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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When a woman goes into labor with her first child, she is immediately terrified, in a lot of pain and not entirely sure what to do. She asks her husband for help. He makes the decision to call the hospital and ask them what his wife should do to make the pain stop and to get ready to go to the hospital. When a nurse gets on the phone, the man says, "Help! You have to send help! My wife is in labor!" The nurse very calmly asks if this is the woman's first child. The husband yells, "No! This is her husband!"

Our table at the Baxter County Fair did OK with charity sales and selling tickets for our raffles. It could have been better but perhaps some people didn't attend due to rain on a couple of days. We have only one more event that we can sell raffle tickets at and that is the Hillbilly Chili Cookoff on Oct 15th. If the Woodturners have their show this year we may sell additional charity items. Last year it was held after we already selected the winning ticket for the raffle items. We'll see what happens this year after we get the date for their show.

At our board meeting we discussed raising our membership fees from \$15 member, \$5 spouse to \$20 member, \$5 spouse. Dues have not been raised for many, many years. Here is what our club pays for each year:

\$2,860 yearly (\$55 per week) to the VFW for rent, \$500+ for club insurance, \$500+ for the wood storage unit, about \$150 a year for Pot Luck drinks, Perhaps \$100+/- for meat at our August Pot Luck. Then there is Christmas party related costs, our post office box, our bank safety deposit box, office supplies, get well cards, stamps, wood for our beginner programs, etc. Last year we even donated \$400 of our club money to add to the \$1,200 charity money.

Our yearly raffle is how money is made for our club and this year so far we have made less money due to missing Gassville-in-the-Park, History Days, and possibly the Woodturner's Show. Please consider this at our next regular meeting when we will vote on it. It will only cost less than 10 cents a week extra.

Ray Killen, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of September 15, 2016 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 was given and accepted. Kathi Clark reported that we have 157 members.

Paul Baumann reported that we have wood. Sonia Nelson, librarian, said that we have books. Sandy Smith reported that the show committee is working on finding a judge for next May's show. Deen Shirkey said that this year's Christmas party will be a catered turkey dinner, not a pot luck. The cost of a ticket is \$10. It was decided that we will not attend the Cooper Park History Days event this year.

Ray reported that Margaret's long lost luggage had finally arrived. He asked for suggestions for next year's raffle. Sonia suggested a barn with farm animals and a hillbilly shotgun wedding chess set. Members were asked to bring additional suggestions to the meeting in October.

The question was asked whether we have cards printed with website address. Ray said that we do not, but that the address is on the applications for classes.

Show and Tell followed. Don Clark showed a rural scene in relief. Curt Shirkey carved a bark carving finished with Briwax. Donna Gulley carved a Christmas stocking. Paul Baumann carved a Dec. 26 Santa and a Christmas stocking which will be a show door prize. Sonia Nelson showed a chip carved cross.

The name tag drawing was won by John Siebrandt, Don Clark won the Show and Tell drawing, and Red Murr won the 50/50 drawing.

Ray thanked all the members who had entered carvings at the County Fair. He also thanked the carvers who had contributed carvings to the charity table.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary.

Board of Directors Meeting of October 6, 2016 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order relatively close to 10:30 a.m. by NAWC President Ray Killen. The Treasurer's report was given by Sid Edelbrock. The rent for 3 months (the final quarter of 2016) for use of the VFW hall has been paid.

Kathi Clark, Membership Chairman, said that our membership is stuck at 157. Paul Baumann,

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Quartermaster (wood guy) said that we still have plenty of really good quality northern basswood for sale. Jason Gambill, Class Coordinator, has been extremely busy with his "day" job and popped in prior to the meeting. Wally Smietanski, Publicity, had nothing new to report. Sandy Smith, Webmaster/*Chip Pile* editor, also had nothing new to report. The Show Committee is preparing to mail out "Save The Date" postcards and is looking for members to join the committee. It meets the second Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. at the VFW Hall.

New Business: The Hillbilly Chili Cookoff is Saturday, October 15th, at the upper Bull Shoals State Park in Lakeview (in Baxter County just before crossing the dam into Marion County). It may be our last chance to sell raffle tickets and charity items.

At our upcoming General Membership Meeting (Oct. 20) we will be discussing new ideas for the 2017 club raffle(s). If you have an idea of a project that would make a great raffle, please bring it up at this meeting.

Election time for NAWC is fast approaching... needed are volunteers for every office. Normally a nominating committee finds candidates for our annual slate, however we also need a nominating committee. Positions that need filling are for: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Please help.

A motion was made and carried to raise annual dues by \$5.00 which would make a single membership \$20 plus and additional \$5 to add a spouse.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Submitted by Sandy Smith for Bonnie Davis, Secretary.



**Saturday,
October
15th
Upper
Bull Shoals
State Park,
Lakeview**

**There will be a Potluck Lunch
following this month's
General Membership Meeting
on October 20th**

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