



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ready - Set - Carve!

We are marching into the new year with big plans and great ideas for supporting our club!

The Gnome Village for one of the raffle items is rapidly progressing. So many members are stepping up to make it a reality. The imaginations going into it are fantastic! We even have folks in the community asking when they can start buying their tickets!

We welcome our new members and hope they enjoy the classes and "come out carving"! *If you need help - just ask!*

Just a reminder that our potluck lunch will be the 4th Thursday this month (Feb. 22), so come on in and share a meal and fellowship.

Thoughts and prayers to all that are not able to attend at present. *Get well and get back!*

Kim

General Membership Meeting of January 18, 2024 MINUTES

Kim Valentine brought the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Nancy Wheeler wasn't present to give the Treasurer's report. Kim reported that we have money in our treasury. Linda Peacy said we have 63 paid members for 2024. Bob Shaffer is working on making strops for the beginners' class. Terry Muth said we have wood. Paul Baumann III said there were 12 people planning on attending the beginners' class that starts the 25th of January. Wally Smietanski said *The Baxter Bulletin* was cutting back to two printed issues a week, but the digital copy would be online for 5 days each week. Paul Baumann III said we were on track for the show and the fair. Barbara Edelbrock said the next potluck will be in February. Amy Wainscott said the Gnome Village was starting to take shape. Paul said they will collect gnomes and other items for the village until March or April and then decide, by a committee, which ones will be included in the village. Amy still needs items for the charity table.

Old Business: None

New Business: Marty Wells will be conducting a bird class at the end of January.

Announcements: None

Show and Tell: Kim Valentine – back drop for Gnome Village, eagle; Paul Baumann III – bottle stopper; Bob Gilkerson – gnomes and a wishing well; Curtis Shirkey – Christmas ornament; Irving Bourgeois – Christmas decorations, candle holder, and a Santa; Tim Sharp – mushroom and Christmas ornament; Kathy Hewitt – Christmas ornament; Sid – gnome pushing a wheel barrow with firewood, busts for the charity table; Sandra Shackelford – 2 rainbow trout; Sandy Smith – dog and doghouse for the Gnome Village; Terry Muth – cowboy, cowgirl and gnomes. Sandra Shackelford won the drawing.

Name Tag Winner: Terry Muth won the name tag drawing.

50/50 Drawing: Bob Gilkerson won the drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Smith, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of February 1, 2024

Kim Valentine brought the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Treasurer Nancy Wheeler said we have money in the charity fund to start the new year. Membership chairman Linda Peacy reported that we have 93 paid members for 2024 so far. Bob Shaffer said that we have 12 sets of equipment remaining after the new Beginners' Class got theirs last week. Terry Muth reported that our wood supply is in good shape. Paul Baumann III said the Beginners' class had started with 12 attendees and Marty Wells was conducting a bird class. Wally Smietanski said he will be taking pictures of the Gnome Village, and on the 15th of this month pictures of the board members. Kim reported for Sandy Smith who was instructing the beginners' class, that *The Chip Pile* is going well. Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord reported that Norm Rutledge was back and that he thanked all the members that had sent

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cards for his wife, Karen. Paul Baumann III, as Fair Coordinator, said that he had spoken several times to Paula from the fairgrounds, but that she hasn't said anything about the volunteer status for us. Kim asked that he inquire into the fair security after we had an item stolen at last year's fair. Barbara Edelbrock reminded us that the potluck will be on the 22nd of February. Amy Wainscott said she had raffle tickets for the Gnome Village and had sold some already. Anyone wanting to buy tickets, see Amy.

Unfinished Business: There will be a committee set up to decide what will be in the Gnome Village. Pieces that are not selected for the village can either be sold for charity or given back to the carver, at the carver's discretion. The committee will be made up of members that didn't donate or make any of the items. Relatives of members who made items are ineligible to be on the committee also.

New Business: Kim said that his wife, Sherry, told him that not everyone drinks coffee. She thought it would be nice to have hot water available for hot tea and cocoa. The board agreed. Hot water, tea bags and hot cocoa packets will be available at the same costs as the coffee.

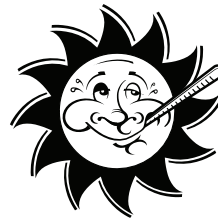
The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Smith, Secretary

2024 Dues are Due

It is that time of the year when our dues for the 2024 year should be paid. They are still \$20 for individual memberships and \$30 for member/spouse memberships. Dues may be paid during the Thursday morning meeting. Just stop by and see either Ray or Linda. They can also be paid by mailing your dues to the club at P.O. Box 531, Mountain Home, AR 72654.

Thank you,
Ray and Linda Peacy, Membership Chairmen



**SUNSHINE LADY
REPORTS**

Please let Sandy Lord 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.

2024 Membership Dues
\$20 - Individual Membership
\$30 - Individual Membership plus Spouse
Please see Ray and Linda Peacy,
Membership Chairpeople,
to Renew Your Membership

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