

**Southwest Woodcarvers Association, Inc.**

**Tucson, AZ**

**January 2019 Business Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Bill Mize, President.

- I. The minutes of the previous meeting – November, 2018 – were approved as posted.
- II. **Visitors were welcomed:** Bob Ash, Rudy Baumann, Allan Mashburn, John Johnson, Barb and Jeff Mullins, Phil Atkinson.  
Our new Rincon Mobile Home Park resident and sponsor, Cheryl Cooper was welcomed. She is also a new member.  
Karen Berg was also welcomed as a new board member – she attended her first board meeting today.
- III. **Treasurer's report:** A full Treasurer's report was deferred until the next meeting, however, it was noted that the club is solvent and that the January hall rent was paid and the Mesa Show club tables will be paid for.
- IV. **Committee Chair Reports:**
  - **Health and Welfare:** Susan Kleismet reported that Get Well cards were sent to Bob Sorensen who was recently hospitalized and is now home; to Judith Thomason who is home from her recent hospitalization; Earl Bradshaw is recovering from a cardiac stent placement; Lupe Salaz is hospitalized following open heart surgery.
  - **Friendship Cane Committee:** Jerry Berg reported that a couple more carvings are needed to complete the Friendship Cane.
  - **VA Cane Committee:** Trish Jennings reported that staffs for the canes are completed but there is need for more eagle heads to be carved.
  - **Pima County Fair Committee:** Brad Caryl reported that the club will be out at the Pima County Fairgrounds on the weekends of April 20, 21, 2019 and again the following weekend of April 27, 28,2019. These are the only times the club will be out at the fair and there will be displays of the club member's carvings as well as a people's choice competition. There will also be soap carving demonstrations. Signup sheets are available. Parking should be available. Brad has also offered to assist with those who wish to attend but need help getting there.
  - **Christmas Party Committee:** Betty Ferrari noted that 55 people attended the Annual Christmas Party at El Corral in December. The food was good and the entertainment was excellent.
  - **Saddlebrook Show/Sale Committee:** Volunteers are still needed to help with this show in a few areas. Bill Mize referred the members to the signup sheets so they can help where needed. Competition forms are available – entries need to be submitted to the show at 8 AM on March 2, 2019.
  - **Mesa Show (Desert Woodcarvers Show) Committee:** The show and competition will be held at the Mesa Centennial Hall (SE corner of University Drive & Center St.) on March 16,17,2019 The March date is due to a scheduling conflict this year but the show organizers plan to have next year's show in February. Information regarding the show is available at the reception table at this meeting.

1. **Competition Rules Summary:** Preregistration forms need to be postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 2019. Registration information packets after that date will be available at the show.
2. Show entries will not be accepted after 3 PM, March 15, 2019.
3. New entry forms are now available.
4. Their website: [www.DesertWoodcarversShow.com](http://www.DesertWoodcarversShow.com).
5. Contestants will have free passes and there will be limited passes for volunteers.

**Club Tables:** We will be reserving our usual 2 club tables at a cost of \$50 this year. Bill Mize will try to get an additional “pro bono” table.

Since there will be a limited number of club table passes this year, these passes will only be given to those who sign up in support of the club table or for admissions and entry duty on Sunday.

We need completed items ( carvings, burnings, etc.) to display on the club tables.

We may be asked to donate prizes which can be awarded as door prizes.

There will be no silent auction this year.

Any further questions may be addressed to Bill Mize with some answers posted to the website.

Regarding show participants, judges, contest organizers or club assistants, Bill will also be dispersing additional information through the website as it becomes available.

Thanks to Kay Slocum for providing the snacks. There was no coffee due to new locks on the storage shed with no new key available.

Thanks also to Kira Mize for this month’s class in “Adding color to your wood burning”. 7 members attended the class.

**V. Old Business:** We have been notified that we need to remove our property from the current storage shed and Bill Mize is trying to find a new location for the club’s property. Cheryl Cooper is attempting to resolve the issue of a key to the new lock for the shed which houses our property. She will approach the Park management for a key or access to the shed.

**Relocation:** The rent for a proposed relocation site is proving to be an hourly rate which is outside our current budget. Bill Mize noted that Jack Erickson will follow up with that matter when he returns. Meanwhile, Bill asked the membership for suggestions for relocation sites.

Volunteers were asked for a February class. Doris volunteered to give a class on pyrography on leather. Participants are asked to bring their own burners. She has asked to be informed of the numbers attending so that she can prepare for supplies.

- VI. **New Business:** Bill Mize noted that the objectives for 2019 are
- Growing our club by increasing membership and by our presence in the community
  - Securing a new location for our meetings
  - Getting the Pima County Fair demonstrations and Pumpkin Carving reintegrated into our annual venues. Bill noted that Brad Caryl has volunteered to take care of the Pima County Fair. A coordinator is still needed for the Pumpkin Carving.
  - Securing a safe storage area.
- VII. **Show and Tell:** Gary Mims showed a pair of chip carved plates with different designs on each plate; Lynn Smith showed 2 framed wood burnings; Jeff Mullins showed a pair of canes; Pat Boleman showed 2 Irish carvings.
- VIII. **Longevity Pins:** Jerry Berg awarded 5 year pins to: Judeen Berry, Tom Hewitt, Lynn Smith and Judith Thomason. 15 year pins went to Bill Milligan and Bob Sorensen. Pins will be mailed to members not present.
- IX. **50/50 and Door Prizes:** These were not done at this meeting.
- X. **Announcements:** Doris Trinko will have open carving at her house 1/17/19

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Ferrari  
Acting Secretary