

**SOUTHWEST WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
TUCSON, ARIZONA**

March Newsletter

March 11, 2017 Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board of Directors Meeting started at 8:45. Those present were Judith Thomason, Bob Sorensen, Bill Mize, Betty Ferrari, Bill Tickner (webmaster), David Clements, Feliza Williams, and Tricia Jennings.

The Treasurer's report was submitted and made available for membership review and acceptance at General Meeting. David will get someone to help audit the year's books. We have \$5700 on hand and \$675 dues collected from January 2017. David will prepare papers for audit. There is no need for signature change for President's signature on the account. Doug Raine turned \$950 in to David from the sale of Dewey Dewitt's carving tools. He suggested part of the proceeds be reserved to provide raffle items for the meetings.

Old Business:

People's Choice Show: Mark Erickson has secured a venue for the Nov 4 2017 show at the Saddlebrook Arts and Crafts Building and will be our liaison. The show will be one day only, but set up can be done Friday evening. Show hours will be 9-3 or 4 (to be clarified). We need a Show Chairman.

Pumpkin Carving: Judith has secured a space for us at the St Phillips Plaza Oct 27/28, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a secure place to put pumpkins overnight. Pop up shades are welcome. We need a chairman for this event. The management is waiving their booth fee for us, due to the fact that we are a non-profit organization.

Christmas Party: We still need a chairman for the party. Suggestions were made that we consider a change in venue or date, as it is so hard to guarantee a group minimum number of 50 (required by El Corral in order to open outside of regular business hours for our private party). They could host us on a Thursday evening during regular hours, without the minimum number. The chairman would be working out the details of where/when/cost of dinner.

New Business:

Bill Tickner, our webmaster from the beginning, has announced that for health reasons, he feels he must step down from this position. He brought a printout of pertinent info

and requirements for a new webmaster. Feliza Williams said she is familiar with maintaining a website, and volunteered to take on the job.

Bob Sorensen commented that we need to design new promotional brochures and business cards for the club. Bill Tickner suggested a contest to design promo cards.

Bob Sorensen thanked the volunteers who worked the Desert Woodcarving Show in Mesa, the instructors at our monthly classes, and gave the agenda for upcoming classes.

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:35.

Minutes taken from notes by Betty Ferrari, and very much appreciated! Michalyn

General Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 11:30. The Minutes were approved as posted, and the Treasurer's report was approved as reviewed.

Old Business:

The People's Choice Show will be held at Saddlebrook Arts and Crafts Show on Nov 4. From 8a.m. – 3 p.m. Mark Erickson will be liaison between the club and Saddlebrook. Tricia Jennings, Joan and Dave Eerkes volunteered to help with the show. Tables will be approximately \$10 each for those members who wish to sell/display their carvings separately from the show entries . Details to follow later.

A request was made for a **Publicity Chairman**, but nobody came forward to take the job at this time. We need new brochures developed. Doug Raine will follow up on this.

Pumpkin Carving will be done at the Southeast corner of St Philliips Plaza Fair on October 27/28 from 9-5. Pumpkins can be stored in the office area overnight. **We need a chairman for this event.** The usual charge for a booth is being waived for us, as we are a non-profit group. Our proceeds go to the Square and Compass Children's Clinic.

Bob Sorensen shared a story of a 6 year old boy who had benefitted from Square and Compass. Our donations are put to good use and are appreciated. Judith and Jill will get plenty of brochures from the clinic so we can show people who benefits from the raffle ticket sales and donations.

Christmas Party...**We need a chairman, folks.** It has become very difficult to fill the required 50 headcount for El Corral to open up for special private party hours, so we

either need to change to a date/time when they are already open or find a new venue. Those things need to be worked out now, as they plan months in advance.

Club Picnic..Joan and Dave have brought maps to the meeting, and they will also be at the April meeting. The picnic will be April 22 at their home. Breakfast will be provided at 8:00 a.m. (peaches, eggs, bacon, coffee), followed by open carving until lunch. Please bring your own meat to BBQ and a dish to share. Also bring your own table service and drinks other than coffee. There is a sign up sheet for the picnic at the front table. Food donations for breakfast are welcome.

Bob Sorensen talked about the need for new Publicity brochures and Doug Raine volunteered to follow up on that. Thank you both.

Bob Sorensen announced the upcoming classes to be offered at our next few meetings.
April – Bob and Barb Sorensen Painting (bring a carving or wood burning to paint)

May – Betty Ferrari and Michalyn Erickson Free Form Chip Carving

Aug – Dave Myers Bark Carving

Sept – Doris Trinko Wood Burning

Oct – TBD Pumpkin Carving Demo

Website: Bill Tickner has been our webmaster and the original designer, for which we can only offer a huge heartfelt Thank You. Now, it seems, he must step down and Feliza Williams volunteered to oversee the website with Brad Caryl as back up. They will begin their training/transition at the April meeting with Bill. Thank you all so much!

Health and Welfare: Susan has sent get well cards out to Bill Milligan, Lynn Koch and Lupe Salaz. Thank you Susan, and Get Well, Friends!

Membership: We had one guest, Norman Page, at the meeting. Please feel free to bring your friends, family, strangers off the street who might like to visit our fun carving family. They are always welcome, and may become carvers some day.

Show and Tell:

Dave Eerkes Tissue Box, cross

Trish Jennings Canes – She has request volunteers to embellish the staffs for the Veteran's Canes. Contact her if you can help.

Joan Eerkes Gourd Art, carved Madonna

Lefty Snyder Carved Indian Girl

Norman Page (guest) Sculptures tiki and dragon

Chuck Hutler Channel Catfish

50/50—Won by Trish Jennings

Raffle: Items available were a Ryobi Power Carver, Basswood Blocks (2), a Flex cut knife, V tool, #6 gouge, #10 gouge, angel trumpeter cut out and a power carving magazine. Winners were Lefty Snyder, Shirley Hamilton, Lynn Smith, Brad Caryl, Susan Kleismit, Judeen Berry, Jim Thompson, Feliza Williams and Judith Thomason. For those of you who do not know, the club provides most of the items, but donations are gratefully accepted. Contact Bob Sorensen if you have something to donate.

Michalyn Erickson, Secretary

Special News Bulletin after the Meeting

We have lost another member of our carving family this weekend. Dewey Dewitt passed away and will be greatly missed, as he was always quietly supportive and rock solid in his devotion to the club. Many of you bought some of his tools recently, and I hope you remember him fondly as you use them. Rest in Peace, Dewey! If we hear of any funeral or memorial arrangements, we will share with you.

As for club business, some of you have not renewed your dues. They are past due now and incur a late fee. Feel free to call me if you wonder if you are on the list. You are about to be dropped from the roster, meaning you will no longer have access to the Members Only section of the website or receive club emails. Please send payment ASAP to SWA, PO Box 13133, Tucson, AZ 85711-3133. (Individuals \$20, Family \$31.25, prorated and including late fee).

Michalyn