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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are on the downside of winter looking forward to warmer days. The beginner's class is in full swing and hopefully they are all enjoying themselves and learning new skills. They should already have a couple of classes under their belt. There is no need to remind you to make them feel welcome since our club consists of members who are most generous and helpful.

The newest members of the club should be made aware, if they aren't already, that N.A.W.C. T-shirts and caps are available as well as wood for carving. They are brought to the club on the 3rd Thursday of each month (Regular Meeting). See Paul Baumann to purchase any of these. Also an assortment of shirts with an embroidered N.A.W.C. logo is available from Kandy (BobbinHeadz, custom embroidery). See Sandy Smith for more information.

Jason and I sat in at the last show committee meeting and I, for one, am glad we did. We were informed that in the past the president and vice president did not get involved with the show committee meeting, however we were welcome to join in if we so wished. I decided to stay and listen in. It made me aware of how much work there is that needs to be done in order to make the Wood Carving Show a success. I think they deserve a big round of applause.

For anyone wishing to sell their carvings, there is a website that allows you to post pictures and prices for free. You can view his site at www.decoysales.com or email him at decoys@viscom.net. If you prefer you can phone 985-532-5817. Please see the information table if you are interested. While you are there check for any upcoming classes that catch your eye and sign up. The members who are teaching these classes have gone to quite a bit of work getting patterns, cutting out blanks, etc. so make them feel that it is worthwhile. Members who have not yet offered to teach are encouraged to join in. In the past our classes have been quite diversified and well received and I'm sure it will continue throughout the year.

As many of you noticed, The Ark and the Lamp projects were featured in *Chip Chats*, the magazine of the National Wood Carvers Association. Wally Smietanski took the photos and sent in the article. I'm happy to see that all the members who carved the animals were mentioned by name. Thank you Wally.

Ray Killen, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of January 15, 2015

MINUTES

The January 15, 2015 General Membership Meeting was called to order at 10:30 by President Ray Killen. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by the Treasurer's Report which was accepted. The *Minutes* of the last meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Curt Shirkey reported that we now have 97 members for 2015.

Nothing new from the Librarian.

Sandy Smith said that the Website had been finally updated with last year's show information, and asked that if anyone has a problem with the site, to let her know so that she can make adjustments.

Raffle carvings should be back in by the end of February. Norm and Karen Rutledge have volunteered to paint all of the chess pieces.

The Show Committee reported that all 2015 Show Bulletins will be mailed this month.

No news from the Sunshine Lady.

Class for new beginners started today.

Rent for new year is due by January 21. For three months the hall rental fee is \$715. Insurance is due by end of March. Last year the cost was \$592.80. No information on cost for this year.

Bob Shaffer was contacted by the Bull Shoals State Park about our club carving on a dead tree in the park. More information is needed before a decision can be finalized. More discussion will follow.

Show & Tell followed with Pat Walsh showing her first project ever carved, a ball and chain from Margaret Killen's class. Norm Rutledge showed an otter from Debbie Edwards' rough out; rabbit, from a Pat Moore rough out; donkey for the nativity set, king chess pieces, and 2 cartoon carvings for charity. Paul Baumann carved stuff just to practice painting. Naomi Inglett, six Christmas spools to be presented to the Show Committee.

Show and Tell winner was Pat Walsh. Name tag winner was Penny Wells, and 50/50 winner was Marjorie Clements.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Submitted by Naomi Inglett for Bonnie Davis, Secretary.

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Board of Directors Meeting of February 5, 2015

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen at 10:00. Rod Engle gave the treasurer's report which was accepted. There was a discussion about the safe deposit box and it was decided to leave it as it is.

Sonia Nelson, librarian, reported that many of the carvers who borrow books do not fill out the cards. This will be mentioned at the General Membership Meeting.

Curt Shirkey reported that our membership is now 129. Thirty-five letters were sent out reminding members that their dues are due.

Paul Baumann is currently teaching a pencil carving class. There was also a discussion on bringing in carvers to teach classes to our members.

The Noah's Ark Pre-School would like one of our carvers to give a carving demonstration to its students. Sonia Nelson volunteered to give a demonstration.

Sandy Smith, reporting for the Show Committee, said that they have sent out applications for the May 2&3 show.

Bob Shaffer said that he has an order in for tools. Paul said that members have until the end of March to get in special orders for wood to be delivered at the show. He

also said that we will decide on the order for wood for the club by the March meeting.

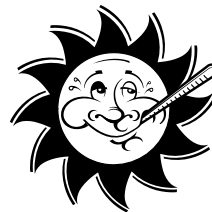
Ray said that there are two chess pieces that need to be returned by February 26. Len Kieltyka has painted the manger backdrop for the nativity. Sandy said that the "In God We Trust" carving project for the county courthouse is on hold until we hear back from the county judge.

Curt Shirkey reported that the knife sharpener is in need of repair. He suggested that we purchase a new Burke sharpener and have it delivered to the show, saving us the shipping cost. The Board will recommend purchasing a new sharpener at the next membership meeting.

Ray reminded the Board that Gassville in the Park is June 6. We will have two tables there.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary



SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Jackie Miller 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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