



THE CHIP PILE

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha all;

(NOTE: For the unknowing, aloha means hello)

Before I start my struggle to complete this message, let's say a prayer for our fearless leader Marty, who is currently lounging around the house, recuperating from his knee surgery and, I'm sure, driving Penny crazy. Come to think of it, let's say a prayer for Penny as well.

With a great sigh of relief, the Fair has come and gone. Many thanks to Cheryl McConkey, the Show Committee, and all of the other great club members who volunteered to help make our showing the success it was. There were quite a few terrific carvings for the public to view, and many great buys on the charity table.

Speaking of charity, Ray Killen, our "Treasurer Extraordinaire," related that through everybody's efforts, we have about \$2,100 in our Charity Fund, and that's higher than this time last year. Big hand for all.

We need your help again. We have received a request from Hospice for more "Comfort Birds" and "Comfort Crosses." As soon as we can get more cutouts made, we'll make them available for carving.

Amy Wainscott, our Sunshine Lady, related that we only have four more "Memorial Crosses" available, could use some more of them. Once again, when the cutouts are made, we'll get them out to you.

Over the last few months, Wally Smietanski, our "Head Publicity Honcho," has done a great job spreading the word about the club, both on the radio and newspaper. One of our members is featured as "The Carver of the Month," in the Baxter Bulletin. Yes, I can see it now. A picture of Rick Wheeler, "Carver of the Month – Most Unfinished Projects," sitting at a table covered with unrecognizable hacked up pieces of wood. Keep up the good work Wally.

In wrapping up my few unintelligible paragraphs of worthless drivel, I cannot express my thanks for the acceptance and friendship shown to Nancy and me over the last four years. Being with all of you has been a true pleasure.

Thank you and Aloha.....Rick Wheeler, Vice President
(NOTE: For the unknowing, aloha means goodbye too.)

General Membership Meeting of September 20, 2018 MINUTES

President Marty Wells opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:25.

A motion was made to approve minutes as written in *The Chip Pile*.

Ray Killen read a partial Treasurer's report as he is still tallying up the last few weeks' data.

Linda and Ray Peacy, Membership, stated that we have 132 members, and there is a person wanting to join after the meeting.

Quartermaster Paul Baumann has been selling a lot of wood and turned in over \$300.00 to Treasurer Ray. VP Rick Wheeler stated that we have several classes that are scheduled - Paul's bark class (October 11), and Myrna McCurley and Dianne Gumm's barn wood burning class (October 18 & 25).

Linda Lopin stated that she has new tools on order which should be here in a few weeks. Amy Wainscott was not here today, but Paul Baumann stated that Jackie Miller is in the hospital. Please keep Larry Havner in your prayers as he is unwell.

Wally Smietanski, Publicity, reported that he is working on featured carver article for the newspaper. He was contacted by ASU and has a flyer regarding photos being needed of area veterans. He will post the flyer on the VFW's bulletin board.

Librarian Sonia Nelson reported that she still needs about 12 dividers made for the new file cabinet, as a number of them were broken when the old file cabinet fell over. VP Rick Wheeler graciously offered to make them.

Sandy Smith stated that the website and *The Chip Pile* are going well.

Cheryl McConkey stated that our members did a fantastic job at the Fair. She reported to the Fair personnel that 158 hours were provided by our club during the fair. Cheryl was very pleased with the number and quality of carvings shown at the Fair and was very appreciative of the help from the members. We collected \$346 for Charity and \$117 for the club raffle from sales at the fair. Cheryl also stated that some new members brought a basket with candy for the kiddies and that it went over well and seemed to draw people to our tables.

Cheryl did an fantastic job as fair coordinator - a big thanks from everyone. She is looking forward to next year.

Old Business: none

New Business: Mountain Home invited us to participate in History Days at Cooper Park. It is October 20th and we are committed to the Hillbilly Chili Cookoff, so we won't be able to attend. The Wood Turners are having their annual show December 1 at the fairgrounds. Motion made that we attend. The tables are \$30.00 each, but they give us 3 tables for the price of 1. Sign up sheet coming soon. Hospice of the Ozarks contacted the club. They need more comfort birds. Red Murr will cut some out. Bob Shaffer will take the 17 that we have to them and he offered to be the liaison person between the club and Hospice of the Ozarks.

Lynn Huett, Club Auditor, did the audit of the NAWC Show committee and verified the records. Everything balanced.

Name tag draw: won by Betty Gregory. She selected a contour gauge.

Show and Tell: Rod Engle (cedar boots and vase); Norm Rutledge (dogwood flowers: 1 big and 1 small); Myrna McCurley (wood burning of rooster, bird house, butterflies); Sonia Nelson (2 spoons, 3 Christmas Ornaments); Diane Gumm (Mandela wood burning); Sandy Smith (Baaab, the SheepDog). Rod Engle won the drawing and selected a \$10.00 wood certificate. 50/50 won by Don Clark.

Motion to adjourn made and passed at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Wells, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of October 4, 2018 MINUTES

Vice President, Rick Wheeler, called the meeting to order at 10:05.

Treasurer, Ray Killen, gave the financial report. Lakeview Days made \$38.00 for the raffle and \$98.00 for charity. Ray said that we have made \$528.00 for our raffle and \$2086.00 for charity so far this year.

Linda and Ray Peacy, Membership, reported that we now have 133 members.

Linda Lopin, Equipment, said that some new equipment has been ordered.

Paul Baumann reported that we have wood. Sonia said that she has talked to several members about taking the Quartermaster position for next year. Rick suggested that perhaps this position should be filled by several members. Paul stated that one person could get the tents, tables, and boxes to events and another could take care of the wood.

Several classes have been scheduled: Paul will teach bark carving next week and Linda will hold a wood burning class in two weeks.

Wally Smietanski said he continues to work on publicity.

Sonia Nelson, Librarian, reported that new dividers, made by Rick for the cabinet, will hold the books more securely.

Sandy Smith said that all is going well with the newsletter and the website. She also reported for the show committee that the judge for next year's show will be Vic Hood.

Amy Wainscott, Sunshine Person, reported that she sent a memorial cross and card to Larry Havner's family. She also asked that an appeal be made to our members for additional memorial crosses.

It was suggested that a copy of the Constitution be given to each new member. There was also a discussion on amending our Constitution, bringing it up to date.

Hospice has asked for more comfort birds and crosses. Cut-outs will be made for members to carve.

Rick will remind the membership about the Chili Cook-Off on October 20 and the Wood Turners' Show on December 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Davis, for Penny Wells, Secretary



SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Amy Wainscott 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.

**There will be a Potluck Lunch
following this month's
General Membership Meeting**



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