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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Woodcarvers!

Just want to say how proud we should all be for the GREAT success of our two food and supply drives. Both efforts were extremely well responded to and very much appreciated by the recipients.

Our next project is the Fall Craftfest on November 21st and 22nd. Be sure to sign up for your turns to work the tables for a couple of hours.

The election of new officers is upcoming with installation in December. Due to my many health issues, I will not continue as President. It has been a great honor to have served and watch the club prosper.

Remember that the Christmas Party is the first Thursday in December. See Barb for your meal tickets! They will be \$17.50 per person again this year.

Happy Holidays to Everyone!

Keep your knives moving and your face *Smiling!*

Kim

## Special NAWC Officers Meeting of October 14, 2025 MINUTES

A special officers meeting was called by the Treasurer regarding the new rent rate and the 2026 budget.

The meeting was held at Nancy Wheeler's home and was called to order at 9:10 a.m. The officers present were Treasurer Nancy Wheeler, President Kim Valentine, Vice President Dee Robinson and Secretary Tina Campbell.

Nancy reviewed the current expenditures for the last 3 years and our current revenue situation. She has these amounts for any member to see, if interested, and will be provided upon request.

After this thorough review, the suggestions from the membership were discussed. We looked at all possible solutions as provided by the members. The most common suggestion was to increase the dues, so we focused on what could be the best and most acceptable amount for the members. (If you are interested in all the avenues we explored, please feel free to discuss it with any officer.) After an in-depth conversation, it was the officers' decision to present only an increase in the dues at this time and not change anything else, i.e. 50/50, number of meetings, charity, etc. The amount we felt was necessary would be \$65 and that would be for each member with no further couple's discount. This will also require the class fee to increase by this amount as students must be covered by our insurance to take the class and they must be a member to be covered by insurance.

After review of the by-laws, we would present the decision to the board for discussion and a vote, prior to a general vote from the membership.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

## Special NAWC Board Meeting of October 16, 2025 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Kim Valentine at 9:30 a.m.

Before our general meeting on 10/16/25, a board meeting was held about the current proposal from the NAWC officers.

All board members and Past President Marty Wells were present. Nancy Wheeler, Treasurer, presented the proposal as discussed at the officers' special meeting on Tuesday, 10/14/25. This was to only raise the membership dues for each member to \$65. It was also expressed that this was just an estimate of what may be needed as a minimum, and that it would need a review by next year to evaluate if this increase had adequately covered the club's expenses.

Paul Baumann III expressed that he did not feel this was a sufficient amount and that if it was going to possibly go up next year it was better to do it now. His suggestion was to raise the amount to \$75. There were some members who expressed that it may be difficult to raise it to that amount, especially without a couple's discount.

After a full discussion about this amount, the board voted 9-4 to increase the dues to \$75.

This amount and the \$65, would be presented to the membership for a vote. Then, when the amount was decided by the membership, we would have a vote of 2/3rd of the membership present to increase dues to that amount.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

## General Membership Meeting of October 16, 2025 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Kim Valentine at 10:25 a.m. with membership reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no reports from the board at this time.

The meeting was led by Nancy Wheeler, Treasurer, explaining the results of the previous meetings of the officers and the board. She explained there would be a vote by the membership on the 2 proposed dues amounts.

Following some discussion from members about the pros and cons of the increase, the voting process began. The \$65 amount had 23 votes and the \$75 amount had 29 votes. Members who did not care were able to vote for both. There were 43 members in attendance. Upon the vote for \$75 it passed unanimously. Next year's dues will be \$75, due by the end of January.

Members were reminded we are having a 2 week drive to support the Lucas Todd Thrift Store, at Mountain Home High School, where proceeds are used for the homeless students. Checks can be written to the thrift store under that name. Cash, food and personal supplies can be donated.

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**General Membership Meeting of October 16, 2025 Minutes -**  
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Our meeting continued with this month's Show & Tell. Steve Munch showed his lion and lioness for his Noah's Ark project. Tim Sharp made several items for the charity table. Sandy Smith shared her Bob Thurston trade piece from the recent CCA meeting in Colorado. Deb Whiteaker brought her snowman. Joanne Thomas showed works in progress of the wooden chalice and leaf plate, and a flower plate. Ethan Swanson showed several new pieces - a cowboy with drooping pants, the white rabbit from Alice in Wonderland, a boy scout, a Santa and a milkman. Terry Muth presented his tiny dragon from the Sandy Smith collection of Critters. Daryl Lehman had his turtle and a woodpecker. Bob Gilkerson brought some of his award winning pieces from the CCA Woodcarving Contest, Bad Santa, Come Where the Flavor Is, and several charity items. Sid Edelbrock showed his comfort birds for the nursing home, ornaments and a metal fire fighter sculpture (available for auction at the CVFD fundraiser). The drawing winner was Ethan Swanson.

