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**SUNCOAST WOODCARVERS MEETING
MINUTES**

March 12, 2013

Seminole Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Briggs Jr. at 9:35 AM. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Greta Murphy provided her report and it was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The proposed slate of new officers was presented to the membership. There being no nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded that the slate be accepted as submitted.

The slate of...

President: Bill Briggs, Jr.

Vice President: Ron Golly

Treasurer: Greta Murphy

Secretary: Bill Dewald

...was approved unanimously.

Bill Briggs presented highlights of the proposed By-Law changes.

a. Business meetings will now be held during the workshops on the morning of the second Tuesday of the month September – May.

b. The Vice President will no longer automatically succeed the President.

The changes were accepted by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joe Lutz announced that the Ft. Myers show may be moving to Port Charlotte next year. If they do, they will probably take our weekend. If that is the case, we need to be prepared to move to either the weekend before or after their show. The reality is that if we hold our show on the same weekend, (a) we will have no vendors and (b) we will deprive our members of the opportunity to attend their show.

The show committee currently consists of Joe Lutz, chairman, John Roush, Ed Livingston, and Bill Dewald. If you would like to serve see Joe.

Bill Briggs also asked for members to volunteer to present demonstrations at the next show.

JOE'S TIPS

Joe Kane presented several tips to the membership. To prevent oil based paints and finishes from thickening or hardening, float a small amount of paint thinner on them before sealing up after using. For acrylic finishes, float a little water on top.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the Tampa Club enjoyed participating in our show. Jack Simpson of the Tampa Club said that he would be available to do cut outs for club members.

Club patches are available for \$3.00

Nick Stella wants projects for the lobby show case.

Holly Roush is still doing club logo shirts.

Glen Fry is somewhat improved and is no longer under hospice care.

Florida Woodcarvers Roundup will be at the Long Center at 1501 North Belcher Rd, Clearwater from March 19-22. Pre-registration for instruction courses is closed but walk-ins are still available. See the website for details: <http://webspaces.webring.com/people/qj/jeodea/>

SHOW AND TELL

Linda Bailey showed a butternut rose mounted on a piece of driftwood and a wood burning of a turkey.

Chuck Harrison showed a wood burning of three owls.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

John Roush
Acting Secretary

MISC. NOTES

Thanks to John Roush for standing in for Bill Dewald in his role as Secretary this month.

If you have any changes in your contact information (street address, email address, or phone number), please call Bill Dewald at 727-595-7542 or send updates by email to: suncoast_woodcarvers@comcast.net

A variety of information is available from our Club Website at

<http://suncoastwoodcarvers.com/index.htm>

Contact Webmaster Richard Samay with comments or corrections via the link on the website.

Workshops occur every Tuesday throughout the year from 8:30-11:00 AM in the Craft Room at the Seminole Recreation Center, except when the Rec. Center is closed for holidays or special events.

The next Business Meeting will be during the Tuesday morning Workshop on April 9, 2013.

Bill Dewald, Secretary