

March 25, 2006 - NEWC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

MCC – Bldg. 5 (Trustees House)

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

ABSENT: Bob Sisson

OTHERS PRESENT : Lorne LaGoy

CALL TO ORDER: By President Roger Melanson at 9:11 am

Secretary report (Yvette H.): Discussion and consensus on abbreviated minutes for website and newsletter. Feb. minutes reviewed for final acceptance.

Vice President's report (M. Paul W.): Mail given to president. October guest speaker Frank Basch discussed. June guest speaker will be Tony Erickson. Paul Ward and the LaGoys will hold workshops with Tony in June prior to membership meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Leo L.): Review of P & L report. Storage fees have gone up to \$54/mo, up \$2 from previous months.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (Rip S.): NEWC's membership currently at 506, discussions on why we are losing members. Rip explained that trying to get return people seems somewhat futile. Leo added as well the frustrations of members were moving and not realizing their membership expiring.

NEWSLETTER (Yvette H.): NEWC name changed to reflect official name registered. Price of the newsletter discussed, a reason agreed for needing to raise membership fees. While Rip Stangroom's son was able to print the newsletter at a big savings, that opportunity is no longer available.

SPIRIT OF WOOD (Roger M.): Roger reviewed the show brochure and updates, raffle tickets and feature artist Hatem Gomma. A lengthy packet put together by John Yurka outlining the spirit of wood show details reviewed (Operation Guidelines for Carving Competition).

JUNE AWARDS MEETING & LUNCHEON: Awards discussed for presentation at the June meeting. Executive board agreed they would organize and work the food table instead of using a caterer to save money. Members of the board will have a pow wow at the end of the next membership meeting to review nominations and select the winner of the carver of the year award, to be presented at the June meeting.

OPERATION BUDGETS: Roger asked that the board members each prepare a budget of items of cost per their position. Based on the feedback information from each board member, Roger will create a budget he will present to the membership. Looking ahead, Roger's dream is to build a 'kitty', which will accumulate through the years, as opposed to simply breaking even each year. With that thought, we need to prepare for the future.

COMMUNICATIONS: Official letter for the secretary files from MCC. Other letters and documents regarding shows passed around the table. Roger sent a multitude of communications to various members and organizations. It was noted that members need to notify the president of shows, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Seminar guidelines

NEW BUSINESS: Year end administrative report

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:50

Respectfully submitted, Yvette Holladay, Secretary