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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When we first moved here, I suspected my wife was losing her hearing. I thought I would do a test to see how bad it was becoming.

I went into the shop and saw my wife sitting at her carving bench, chips flying everywhere.

I got about 20 feet behind her and said in a normal voice, "what are you carving?" After receiving no response I tried it a little closer at 15 feet away, and again no answer. I moved to 10 feet away and again nothing. Finally when I was 5 feet away I said, "honey what are you carving?"

She replied, "For the fourth time it's a Snowman."

Just a little humor to get us through March.

On a sadder note in February, Tom Higgins, one of our members, has left this world for a better place. Although I never met him, some in our club did. Our condolences go out to his family. As a reminder, if anyone knows of one of our members who may need a get well card, please mention it to Jackie Miller or myself.

Well I thought we might be lucky enough to escape the snow and ice this year but no such luck. Thank goodness it wasn't as bad as the pounding that the Northeast has been getting lately. I hope everyone in our club was able to survive the cold weather by staying indoors by the fire perhaps with a cup of hot chocolate. Speaking of fire, I know that some members are volunteer firemen so here's wishing that they are not called out during this bad weather. I'm certainly thankful that there are people who selflessly volunteer to go on call day or night to fight fires for the welfare of our towns.

Because of the snow and cold, there were fewer people at carving for our regular meeting. There were however, enough members for a quorum (25 minimum) and we voted to purchase a new top-of-the-line sharpening system from The Woodcraft Shop. It will be brought to the May show to save shipping costs. The board of directors will decide what to do with the old system at our first meeting in March.

We had our first Pot Luck for the year and the food and desserts were excellent. Many thanks to those who brought food, desserts and supplies. Thanks also to Bob Schaffer who volunteered to go to the storage shed to bring in the wood that is usually brought in by Paul Baumann. Paul was out that day. The chess pieces are

all painted and they look wonderful. Thanks to Norm and Karen Rutledge and Karen Myers for doing a superb job.

We will renew our liability insurance with Tank Rea this month. Thankfully it has remained the same price as last year.

As always, keep in mind that when the schools are closed due to the weather, there will be no meeting. You can find out through local radio stations, KY3 news or the Internet.

Ray Killen, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of February 19, 2015

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen, at 10:30. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by the approval of the minutes of the last meeting as published in *The Chip Pile*. The treasurer's report, given by Rod Engle, was accepted. Curt Shirkey reported that we currently have 138 members.

Naomi Inglett will teach a Christmas ornament class on April 30. More carvings are needed for the charity sales. Ray reminded members to have their special wood orders in before March for delivery at the Show in May. Sandy Smith asked for a volunteer for security Saturday night at the show. Bob Ahrens volunteered.

Ray thanked Karen and Norm Rutledge and Karen Myers for painting the chess pieces. He also thanked Len Kiltyka for painting the background of the nativity.

Carvers who are carving nativity pieces were asked to turn them in as soon as possible.

Ray said that the Board recommended the purchase of a new tool sharpener. The cost is \$450. A quorum being present, a motion to purchase a new sharpener was made and carried.

Show and Tell followed. Margaret Killen carved a ship relief and several caged balls and chains. Dick Dulaney carved a figure, SadSack; a chip carved egg; and a girl on a carved rug, Setting Pretty. Sandy Smith carved a lamb and the baby Jesus for the nativity. Lucia Pairolero showed golf balls and pencils that she had carved.

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Debbie Shook carved a donkey for the nativity. Ray Killen and several other artists showed the nativity scene which Ray built. Bob Bowling carved a rural setting in relief. Bonnie Davis showed a spoon that she had carved using a stick of candy animal heads as the model for the handle. Norm Rutledge carved and then bleached a polar bear and two cubs. Karen Myers, Karen Rutledge, and Norm Rutledge showed the chess pieces for charity that they had painted.

The name tag drawing winner was Bonnie Davis; Show and Tell winner, Dick Dulaney; and 50/50 drawing winner, Bob Shaffer.

The meeting, which was followed by a pot luck lunch, adjourned at 10:50.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary.

Board of Directors Meeting
of March 5, 2015
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ray Killen, at 10:10. The treasurer's report was given. Curt Shirkey reported that we have 148 members.

Knives with shorter blades and handles were suggested for the beginners' class. Bob Shaffer said that he will purchase them. Paul Baumann said that he is ordering 1x1's, 2x2's, 3x3's, planks with bark sides, and 3/8" 4' boards for delivery at the show.

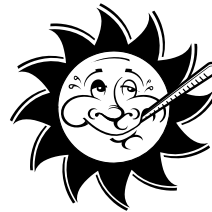
Curt will order the new sharpening system which will be delivered at the show.

We will have two tables at Gassville in the Park on June 6. Naomi Inglett's Christmas ornament class has been moved to May 14.

Curt said that more carvings are needed for the charity carving sale.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary.



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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.

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