

GVSMMC; General Procedures

Introduction

The GVSMMC, founded in 2006, continues to add new members, holds regular meetings and attends a variety of festivals where the public can learn about sock machines. We are accomplishing the purposes for which our club was founded as stated in our Bylaws. The Bylaws were intentionally formulated in a brief document and provide for a process of amendment when the operations of the club indicate a need to make changes. It is typical for small clubs to be less formal, and sometimes a club will approve of a list of guidelines to help manage the everyday operations of club activities. The purpose of this document is to list some general procedures or guidelines that will have the consent and support of club members as we carry on the day to day management of the club.

This will be a club effort and members are invited to make suggestions about what to include.

Several operational topics are suggested here that may benefit from club member consensus.

Annual Meeting; The Club should plan one meeting each year for elections and other club business.

Elections; At the annual meeting, officers positions should be filled.

Regular Meetings; Currently it is agreed to meet at the Mile Post school on the second Saturday each month or every other month, and except on months scheduled for the Hemlock Fiber Arts Festival, the Mendon Ponds Winter Fest, and the Sheep Market in Rush, NY. Members who wish to host a meeting elsewhere may notify the club President at least two months prior to the date. Members will be advised by email as soon as a meeting date is selected.

Hosted Meetings; Members may host a meeting at their home or at any alternative, suitable location. Hosted meetings must be approved by the Club President and be communicated to members by the Club President.

Instruction; Some instruction may be given by club members voluntarily or by arrangement for a fee.

Instruction arrangements can be made by direct contact by the people involved. Whenever possible, instruction will be offered by Fred Hauck at the regular meetings.

Fiber Festivals; Fiber Festivals have been a valuable source for new members. Members are encouraged to participate in demonstrations at local festivals for their own enjoyment and to build membership.

Dues; Dues may be set annually according to financial needs by approval of the Board.