We were also reminded of the pyrography class in progress with Deb Bergum, the upcoming lamb class with Bob Gilkerson in November, and a diamond willow cane carving class with Marty Wells sometime in November. Willow staffs are available now for \$15 and \$5 of that will go to the club.

Barbara Edelbrock won the name tag drawing.

There will be a graveside service for Pamela Frost on Friday at 11:00 a.m., at the Thacker Cemetery in Clarkridge. She asked in lieu of flowers to give donations to the Clarkridge Volunteer Fire Department in her name.

50/50 was won by Red Murr.

Potluck next week - bring any item as there is no theme (10/23/25).

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

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## **Board of Directors Meeting of November 6, 2025 MINUTES**

Following the resignation of Kim Valentine as President on 11/1/2025, for health reasons, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Dee Robinson at 10:05 a.m.

Nancy Wheeler gave an updated treasury report and stated we continue to have sufficient reserve funds at this time. Our charity fund for the year also grew with a recent donation. Any member that would like the exact amounts of these funds can speak with any officer.

We had an in-depth discussion with Linda Peacy, the Membership chairman, with regard to the current changes in the membership dues. With the possibility of losing members and associate members, she proposed that we implement a "supporting member" dues, and not just the single membership option. Her suggestion was that we allow this membership with specific benefits. She presented a clear distinction between the full membership and supporting members membership. The amount she felt would be best was \$30. The board moved a vote for this proposal and it was unanimously passed by the board. For full details of this change and definition of the memberships, please see Linda Peacy or an officer. (This change was taken to the membership and was passed.)

There was no current report on the tools/equipment. Terry Muth, Quartermaster/Wood, says we continue to have a good stock of wood supplies and will be purchasing a few extra pieces for members that he can personally pick up due to the increased cost of shipping.

We currently have a lamb class being presented by Bob Gilkerson with 6 participants. Marty Wells has an upcoming stick carving class on November 20th.

Due to the increased needs in the Publicity position, it was decided that this would become two board positions, one for social media and the other for publicity. This was passed unanimously and Evelyn Burtram will continue to manage the social media and Pat Grimes will become the general publicity board member. That will include the upcoming podcast scheduled at KTLO. The board has eliminated the Fair Coordinator position as the club no longer participates in the Fair. This was passed by a full vote of the board.

Librarian Sonia Nelson reports all is well with the library. She also completed the annual election nominations, which were delayed this year, so they will be reported to the membership at today's meeting, followed by an announcement at the next meeting, and the voting at the November 20th meeting.

The nominations are:

**Officers**

President . . . . .	Sandy Smith
Vice President (Classes/Activities) . . .	Dee Robinson
Secretary . . . . .	Tina Campbell
Treasurer . . . . .	Nancy Wheeler

**Board Members**

Membership . . . . .	Linda and Ray Peacy
Equipment/Tools . . . . .	Bob Gilkerson
Quartermasters . . . . .	Terry Muth / Norman Dixon
Social Media Chairman . . . . .	Evelyn Burtram
General Publicity . . . . .	Pat Grimes
Librarian . . . . .	Sonia Nelson
Webmaster/Chip Pile Editor . . . . .	Sandy Smith
Sunshine Lady . . . . .	Sandy Lord
Past President . . . . .	Kim Valentine / Marty Wells
Events / Party Coordinator . . . . .	Barbara Edelbrock
Auditor . . . . .	Kathy Frisbie
Charity Coordinator . . . . .	???

The board is still looking for a Chair for the Charity Coordinator Position. This position should have the support of a full committee on its own. The board tabled this at this time pending further investigation of next best practice. Currently, as these positions are all unopposed, there is no need for an actual vote of membership as this is an uncontested slate of nominees.

**Unfinished business:** Tickets are on sale for the Christmas dinner and can be purchased from Sonia Nelson at this time, as Barb Edelbrock is temporarily out of commission.

**New business:** Extending our hours at the weekly meetings tabled until there can be further discussion on the subject.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

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## **PLEASE NOTE: 2026 Annual Membership Dues has increased due to Hall Rental Hike \$75 - Individual Membership**

**\$30 - Supporting Membership (Restrictions Apply)**

Please see **Linda and Ray Peacy**, *Membership Chairpeople*,  
to Renew Your Membership



## **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.