old Timers/Fellows: 60
- Co-Chairs Newman & Baker are now joined by a third Co-Chair Gorton
- We have a strong program of lectures and workshops (NAWCC, AWCI, and HSNY)
- We expect many registrations and table purchases during on-site registration
- The many single-table holders will present a challenge for Mart move-in.
- Many new members from the East Coast may have joined to come to our National Convention.

Vice Chair Newman/ Director Baker/ Director Gorton ITEM SUBJECT LEAD

7 2023 Symposium Update

- Planning has been superb with a fantastic speaker roster.
- Sunday afternoon at Hamilton Club; Monday at the museum.
- Cut-off date for registrations for dinner at Hamilton Club is July 5 or 6.
- Since museum is closed Mondays, we will have it to ourselves for Symposium.
- We have 43 signed up so far; would like to have more from budget standpoint.
- Thanks were given to Tom Compton for the suggestion to offer a Sunday only option to registration.

8 MOTION: by Director Morris, that the Museum Collections Management Policy be revised to allow sale of deaccessioned assets at NAWCC sponsored events in accordance with the following wording:

Director Morris

ED McEvov/

Director Gorton

The NAWCC Executive Director will choose an appropriate method of disposal for each deaccessioned object. Deaccessioned objects may be sold at public auction; sold at NAWCC sponsored regional or national meetings; by open or sealed bid; sold through private negotiation to another institution; exchanged with another 501(c)3 institution for objects that meet the Museum's acquisition criteria and have been approved for acquisition by the proper authority; given or sold to another museum; transferred to the Education Department or NAWCC School of Horology.

The added wording is notated in BOLD above.

SECOND by Director Cote

Discussion: Over the past 50 years, the museum has accessioned and stored items that would not take place today due to condition issues, duplication, rarity, and other factors. This change increases flexibility to deaccession and dispose of such items including at NAWCC member events such as at National Conventions and Regional Events.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

9 Executive Director Topics

ED McEvoy

Combining the Bulletin and the Mart

This subject brought a great deal of discussion. Combining them is a business decision and would be cost effective. The various contracts are up for renewal at the end of the year so we could produce a new format as early as Spring, 2024. Director Cote has a contact specializing in small runs and will provide the information to ED McEvoy. Cautions were expressed that the Bulletin retain its high-quality educational value and suggestions were offered that the Mart could be separately published online only. It was noted that this publication is under the control of the Executive Director, however ED McEvoy noted there would be plenty of discussion before final decisions are made.

Progress/Museum Gallery Updates

The museum is in a state of upheaval as the team prepares for installation of several major exhibits. These are:

- > S-Town Exquisite Clocks
- > The new Hamilton Gallery
 - The existing displays are being removed in stages to allow for decorating of the walls before the flooring is replaced
- ➤ Hal and Maida Cherry Collection of Skeleton Clocks
 - o Is being installed in the old Jewelry Shop window
- ➤ Public Time Gallery
- Precision timekeepers and electric clocks

Much of the work is behind the scenes to ensure that all of the objects are kept in good order during the works.

There have been some wonderful donations: 3 tower clocks and an important Pennsylvania electrical clock were donated by Don Saff. He also loaned the Museum a stunning four-train tower clock that was originally installed in St. Joseph's Cathedral in Buffalo, NY.

ED McEvoy thanked Director Pokluda and Jeff Zuspan for the many hours spent helping to rationalize the storage area and Treasurer Dutton for washing all the glass domes and assisting with the condition reporting of the S-Town exhibit pieces. Director Gorton was thanked for all her help with repairing and waxing wood cases and fitting a replacement glass to the Daniel Drawbaugh regulator.

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10	Next Meeting: July 12, 2023, in person at NAWCC headquarters in Columbia, PA, 8 am – 5 pm	Chair Lucke
11	Call for any other New Business There was no new business.	Chair Lucke
12	Adjournment of the Regular Open Session Chair Lucke adjourned the Open Session at 8:00 pm EDT.	Chair Lucke
13	Solicit feedback from the audience.	Chair Lucke

Please send all comments and questions to NAWCC BOD Secretary Sherry Kitts at sacutts@comcast.net