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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Fellow Woodcarvers:

By now you have probably heard the sad news that Ray Kropke passed away at 6:19 a.m. on February 28, 2011. He was our Treasurer for over 10 years. He was many things to many people... Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great-grandfather, woodcarver, church elder, and so much more. To me, he was my friend. He was one of the best and I will miss him greatly.

As of this writing, funeral arrangements are in Chicago only. When I am informed of any other plans, I will pass the news along.

Not much else is going on. The library display has been removed and I would like to thank all who participated.

The Beginners' class tells me they are enjoying themselves, and the instructors are doing a fine job.

That is it for now, except, please keep Jean Kropke in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Paul H. Baumann III, President, NAWC, Inc.

General Membership Meeting of February 17, 2011 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, at 10:30. Following the Pledge to the Flag, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Paul gave the Treasurer's report. Betty Gregory, librarian, reported that there are two more books in the library from the Hales, and a new CD. Our membership is now 104.

Claude Roper will be giving a shoe carving class and Dick Arndt will give a cane class soon. A new Beginners' class will start the Thursday following the Show.

Mr. Sunshine reported that Naomi is doing well and hopes to be back soon. Bea is doing well and was at today's meeting. Charley Roets was also back after losing his 50 year old son in a car accident. He thanked us for the many cards and letters. Jean and Ray Kropke are both out of rehab, but are not sure when they will be back in Mountain Home.

Everything is going well with the plans for the Show and the Christmas party.

A new Treasurer is needed to take over for Ray. The VFW is still looking for someone to refinish its rifle stocks. There are still blocks for the lamp and quilt squares available. Sid suggested that the blocks for the lamp be finished by the carver with stain, painted highlights, and satin finish.

It was decided that we will participate in Gassville's Celebration in the Park on June 4th.

Paul will order several dozen shirts to sell at the show. Sandy will order caps from her sister.

Paul will give a talk and carving demonstration to the Bull Shoals Historical Society.

A volunteer is needed to go through the file cabinet in the back room to find out what is there. This file cabinet can then be used for additional library space.

Arlene Lesiak said that Jon Nelson will be giving a class at Wishes and Fishes on March 24/25. She highly recommended it for anyone wanting to learn more about faces.

Kathi Clark offered to fill the membership position. Since it is a Board position it needed approval, which was given.

Show and Tell: Kathi Clark displayed carvings that had been started by Bob Hale that she finished and will be sold as charity items. Kathi also had a squirrel that will be part of the raffle lamp. Paul showed a spirit face and a block for the quilt. JoAnne Moore had a quilt block and a Souix City Sue carving. Claude Roper carved a fireman's boot. Sue Windeknecht carved a hill billy and a cypress

knee Santa. Lucia Pairolero carved two spirit faces. Roseanne Janecek showed her relief carving. It is her second carving and very nice.

The Show and Tell drawing was won by Roseanne Janecek. The name tag drawing was won by Sandy Smith and Curt Shirkey won the 50/50.

The meeting was adjourned, followed by the blessing for the Pot Luck given by Terry Balcom.

Submitted by Kathi Clark for Bonnie Davis.

A memorial cross will be presented to the Kropke family. That depletes our supply of crosses and more are needed.

Curt said that the gloves purchased for the beginner classes were the same price as last year.

The by-laws have been revised and copies were given to all Board members. The revised by-laws will be presented to the membership at the General Meeting.

Paul suggested that we hold a garage sale at the storage unit to sell the many cut-outs that we have.

We will get together an order for wood to be brought to the show by the Heinecke's, our wood vendor. Any member wanting specific wood sizes should contact Paul to have their order included with the club order.

Kathi suggested that we give a gift subscription of "Woodcarving Illustrated" magazine to the Baxter County Library to encourage an interest in woodcarving. The suggestion will be presented as a motion at the General Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of March 3, 2011 • MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann, at 10:30. Paul reported that the treasury is abundant. Membership is currently 112.

Deen Shirkey and Barb Edelbrock cleaned out the new library cabinet.

Upcoming classes include a cane class by Dick Arndt and a shoe class by Claude Roper.

Troy Sutton will demonstrate chain saw carving at the Show in May. He will also donate a carving for a raffle.

PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO OUR CLUB'S CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club, Inc. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article 1 - Name

The name will be "The North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club, Inc." (N.A.W.C., Inc.)

Article 2 - Object

Section 1 - The North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club, Inc., is a private nonprofit corporation dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the art and history of the Ozark style of Woodcarving by providing a place where carvers can meet; by contributing carvings to Government entities and charitable organizations; by conducting classes, seminars, demonstrations and shows; and by maintaining a library of carving-related books and materials.

Section 2 - The elected Officers and Board of Directors will ethically and efficiently raise adequate funds for the long-term operation improvements and maintenance of the Club.

