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BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2023

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Cal Kingsmill– Vendor Table Chairman
Dennis Leonard– Board

ATTENTION MEMBERS :

Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at Piccadilly Cafeteria on Clearview Parkway, Metairie Louisiana. Board Meeting starts at 6:00 pm and General Meeting starts at 7:00 pm..

BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2023 continued

Mitch Pivach– Award Plaque & Ribbons Chairman
Kathy Reeves-Secretary, Newsletter, Scribe
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LCDD NEW CATEGORY WILL REPLACE OLD CAD CATEGORY

This to notify carvers that after much reviewing, discussion and approval of the rules committee starting this year's show 2023 the Old Category CAD has been removed and replaced with New Category LCDD (LOUISIANA CLASSIC DECOY DESIGN). See Rules Book for Details

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Emile opened the meeting by introducing himself and thanked all for coming to our first meeting of the year. He asked everyone to remember Lydia, who fell tonight in front of the restaurant in their prayers. He then welcomed two guests Sylvia Isabel and her friend Karen to our meeting.. He said that Fred Guidry had a cold and didn't feel well and Chris was dehydrated and feeling too weak to come.

Mr. Ruth then lead the pledge and Emile asked for a moment of silence to pray for our carving friends who had passed since our last meeting.

Emile reminded everyone that we had two good shows last year and thanked them for helping to organize them. He said that attendance was down a little, but was expected because of having 2 shows. He mentioned some things we need to do for our next show:

Locating and making sure we have the identification tags for the tables, Also name tags so people would be able to identify our workers . Dickey said we had tags before and that he and Ruth will handle getting some more.

Coordinators to process the rules book for the show. Sending out survey cards to those who didn't come to our show.

Organize a list for the Auction of carvers who took machine birds to paint and make sure they return them before the show.

Chris said he will handle the head whittling contest. He also mentioned the kits he made last year for the kids and said we should make them again.

We also need a membership chairman to organize those who have emails and phone numbers and addresses for those who don't so we can contact them. Advertising on TV, radio, magazines, signs in businesses, windows, handouts , yard signs. It was mentioned that yard signs need more information. Chris suggested give a free pass to anyone who helps us to advertise. He said there is also a show on cable called "Paradise Louisiana". Gene suggested creating a board position to handle advertising and a budget to do it. Also to work on getting more free advertising spots.

We also need more man power for the admittance desk at the entrance.

We need someone to get the art racks from Lydia's home and to set them up for the children's art contest at our show.

We need to get the old plaques and trophies clean them, bring them up to date and put them in storage till the show. Miss Marie offered a shed we could store some things in, but we need climate control.

Emile told members that he left a list at the front table for anyone who wants to volunteer and reminded everyone that dues are due tonight. He said February meeting we will hold our election and that we were keeping all current board members and nominations were open to any one new who is interested as well. \

Joan Bonner said she needs help with the fine art as she is looking to turn it over to someone else and wants to retire after 12 years. Kim Berkley, A.J. 's daughter a Fine Arts artist and instructor at South-eastern university said that she and some of her friend's will help. Miss Marie said she wants to help also. Mr. Ruth said he will get 1st, 2nd, and 3rds place for the kids contest.18 prizes total. Emile thanked all for offering to help and Mr. Ruth's for his generous donation. Emile suggested that we make two separate sections, one for people to hang the Fine Art, and one for hanging the children's school art.

Emile made a suggestion for more man power to unload on Friday night. Mike said they don't have a problem . Emile said we should change the time from 8pm to 7pm if no help is needed loading and unloading.

Also the Memorial Plaque needs to be redone because the laminate is coming off. He said there are names on twice and some names that shouldn't be on there. He said we need an accurate list of the names of deceased members and old carvers to correct the plaque. We will be taking a photo of board members tonight.

Mr. Ruth brought up a question about Category CAD which is carving of a decoy in Louisiana style, with carving and painting influence from old classic Louisiana carvers. He said its getting hard to tell if they are originals and that some carvers don't sign their birds . Mr. Ruth said he feels that we should drop that category .

Cal was asked how he felt. He said we carve in the style of them, but would never copy or make it to look like their bird. He said he grew up with many of these people and that new collectors are the ones who can't tell an original one from a copy.

Suggestion was Tabled till next meeting

A suggestion was made to rename the Life Time Achievement Award to Charles Frank Award Tabled (to be discussed again)

Nominations were made for Mrs. Frank to be given the Life Time Achievement Award for this year. Being no further business door prizes were given and meeting was adjourned.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2023
LWCCG MEETING MINUTES

Emile opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for coming and said we have a lot to cover tonight. He asked if we had any guests. Gene introduced a guest Dax Hinton from Alabama. Emile welcomed Dennis Leonard and his wife Kathy who joined our club at our show in October and are attending LWCCG meeting for the first time. The Pledge was then held.

A moment of silence was held for member Anthony Lombas 's wife Judy who passed away in September 2022. She was a native of Picayune, Mississippi and resident of Houma, La.

A moment of silence for Mrs. Jean Frank, wife of Charles Frank who passed away. She was a friend, member of the board and sponsor. Celebration of Her Life will be held on May 8th, 2023 which would have been her (100th Birthday) at the Temple Sinai. Emile said he hopes our board and members will attend. A motion was made in January and decided at our meeting to honor Mrs. Frank with the posthumous LWCCG 2023 Lifetime Achieve Award for her dedication.

Emile gave an update on members who couldn't make the meeting: Richard is recovering from pneumonia. Kathy is recovering from a compound fractured finger and a dog bite. Curt has a stomach virus. Dickey had dental work and is recovering.

Emile then told members that there was no newsletter for February due to Kathy's illness. It will be mailed out soon after she recovers. He also reminded them that dues are due for 2023 and will be collected by Dickey when he recovers.

Next, Emile opened the nominations for Officers. There were two new nominations for members on the Board: Dennis Leonard and John Scallan. Both were voted in along with the current Board which were reinstated. Being no new nominations for Officers they were voted in and reinstated as well.

Discussion was brought up at the January meeting about the Category CAD. (see minutes recorded and included for January) tabled till February but continue to study, discuss and review.

At the February meeting a new Category LCDD (Louisiana Classic Decoy Design) was discussed, developed, and accepted by the membership with understanding these rules be reviewed and confirmed by all members of the Rules Book Committee. Please review and reply ASAP. Rules Book Pending this change.

Harvey Lewis made a proposal to change the title of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Charles Frank Lifetime Achievement Award. The proposal was tabled till the next meeting (March)

LWCCG 50TH Anniversary and Mr. Curt's Birthday (94 years old) was celebrated with a cake.