

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

***January Newsletter***

**January 13, 2018 Meeting**

**Board Meeting:**

Bill Mize thanked board members for attending on such short notice. In the future, all board meetings will begin promptly at 8:15, in February, May, August and November unless special meetings are required.

The November minutes and Treasurer's report will be approved at the general meeting.

**Old Business**

Bob Sorensen gave a brief rundown of the details regarding the upcoming Desert Woodcarving Show in Feb. Entry forms must be in by Feb 1 to avoid standing in a long line the day before the show. More announcements will be given at the general meeting.

Feliza and Brad are looking into rebuilding the website. She has been unable to get the necessary information from Bill Tickner, so Bill Mize will make two (2) attempts, after which, we will have to start from scratch.

Jerry Berg will remind members of the Friendship Cane blocks available for us to carve, wood burn, etc.

Bob Sorensen requested an annual line item on the budget of \$300 for him to purchase items for the raffle. He and Barb are introducing a new format for the raffle, similar to the People's Choice raffle, where you place your tickets in the individual container associated with the item you hope to win. Barb will then keep track of the money coming from ticket sales, balanced with cost. Board approved this request.

The issue of a new club banner with group photo was tabled for a later consideration.

We discussed ideas for new member recruitment and retention. Feliza will inquire about interest in the VA, and possible bus transportation to visit our meetings.

Rob Arnberger will pass around a sign up sheet for members to indicate which events they would be personally willing to help with and those with no signatures will not be held this year. Events involved are the People's Choice Show, Pumpkin carving, Christmas party, Desert Woodcarving Show, teaching mini classes at the meeting.

We have two changes in the Board Members. Doug Raine resigned and Lynn Smith will take that position. Mark Erickson is still on the board.

Joan and Dave Eerkes will host the club picnic on March 24. Meeting adjourned!

## **General Meeting:**

Bill Mize opened the general meeting at 11:25. The minutes were approved as published. Vince Ferrari gave the treasurer's report and it was approved. Visitors were Bill Stoval and Anthony Kelley.

There being no officer's reports given, we continued with old business.

### **Old Business:**

Jerry Berg needs an instructor for Feb. It was decided not to have a class at that meeting, since so many members will be at the Mesa Show.

Susan Kleismit gave the Health and Wellness report for Dec. Louise Thompson, Jack Erickson and Tricia Jennings all got cards from the club.

Jerry Berg talked about the Friendship Cane. He has blocks available for members and is hoping to have all blocks returned by the March meeting.

Bob has information on the Desert Woodcarving Show and is passing around a sign up sheet for volunteers to work the ticket desk and door, as well as help with the silent auction.

Feliza and Brad are working on the website transition.

### **New Business:**

A sign up sheet has been passed around for members to indicate which activities they would be willing to help with during the year. Those activities receiving too few signatures will not be put on the calendar.

Lupe Salaz has volunteered to bring sandwiches to the March meeting, and Betty Ferrari volunteered to bring chips. Bill thanked Sally Jones for today's coffee and snacks.

Bill asked for ideas and suggestions regarding recruiting new members and retaining them. Susan Kleismit explained how she works with the Casa Grande public library to teach woodcarving. The library has funds called "Makers Space" that provide all tools, supplies, wood, etc. We will inquire in Tucson about such a possibility.

Joan and Dave Eerkes will host the club picnic on March 24 at their home. More information to be announced at a later date.

Doris Trinko will host open carving at her studio this Thursday.

50/50 drawing went to Lynn Smith.

### **Show and Tell:**

Jerry Berg                      Cowboy in painted bass wood. His carvings are on display at the Town Hall in Old Tucson.

Bud Chamberlain	Faces of Santa and a Wise Man, from the class he took
Mark Erickson	Bird (phainopepla) that spreads the fungus causing mistletoe Green man relief carving in butternut
Brad Caryl	Bowl done from a black ash burl Elephant done in bass wood

Raffle:

Center finder ruler	Bill Stovall
\$25 gift cert, Woodcraft	Mark Erickson
Diamond Sharpener	Fred Hancock
Basswood	Bob Ratterman
Bark	Dick Minch
3 gouges	Brad Caryl

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectively Submitted,

Michalyn Erickson, Secretary