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November 20, 2005

President John Lovett kicked off the meeting at 2:00 with 18 members present. The Program was a No-Show this month.

Carvers Challenge

We will begin to do carvers challenges at our monthly meetings. Watch for details!

Treasury Report

Charlie Lockwood reported we have \$5,614.64 in the Treasury.

The beginning balance was \$3,759.18 with income totaling \$5,552.25 and \$3,696.79 in expenses.

Our income generated from the show was \$4,110.00 with \$2,458.35 in expenses totaling a net profit of \$1,651.65! Even though our attendance was down about 10% from previous years the profit remained consistent!

Thank you to our new Vice President Ernie Castelli for doing an excellent job on the silent auction. Thank you again to all of our members for contributing to make the show once again a success!

Welcome home Nick

Nick Sciortino was in the hospital with a leg infection but is home now and doing much better.

Apologies to Vern Blank

who called to point out that I forgot to include the Upland Gamebirds and Shorebirds category in Open Class. Vern was the winner of this category and there were no second or third place entrants. Upon checking I also failed to report the Waterfowl category in Open Class, Congratulations to Gary Stenger for his first place and Bob Williams for his second place in this category. Again I apologize for these omissions.

Suggestions on How to Make our Show Even Better!

We are looking in to buying new signs to direct people to our show. The old ones are high maintenance and very heavy.

Don Stueven will check with Nells to see if we can use their old parking lot for the show next year, as parking was a problem.

It was also suggested that Flat Art exhibitors be given the spaces against the walls to display their works rather than in the center to give other exhibitors more room to move around the tables. We will strive to get our raffle tickets out by the picnic in 2006 in order to generate more sales for the coming show.

We will create a program with the table layout for the exhibitors next year, it was missed this year.

Please see a show committee member if you have any other suggestions.

Elections were held here are the results:

- Conewago Carver Officers for 2006*
- President John Lovett (717) 624-4068*
- Vice President Ernie Castelli (717) 308-0769*
- Treasurer Charlie Lockwood (717) 642-8125*
- Secretary Ed Otto (717) 243-9114*
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Membership Dues

It is that time of year again! Get your membership dues in to Bill Zech! \$15 for individual or \$20 for an entire family. Send them to Bill Zech -1739 Oakley Dr. Dover, PA 17315.

Seminars

Harley Schmitgen, Peter Ortel, Gary Akers, Ed Otto, Charlie Lockwood and Vic Hood have all agreed to do seminars next year!. The seminar dates will be published as soon as they are confirmed by Jim Hiser who has graciously agreed to be our new seminar chairman! (And no, not because he wasn't here for the elections! He really did agree to do it!) Let Jim know if there are any other seminars you would like him to set up for 2006 at (717) 243-0644 or hiser@pa.net.

New Lease

John Lovett and Doug Gabel signed a new lease with the EBACC. We have a room for the next 5 years with, remarkably, no increase in price!



Noah's Ark

We are planning to do a club project, carving a Noah's Ark to raffie off. The proceeds will be donated to the EBACC for their past generosity to our club. Gary Peiffer and Don Stueven are working out details of this project. More information will be forthcoming.

Congratulations

To Nick Sciortino for winning Best of Show at the West Shore woodcarvers show!

Suggestions

On anything pertaining to Conewago Carvers (ie..the newsletter, seminars, programs or general ideas to improve our club) are encouraged! There is now a suggestion box located in the club room to submit your ideas!

Housecleaning

To usher in our new lease, it was suggested that we schedule a work party to clean up the club room. We hope everyone can make it over to help!

Email

The newsletter is available in color by email or on our website! If you wish to receive your newsletter by email let us know at ottoe@pa.net. Electing the email-only option will save us postage fees. Do this by sending an email to ottoe@pa.net.

Show and Tell

Bill Zech– 2“Santasickles” using a pattern in *Wood Carving Illustrated*

Jack Moxley– A “pieces/parts” turkey
Lets see if we can get more show and tell for next month!

