

New England Wood Carvers

Executive Board Meeting

May 20, 2006

Middlesex Community College – Building 5 (Trustees House), Conference Room

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bob Sisson, Rip Stangroom, Joe Olson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lorne LaGoy, Floyd Truitt

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Roger Melanson called the meeting to order at 9:20 am

The Secretary minutes from the March meeting reviewed for approval. Minutes approved by all present. Also reviewed the status of the newsletter and postage costs issues. Yvette also reviewed the transfer of membership, final items received by Rip, and overview of some ideas for the membership plans for the future.

Vice President M. Paul Ward's report: Mail items distributed to various people. The October meeting will feature an extra sharpening seminar. Workshops for June meeting all set.

Treasurer's report, by Leo Lambert: CD matured and funds were deposited into the checking and savings accounts. Total assets to date for NEWC is \$27,195.77. Leo intends to invest the savings monies and invest into a Scudder money market account. Investment would reap a much higher return in comparison to a savings account. Board voted unanimously to invest in the Scudder money market account.

Spirit of Wood Show: Roger reviewed the information that will be inserted into the newsletter. 800 books of raffle tickets were printed up, about 600 of which will be inserted in the newsletter going out in the coming week. Leo raised the possibility that the town of Bedford may require a gaming permit to run the special raffle scheduled for the October Show, and perhaps the need to have a background check on the principals who would be running the raffle. Leo will check with the town of Bedford if such a permit is required.

Roger's daughter looked up prices for food and items for the June Meeting. A proposed itemized luncheon menu including paper products and prices was handed out. Phyllis Miele will be making up the flower arrangements for the tables. We have a commitment from the board members for dishes to bring to the membership meeting. Roger is going to rent 8 table cloths and aprons for people to use. Paul will make oatmeal cookies. Yvette, fruit salad, Maria, rhubarb squares and chocolate chip cookies, Leo offered his wife's

peanut butter cookies. Inquiry on previous conflict with the facilities with another organization. Roger announced the conflict on sharing our reserved space for the June Membership meeting with another organization was resolved by the College. We will have full use of the Campus Center facilities like we normally do.

Floyd Truitt offered to donate a large gnome he had carved as an additional winning to the special hawk raffle. Perhaps to use as a consolation prize. Floyd mentioned he will bring it to the June meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Paul has passed out the letters etc. to appropriate persons. Roger sent a slew of thank you letters to people. The name plate for the carver of the year award was given to Floyd from Roger. Brian Goslow, a freelance writer for the MotherTown Monthly Newspaper, contacted the organization about doing an article on NEWC. Roger had mentioned the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and will try to convince him to come to our meeting. Roger mentioned that the Boston Globe may be contacted as well. Yvette will contact the Lowell Sun. Roger mentioned that MCC is pleased with our donation of \$2,500.00 that will be given to the scholarship program in the next fiscal year (2006-2007).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Yet to be finished are budget preparation and year end reports by Board Members, area rep. communication guidelines, update pamphlet on carving clubs, and guidelines for guest seminar/workshops offered by NEWC.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Roger requested each Board Member to write a brief report regarding what each has accomplished during the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. Reports are due by the next Board meeting, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Paul mentions that there should be a committee on seminars. Roger agreed, yet there is concern in finding people to make up this committee.

Roger distributed the new dates and meeting times for the 2006/2007 year. The Board reviewed the new calendar and made necessary changes to avoid conflicts with holidays and other groups' shows. The revised edition will be submitted to MCC on Monday, May 22 for final approval.

Roger gave Leo the new liability insurance policy for the period May 19, 2006, thru May 19, 2007. The policy cost \$1,000, which is the same price as last year. The policy covers the facilities that are used by NEWC at Middlesex Community College.

Trip to St. Jean Port Joli. Maria suggested Bob Whittamore may be helpful in organizing this. Paul discussed the bus service he's familiar with. Paul feels that at the June meeting, if there's not at least 25 people interested, he would drop the idea. The trip is for 2 nights and three days, August 27, 28, 29. This is one week before the Labor Day weekend. A lengthy discussion took place.

Roger distributed communication he's had with IWCA group about becoming an affiliated organization with NEWC. There are rules and regulations we would need to abide by. Roger proposes that we join their organization. Meaning, when we have a waterfowl competition, we would need to follow their rules. This may bring in additional publicity, and also, we would become nationally known. This to be built up over a few years, adding, for instance, a section at the SOW show with pieces specifically judged by their standards and requirements. They have a BOD meeting once a year, with one member of the executive board to attend. They give the association \$500 on various years to invest in seminars, etc.

To be discussed at future meetings.

Roger reviewed the proceedings for the June meeting program.

Discussion on dues, collection, and what other clubs have done to insure dues are paid. Incentives discussed on dues collection, and new member draw.

Hospitality table. Yvette will be setting up the hospitality table at the June meeting. Ideas of photos and sign in book were discussed.

Summer cook out. Usually at Norma's house. We'll need to see whose house we can use. Plans are up in the air for now.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Yvette Holladay, Secretary

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

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Abbreviated version...

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**COMMUNICATIONS:** MotherTown Monthly Newspaper, contacted the organization about doing an article on NEWC. Boston Globe and Lowell Sun to be contacted as well. MCC is pleased with our donation of 2500.00 to be given in the coming year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Budget reports. Area reps responsibility.

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