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**SUNCOAST WOODCARVERS MEETING
MINUTES
March 13, 2012
Seminole Recreation Center**

President Alan Anderson opened the March meeting with acceptance of the minutes of the February meeting and the Treasurer's Report.

Alan thanked those who had worked with him during his tour of duty: Bill Briggs as VP; Bill Dewald as Secretary; and Judy Wolf and Greta Murphy as Treasurer. He also thanked Joe Lutz and John Roush for their parts in the Annual Show, Ed Livingston for obtaining gifts given through raffles at the Show, and last, but not least, the members who helped put on the Show.

OLD BUSINESS

Election of officers was conducted with solicitations from the floor. None were forthcoming and the proposed slate was elected by voice vote. They were:

President – Bill Briggs
Vice President – Alan Anderson
Secretary – Bill Dewald
Treasurer – Greta Murphy



The Board

Joe Lutz, Bill Dewald, Alan Anderson, Bill Briggs, and Greta Murphy

Andy Szymaszek asked to speak. He wanted to congratulate the Board for the progress made in the past year. He pointed out that we had acquired a trailer and modified it for storage of Club Show materials, annexed the Tampa Club, and added a showcase in the lobby of the Seminole Rec. Center.

Joe Lutz talked about the manning of the booth at the State Fair on February 15.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Briggs noted that anyone wanting to demonstrate any carving related subject, please see him.

Nick Stella pitched a new approach to the use of the Club display case in the lobby. On a monthly basis, the top shelf will be for display for an individual's carvings and the other two shelves will be for the display of the works of others. See Nick for particulars.

Joe Kane started out with a story about not having a knife in your hand if you gesture when talking. The next item related to using motor oil for longer time periods and mileages than the historical recommendations to change oil every 3000 miles. Other tips related to extending the life of fruit and veggies by the manner in which they were prepared and stored, to the use of various common household products for minor comfort and health. The audience pitched in with more home remedies.

Barb Smith noted that Michael's no longer carries Ceramcoat paint. Others noted that the product colors have been altered by a new owner.

Jack Stewart discussed the opening of Largo's new Recreation center near East Bay and Lake. Carvings were displayed. The facility is a possible site for the Annual Show. Alan will investigate further.

Dust and dust collectors were subjects of discussion of experiences and problems. Bob Marek and Joe Lutz spoke of their specific experiences with white lung disease. Serious stuff.

SHOW AND TELL

Joe Lutz showed a buffalo as an in-process carving. It was large, so that details in the head area could be seen clearly. He talked of using power tools, like a power chisel and Foredom with a burr. The usual story went with it.



Mark Daly showed a duck decoy and an in-process anhinga with spread wings. He described the additional steps to completion.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Artist Hal Hussung is scheduled to demonstrate the use of the color wheel during Workshop on Tuesday, March 27th.

MISC. NOTES

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

Bill is still collecting the money for the 2012 dues, so if you haven't paid yet, please make out a check to Suncoast Woodcarvers in the amount of \$15 and mail it to him at 9555 Commodore Dr., Seminole, FL 33776.

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.

Thanks to Richard Samay for the photos included in this edition of CHIPS.

The next Business Meeting is at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at the Seminole Rec. Center. Those who attended the Roundup are requested to bring items carved in for Show & Tell.

The meeting was adjourned.

Bill Dewald, Secretary