

New England Wood Carvers
Executive Board Meeting

November 19, 2005

Middlesex Community College – Building 11, Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Melanson, M. Paul Ward, Yvette Holladay, Leo Lambert, Rip Stangroom

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Brannock, Bob Sisson, Joe Olson, Maria LaGoy

OTHERS PRESENT: -

CALL TO ORDER: President Roger Melanson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

M. Paul Ward began by mentioning our guest speaker for our February meeting, Don Bergdoff. The board discussed about another day for a workshop. Paul will mention this workshop at the December meeting. Paul made the offer to hold the seminar at his house. The price per student/day would be \$45. Paul will make up about 100 flyers about the workshop to hand out at the meeting about the workshop. Don would be teaching facial feature carving techniques.

Paul mentions the need for an April meeting speaker, mentioning Nancy Carroll as a possibility. Rip recommends Bob Brophy as well. Others mentioned for possible speakers: Frank Wilson, John Chase, Ken Campbell. Some discussion on type of carver (ie: fish or bird carver, etc.).

Our next order of business, a monetary donation to MCC. Roger recommended a donation of \$1500 to MCC for their scholarship fund. Joe Olson hand-wrote on a copy of a letter he sent to Vincent McDonald that the scholarship donation should be sent to the College in January of each year.

*A unanimous decision was made to send check to MCC in January for \$1500.

Rip noted that we would like to know who received the donation.

Our next order of business was the Topsfield fair booth. A letter was sent to general manager Al Gray from Justin Gordon, offering the money back to Topsfield because we didn't uphold our contract of having enough people running the booth. That decision was never run by the board for discussion or approval. With that done, the board feels the organization should not continue with the Topsfield booth because we can't find the help and have no control over the goings-on with it.

For the future, Roger recommended that any person acting as an official NEWC liaison should be appointed by the Executive Board, operate with a set of guidelines established by the Board, and have a mandate to report back to the Board at least once a year.

9:55 Paul excused himself for a need to be at his table at the MCC annual crafts fair.

Roger brought up cancellation of membership meetings due to inclement weather. We discussed best methods on how to let the membership know if our meeting might be cancelled. We concluded that notification to channel 4, 5, and 7, radio stations WBZ and WRKO, along with the website and maybe LLC in Lowell would be sufficient for notification.

The newsletter name was touched upon. Yvette will make up a ballot for the next membership meeting for a formal vote, listing entries submitted along with the previous 'NEWC Newsletter' titles.

Roger/Maria LaGoy had a new idea for the 2006 Spirit of Wood Show. A "Birds of Prey" live wild bird presentation. This may need an additional tent and discussion ensued on where they would/could display the birds. This brought up a discussion on tying in with another organization, or joining another show(s) to draw a better crowd.. Leo related the success of the Delaware Valley Carver, sponsored by the Delaware Valley Fish and Game Department. Rip brought up the Audubon Society as a possibility, and also mentioned state tourism. It was suggested that we contact the State office of Tourism to see if they would add our show to their list of state events.

Leo discussed some financials of the club, and the difficulties of tying in certain purchases, and stating that we need to be careful about paying people for their services. He also noted that we are NOT sales tax exempt and in fact never were. Our FID number is not to be used as a tax-exempt number. Leo stated he would look into getting a tax-exempt number for the organization.

Discussion on membership and how we can determine how many members are paid. This was determined to be difficult to estimate due to monthly expirations, late payments by members, etc.

Dues were discussed, and whether we should raise dues due to cost of newsletter and other items, which have increased.

*Overall consensus to cut back our newsletter printing from the previous month, printing 625 for the Nov./Dec newsletter. The extra copies were handed out to people and businesses at the Spirit of Wood Show, previously.

Leo mentioned expense of hats, patches and mugs, and the board agreed that we need a central person to handle these items, so we aren't haphazardly making orders for these hard to sell items. Roger requested that Rip get an inventory of merchandise for the record. No one appointed at this time as the official merchandise coordinator.

COMMUNICATIONS: (lack of time)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Appoint a merchandise coordinator, April meeting speaker

NEW BUSINESS: (lack of time)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvette Holladay, Secretary

Approval of minutes:

Requested changes applied to minutes:

Here are a few changes to the November 19, 2005 meeting minutes.

1. After "MCC for their scholarship fund". Joe Olson hand-wrote on a copy of a letter he sent to Vincent McDonald that the scholarship donation should be sent to the College in January of each year. * A unanimous-----
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2. A " Birds of Prey" live wild bird presentation.(remove - display a)
3. "Delaware Valley Carvers who tie in with a wildlife organization". (insert the word - with)
4. "and also mentioned lumber dealers" (remove the word - were)
5. "Roger would like to appoint"----- (Replace this sentence with the following:
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Roger

Here are some changes that I think should be made to the minutes:

- 7th para. - spelling of the word "meeting"
- should be chan. 4,5, & 7
- 9th para. - actually it was Maria LaGoy who introduced the idea of a "Birds of Prey" show.
- the Delaware Valley Carvers are sponsored by the Delaware Valley Fish and Game Department not with a wildlife organization.
- Lumber dealers should be struck out. They were just mentioned in conversation describing the DVC show.
It was suggested that we contact the State office of Tourism to see if they would add our show to their list of state events.

Leo
