



Central Oklahoma Chapter
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THE SOONER TUNER

Next Chapter Meeting



When: Thursday, March 21st
Location: David Bonham's Ski Island shop
Address: 10717 N North Eastlake Cir, OKC, OK 73162
Time: 8:30 AM

Technical: Main topic, upright hammer, jack, and damper springs. We will also touch on tuning stability.

Our Central Oklahoma PTG Chapter Officers:

RVP - Doug Snook, RPT

President - David Bonham, RPT

Treasurer - Gary Bruce, RPT

Secretary – Steve Davis, Member

Newsletter Editor – Joseph Woolston, Member



David Bonham, RPT
COK-PTG President

President's Message

Did you all remember to spring forward with this time change? I hope you are enjoying the spring weather and the extra evening hour of daylight. We sure are!

Speaking of springs... that is one of the topics of the technical discussion at our next meeting: upright hammer, jack, and damper springs specifically. Come share your thoughts and experiences with us at our Ski Island shop. Also to be discussed is the long-lasting and consistent topic of tuning stability. How long should a tuning last and how can we improve on that?

Bring a story or a new tool or a question and benefit from our discussions and presentations!

David Bonham, RPT

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER PTG MINUTES 02/15/24

LOCATION: Bruce Piano

ATTENDEES:

Ben Sutter
Gary Bruce
David Bonham
Norman Cantrell
Jordan Bruce
Joseph Woolston
Douglas Snook
Steve Davis
Bruce Johnson

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by David Bonham, Chapter President

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Bruce Johnson opened in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve Davis read the minutes from the January 18, 2024 meeting.

Doug Snook made a motion to accept the minutes as read.

Seconded and accepted unanimously.

Treasurer Report given by Gary Bruce.

Current Balance in account is \$3,166.85. No changes since Jan report.

Gary also motioned that past newsletters have been uploaded onto the PTG.org website (under Chapter Newsletter Community in the Members section of the PTG Site).

There was a brief discussion about Central OK Chapter dues every 2 (?) years.

Jordan Bruce said he thinks it makes more sense to upload past newsletters to the national website, rather than the Central Oklahoma Chapter website.

Gary said he will check into the metrics on our site so that we can decide whether to just utilize the national website for past newsletters.

Gary mentioned the previous Chapter meeting discussion about the TS301 Lubricant and said that can was hard to open.

There was also a brief discussion about whether we should contribute to the PTG Foundation. Doug Snook says that it will benefit our membership.

Doug made a motion to donate to the Foundation.

Seconded by Jordan Bruce. Vote was unanimous to donate \$200.00 to the Foundation.

Doug Snook said that we need examine the Bylaws and update some of the language (suggested that we should do away with the term “Franchise” and just have “Members” and “RPT’s”).

Norman Cantrell said that we should make our Bylaws line up with the National organization. Norman also mentioned that we should keep our local website up long enough to make the necessary updates to the language.

Gary Bruce asked that Doug Snook send him the bylaws so that he can start changing/updating them prior to the Chapter Board meeting on 02/21/24.

There was discussion about the Delegate experience on 07/10/24 and said someone needs to volunteer to be the delegate.

Gary asked who was planning on going to the convention. It was mentioned that Vince Mrykalo was going. Jordan Bruce is also going and volunteered to do it if no one else in the chapter volunteers.

Doug Snook said that when he was a delegate, he learned a lot about how the PTG works.

Jordan Bruce mentioned that he recently found a good wrap-around LED headband for about \$40.00 on Amazon. "Lite Band 520". He said it is bright.

NEW BUSINESS

Doug Snook said the SCRC is still looking for a location for the convention.

Doug said that Dr. Sofia Lee (Faculty) at SWOSU is interested in doing what we did last Fall (2023) at OK State University. We should plan for this event for their 2024 Fall Semester. He mentioned that the Bosendorfer grand is on stage.

It was also brought up that we should seek to do more meetings with piano Dealers and piano Teachers...Possibly do meetings at:

- Gilliam Music in Norman (Kawai)
- Oklahoma Pianos in Tulsa area (Broken Arrow)

It was discussed that any time we can events for Dealers and Teachers, it's beneficial to our Chapter.

DISCUSSION

Gary Bruce said that he was able to fix a connection on the gang mute of an upright piano, in which the ball kept jumping out of the connection to the mute rail with a screw and CA glue.

Bruce Johnson talked about a Yamaha GB1 grand had ringing strings that he could not fix.

David Bonham adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM

TECHNICAL

Discussion and presentation about fixing Pedal Lyres, Piano Bench hardware, and fabrics that were best for coverings (make sure the fabric doesn't stretch), Grand Music Desks supports.

Respectfully Submitted by
Steve Davis, Secretary