Article 3 Meetings

Section 1 - The Club will meet regularly once each month. The Board of Directors of the Club may change the regular meeting to a different day, place, or hour. The regular meeting is cancelled when it falls on a legal holiday, Mountain Home School District snow day, or any other disaster affecting the entire community.

Section 2 - The Regular meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month. The Annual meeting of the Club will be held at the November meeting.

Section 3 - The Officers and Board of Directors meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

Article 4 - Membership

Section 1 - Membership is open to anyone who carves or whittles, either as an amateur or a professional, and to persons who do not carve, but have a reverence for the art. No one will be denied membership because of race, color, or religion.

Section 2 - New Members must be 16 years of age or older and must be accompanied by a parent/guard-

ian at all times until they reach the age of 18. The parent/guardian must be a member of the Club. The child MUST wear approved protective glove and thumb guard while carving.

Section 3 - Candidates for membership will submit a completed N.A.W.C., Inc., application with the required dues to the membership chairperson, or to any officer of the Club. New members will be issued copies of the latest "Chip Pile," the Constitution and Bylaws, and a name tag.

Section 4 - Members and guests will conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all club functions and/or activities. Repeated offenses could result in permanent loss of membership.

Article 5 - Dues

The dues for each member for the following year shall be determined by a vote of the membership at the November business meeting, as per the recommendation of the Board of Directors. Dues paid on or after October 1 will be considered as covering the final quarter of that year as well as the following calendar year. A member not paying his/her dues by January 31 will be considered delinquent and will be dropped from the Club roster on February 1. A delinquent member may again become active by paying current year's dues.

Article 6 - Officers

Section 1 - The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2 - There shall be seven Directors.

Section 3 - The Officers and Directors shall constitute the Board of Directors. A minimum of seven Board members must be present to conduct official N.A.W.C., Inc. Business.

Section 4 - The Officers will be elected at the annual meeting in November and will take office December 1 and will serve for one year without pay or until a successor takes office.

Article 7 - Order of Business

Section 1 - Twenty-five (25) members in good standing will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Club meeting. In the event a quorum is not present the presiding Officer will cancel the meeting with no business being transacted.

Section 2 - The order of business at the monthly meeting will be:

1. Meeting minutes as published in the "Chip Pile," accepted and approved.
2. Oral reports from Officers and Chairpersons of standing committees.
3. Unfinished business.
4. New business.
5. Show and Tell.

Section 3 - The order of business at the annual meeting in November will be the same as the monthly meetings and will include:

1. Elections.
2. Written reports and audits.
3. Votes on amendments and dues.

Section 4 - All business will be conducted under "Robert's Rules of Order."

Article 8 - Duties of Officers and Board Members

Section 1 - The President will preside at meetings of the Club and Board of Directors and will be a member ex-officio of all committees.

Section 2 - The Vice-President will coordinate the Beginners' class schedules, instructors, and seminars. The Vice-President will preside in the absence of the President.

Section 3 - The Secretary will keep the minutes of all meetings and be Custodian of all Club records, valuable papers, and the current Constitution and Bylaws of the Club.

Section 4 - The Treasurer will keep an accurate account of all funds received and disbursed by the Club, collect dues, and maintain proper documentation and ledgers. There will be an annual audit. The Treasurer will submit a "proposed" budget for review by the Board of Directors. The budget will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Section 5 - The seven Directors will execute the following duties:

1. Auditor
2. Events Coordinator
3. Immediate Past-President
4. Membership
5. Publicity
6. Quartermaster (wood/supplies)
7. Tools
8. Webmaster/The "Chip Pile"

Article 9 - Nominations

Section 1 - The Nominating Committee will be formed at the September meeting and will prepare a list of nominees. Any Club member may make a nomination. Nominees must give their consent to hold the office.

Section 2 - Elections will take place at the annual meeting in November. Elections will be by secret ballot unless the Nominating Committee submits an uncontested slate of candidates.

Article 10 - Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

Amendments must be submitted in writing, published in the "Chip Pile" and approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the meeting.



SUNSHINE BOY REPORTS

*Please let Claude Roper or
Board members know of
any member who may be ill*

or who may have lost a loved one. Our members appreciate knowing that we are thinking of them and that our best wishes are extended to them during these stressful and often traumatic times.

FINAL NOTICE

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**Membership Dues
are Now Due –
Please see
Kathi Clark**

Hello Fellow Woodcarvers,

I recently spoke with Larry Yudis of The Woodcraft Shop in Bettendorf, IA who is our Tool Vendor at our upcoming Woodcarving Show.

He asked to pass along that if anyone is interested in a carving tool(s)/ product(s) that he carries to let him know. He will make sure to bring it to Mountain Home with **“no obligation or commitment”** to buy the carving tool(s)/product(s). You can peruse his online catalogue at his website at: <http://www.thewoodcraftshop.com> or call them at: 1-800-397-2278 if you have questions. Store hours are Tues. - Fri. 9 to 5, Sat. 9 to 2, Closed Sun. & Mon.

Thank you, Sandy

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