Vic Hood Seminar Report

Vic Hood returned this year for another outstanding seminar and we were not disappointed with the size of this project. Vic started out by taking a chain saw to large sections of a butternut log, cutting out a pyramid shape from a template measuring 8”x6”x18”. We folded up the carving tables from our clubhouse and assembled the carving benches stored in the back of the room, setting up 12 carving stations ready to take a beating. After mounting the piece to our carving arm, the mallet and chisel pounding began and continued for a full 3 days (minus some socializing and snack time). Vic has a very animated and memorable way to teach the rules of carving a human figure and adapts his style of teaching to each student depending on need. The nice thing about taking a Vic Hood Seminar is the “Go-By” piece is only a suggestion. Because he doesn't use a ruff-out, there is plenty of wood to redesign your piece any way you wish. Unless your name is Bill Martin, who even worked in a short nap, you likely won't finish your piece during the class. After 3 days, you'll have it to a stage where you'll be comfortable completing it at home. This class requires your larger format mallet tools, but if you're short a few, don't let that scare you off from the seminar. You can always borrow some tools from your carving neighbor or Vic. We are trying to get Vic back next year for another seminar. If you think you may want to take the class but have questions or concerns, contact Jim Hiser (hiser@pa.net). If you take the class, you will not be disappointed in the results and you will certainly grow as a carver.



Planning Council Notes November 15, 2005

Planning council debated picking a theme for next year's show. Topics suggested were:
Circus, Wild Wild West, Noah's Ark, Winter Wonderland.

Members voted and selected the Winter Wonderland theme. It is hoped that this topic would be broad enough to such that everyone can engage in competition.

Picnic and Banquet are getting more expensive. Bill Zech stated it is getting harder to find entertainment for under \$150

Members declared that these functions provide a good camaraderie among the members and should be continued even if the prices must be adjusted. Bill Zech will get with Charlie and work out some proposed fee structures.

The board voted to continue these functions.

BTW: Bill is investigating a ventriloquist act for next year's banquet.

Good news is John Lovett and Doug Gabel were able to renegotiate the lease for our "clubhouse" for another 5 years-- Remarkably, at the same price!

Paying for Speakers

Members debated paying a small fee for guest speakers.

Motion carried to allow for the reimbursement of travel costs up to \$200 / year.

Program ideas for next year:

We will ask the club members to put on a ½ hr to 45 minute program in area's where they excel. We started brainstorming ideas and they were really flowing, impressing the Pres!

- O Finishing techniques and Sharpening.
- ✦ Perhaps 2 times a year since everyone seems to have a different method.
- ✦ Mixing paints and color wheel theory
- ✦ Presentation of your piece
- ✦ Marketing/Selling and pricing your carvings
- ✦ Habitat
- ✦ Airbrushing
- ✦ Holding a Carve-in
- ✦ Carving a Small project like Haggar the Horrible
- ✦ Pins or small 5min santa like projects
- ✦ Carving a bowling ball from a block of wood and competing for a prize.

John also brought up a Wood Wizard like competition called a Carver's Challenge. We'll find out at the meeting if the members are interested...take their temperature. Ed Bolt suggested the addition of a Suggestion Box at the door as a feedback mechanism.

John also surfaced starting a Club Project this year.

- O We discussed charity donation, and something to benefit East Berlin, or the EBACC.
- O We will mention this idea at the Sunday meeting to the club.
- O One suggestion is to carve a Noah's Ark and donate proceeds to the EBACC to help them out this year (cold winter/high heat bills etc...)
- O Newsletter ideas – making more improvements.
- O Suggestions were:
- O Favorite Original Pattern (avoid copyright issues)
- O President's Message
- O Seminar Report –with pics
- O Add more special features

Tuesday Night News section (Cliff or Nick could shoot us an update)

- We discussed the creation of a budget committee to see how we can better allocate and approve funds. We need to regroup on this with Charlie, but here were some ideas tossed about:
- Perhaps we could have a budget to support materials for the Tuesday night sponsored projects...Great Idea Linda!
- Show Signs... What we have is old, heavy and difficult to update.
- Jim Hiser and Ed Bolt will do some checking.

Join us for the next meeting on December 18 at 2:00 at the EBACC! We will have our annual Christmas party so bring a treat to share. Don't forget your Christmas ornament for our annual contest, you might win \$10!



Merry

Christmas



Presidents Corner

Here's a picture of me presenting the Raffle carving of the Buffalo to the winner, Mrs. Susan McColley of Gettysburg. She was very excited when I reached her on the telephone. She says that he 88-year old father, who lives in Florida, is a woodcarver also. She showed me three examples that she had in her home: a chicken, giraffe, and a rabbit...all 1/3 size carousel animals. She said Frank Russell, well known power carver is a family friend and roughed out the carvings for her father.



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