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MWCA Meeting

October 4, 2014

Ponderosa restaurant

Owosso Mi. 48667

Call to order: President Bill Phillips called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

Pledge of allegiance: All present stood and said the pledge of allegiance .

Opening Prayer: was offered by Milan Maybee. He asked us to keep in our prayers several members who have recently passed, including our president Andrew Luckhardt, Lynn Waldron and Dick Jacobs as well as several members who are ill from the Sunrise Side club.

Roll Call by Pat Murphy: There were 15 clubs represented which included, Chief Osceola Wood Carvers, Chips a Flying, Chisels & Chips, Greater Lansing Carvers, Happy Chippers, Jackson Wood Carvers, Metro Carvers of Michigan, Mid-Michigan Carving Club, Midland Wood Carvers, Red Cedar River Carvers, Saline Carvers, South Central Wood Carvers, Sunrise Side Woodcarvers , Tri City Carvers, and The Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth . There were enough clubs present for a Quorum.

Pat Murphy announced that in view of the passing of Andy Luckhardt our president, that according the by-laws section 8, chapter 5 that Bill Phillips our vice president would become our new president, and that there would be an election to replace the vice president position.

Previous meeting minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of December 2013 meeting without being read, as per handouts was made by Willie Stewart and seconded by Del Dubay. The motion was passed.

Treasurer Report by Bill Phillips:

2014 Seminar Fund\_\$12,380

Surplus Seminar Fund\_\$3.059

General Fund\_\$4,421

Soap Carving Fund\_\$104.31

Technology Fund\_\$209.54

Veterans Cane Fund \$ 7,027

Checking acct. balance \$17,331.11

Savings acct. balance \$19,872.37

Total \$27,203.48

Motion to accept treasurers' report was made by Willie Stewart and seconded by Bill Stephens. Motion carried.

A guest was introduced who was from Grand Rapids, Jim Finney who is going to be at next year's seminar teaching relief carving pistols.

Committee Reports:

Secretary Communications: Pat Murphy announced that we have received some donations for the comfort crosses and for bricks to be installed at the Osceola fair grounds in Evert honoring Andy Luckhardt and Bill Jaquays.

Chatter News Letter: No report.

Web Site: Terry Zobl: No report.

Promotional Fund Denny Sekrenes said that M.W.C.A. will be at the Saline show next week, the Frankenmuth show Oct. 19 and the Cassapolis show the first weekend of November. Denny also invited everyone in attendance to stop by the Mid- Michigan club after dinner and see their operation and offer any suggestion to improve the way that they do business.

Insurance: Bill Phillips reported that Rizal Baysa was resigning from the position because he will be spending most of the winter in Tennessee and will not be available.

Soap Carving: Myrna Miller reported that she has adequate supplies. She has given out 18 kits to the Midland seminar, 30 kits to Chuck Ruble for the Lansing show and 75 kits to Bud Ross for the Roundup. Bud said that they did not use all the kits, but Myrna doesn't know how many she will be getting back.

Veterans Cane Carving Bill Phillips announced that to date we have given away over 2600 canes to veterans. He also mentioned what a great job that the Sunrise club has done with the Lean On Me program. Bill Hastings from the Sunrise club said the club was giving away 14 more canes, three that would be mailed to the vets and eleven that would be presented at a special ceremony to the vets. The ceremony includes the color guard and a special pamphlet made out for each vet, which includes an outline of the ceremony, the name of the person that carved the eagle head and much more. The ceremony takes place at 7:00 P.M. Oct, 21.

Judging Committee: No report.

Regional Representatives and Carving Exchange: Bill Phillips reported that Sally Nye because of health problems and other commitments is unable to continue her position as the head of the regional reps and as regional rep for district #3. There are also four other regional rep positions that have opened up due to the death of members who held those positions. The club is looking for volunteers to fill these positions.

Seminar Report : Bill Phillips reported that we have about 75 people registered for the 2015 seminar so far. Bill introduced Jim Finney a new teacher that was recently signed on for the 2015 seminar who will be teaching relief carving of hand guns. Jim showed some examples of his work. Bill said that we need 130 students to break even at the seminar. The last two years we have fallen short of that number, but because of the raffle that we hold at the seminar we have managed to break even. He encouraged everyone to do what they can to increase attendance at the seminar and help support the raffle. Bill said that because of increased cost to use the 4H building that we plan to have lunches catered in the main carving building instead for 2015.

Comfort Birds and Crosses: Bill Phillips said that the M.W.C.A. is tied to the Hospice of Michigan because they are a nonprofit organization and do not charge for the crosses and birds while some other organizations do charge for them. Bill suggested that those in attendance today take the project back to their clubs and introduce it to the members with the hope of getting the clubs to participate in the program. He also said that individual clubs should contact local hospices and donate the crosses to them. Bill had some cut outs of the crosses from the Laser Markit which he was selling at a price of three for \$5.00. There are patterns for the crosses on our web site.

Festival of Trees: Bill Phillips announced that M.W.C.A. is now accepting carved Christmas ornaments for the Festival of Trees. They must be in by early November at the latest.

Board meeting report: Since the April membership meeting the board met and approved the purchase of new plastic rulers with our current E-Mail address to be given to each club so that they may pass them out to their membership. They also approved the purchase of bricks for the Osceola fairgrounds pathway in the name of Bill Jaquay and Virginia Hoffman. The board also named John Williams as assistant Chaplin to Milan Maybee. Betty Hartig and Jeff Swanson were named new members to the seminar committee.

Executive committee report: No report

New Business:

Under Section 8 chapter 5 of the by-laws Vice President Bill Phillips is now the president of the M.W.C.A. because of the death of Andy Luckhardt our former president, which leaves a vacancy in the Vice president position. Bill asked if anyone wanted to step up and take the position until the next election. No one volunteered, but Bill said that Gary Mulick volunteered to do so. A Motion was put on the floor

to approve Gary Mulick as interim V.P. by Bill Stephens and seconded by Chuck Ruble. The motion was voted on and passed.

A motion was made by Pat Murphy to put the minutes of the meeting on the web site and seconded by John Gunner. The motion was voted on and passed.

A motion was put on the floor to purchase a brick for Evert in the name of Andrew Luckhardt and Lynn Waldron by Del Dubay and seconded by Molly Ruble the motion was voted on and approved.

A motion was made to purchase a plaque for Sally Nye and Rizal Baysa at the cost of \$50.00 each for their service to the club by Pat Murphy and seconded by John Ottman. The motion was voted on and approved.

Appointment of election committee: Sandy Holder volunteered to chairperson, Doug Evans and Myrna Miller also offered to serve on committee.

Sharon Sykes volunteered to be insurance rep.

There are openings for chairperson for regional reps as well openings for regional reps for districts 1, 2, and 3. Joann Mattis volunteered for the position in region 2. The other jobs remain open.

Free lunch: winner Ron Krzanowski

50/50 Drawing: winner Rod Walker

Next meeting: April 11, 2015 11.00 A.M. @ location to be determined.

Closing prayer: was offered by Milan Maybee

Adjournment Bill Phillips adjourned the meeting at 12:30