

New England Wood Carvers
Executive Board Meeting
September 24, 2005
Middlesex Community College – Building 11, Conference Room

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Brannock, Bob Sisson, Joe Olson

OTHERS PRESENT: Lorne LaGoy

CALL TO ORDER: President Roger Melanson called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Paul starts off the meeting stating that Tom McLaughlin is all set for the upcoming membership meeting. Paul has a carver for the December meeting which he will forward the name to Yvette for the newsletter. Nancy Carroll was mentioned as a possible speaker for Feb. 8th meeting. Discussion followed on the method we use to bring in good speakers. Roger mentions that there should be a strategy. Ideas tossed around on what should be considered in looking for in a good speaker.

Next topic raised was the time of our membership meetings. Maria mentioned the loss of members because of morning workshops. Some noted that it interferes with Sunday morning church services. No resolution was reached at this time.

The NEWC PO Box is checked by Paul Ward on a weekly basis. Paul noted the brochures from the Clock Maker that arrived in the PO Box would be brought to the membership meeting and the Spirit of Wood show.

10:09 Leo gave his Financial Report to the board in the form of a comprehensive 5 page report. Line items included, Total cash in Bank Accounts, \$4, 891.10, Total Other Assets, \$23,224.90, with Total Assets sum = \$28, 116.00. Leo's reports included bar and pie graphs to graphically analyze the organization income and expenses.

Rip gave a Membership review, noting the new software for the membership is working out well. *It was agreed upon by all to eliminate in the by-laws where it notes the need to produce a list every two years.

Newsletter item: add a note about by-law availability from Membership secretary if any member is interested. Roger suggested a form to fill out and send in to membership secretary. Rip said that simply his address would be sufficient for members to request the by-laws from him. The Newsletter was discussed, with questions raised on pricing and proceeding or not with format used in Sept/Oct newsletter. A vote was taken (vote of 8 to 4) with majority vote to continue with the brown and black format on the 11 x 17" sheet

format (8 pages). Yvette will work on a price comparison on quantities, as we may need fewer than printed in our last newsletter printing, due to the Spirit of Wood Show extra printing previously. Comparison pending an accurate membership count from Rip. Roger handed out a 2 page Proposed Outline for November – December Newsletter, detailing what items to appear in our next newsletter. Roger noted that he would notify persons of their to-dos in order to collect information for the Nov./Dec. Newsletter. Maria noted she would be interested in adding a ‘Tips of the Month’, and also suggested we look at other clubs newsletters to review their newsletter with the possibility of inclusion of items of interest.

Yvette handed out a detailed diagram of the MCC building being used for the Spirit of Wood Show. Board members were instructed to look it over and report to Yvette with any changes that they would propose.

10:57 As far as the Financial Audit issue, Leo needs to get to Norma Raymond’s house for more information, so that is on hold at this point.

Roger handed out a document ‘Official Correspondence Maintained for Historical Records’ in which he lists items for the Secretary to keep in his/her possession until the organization is dissolved. Leo and Maria mentioned they both have documents to include in this collection.

Carver of the Year Award. Floyd Truit proposed to carve this year’s award, and \$200 was agreed upon as a fair price to have him create the award for the organization.

Tax #: Leo is going to Norma’s and will see if he can locate the number at that time. Leo states that we are a 501C Public Charitable organization. Leo states that he will make a tax-deductible form for NEWC.

Leo noted that \$404.00 was spent for ribbons for the Spirit of Wood Show. Some discussion on spending budget in general.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10, early, due to a Spirit of Wood Show meeting following the Board Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: (lack of time)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: How to bring in good speakers, time membership meetings are held, Financial Audit, Tax number location, raising membership fees

NEW BUSINESS: (lack of time)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvette Holladay, Secretary

Approval of minutes: Roger Melanson, Joe Olson, Maria LaGoy, Leo Lambert, Yvette Holladay