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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LWCCG meetings have been changed to the last Wednesday of the month for the remainder of the year to accommodate football fans. The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. prior to the General membership meeting. Please arrive early to allow time to purchase your food. You can eat your dinner during the meeting. Prior to the August meeting, our treasurer, Louis Michel and secretary, Barbara Michel resigned their elected positions for personal reasons. However they both promised to continue to participate and assist with our Festival.

At the Executive Committee Meeting, Dickie Autin was nominated treasurer, and Elda Olsen was nominated as secretary. Both positions were approved by the General Membership.

The primary topic of discussion at the Executive Committee Meeting as well as the General Membership Meeting will be advertising.

Mr. Gerard Ruth has been working hard as chairman of the Advertising Committee and will present some suggestions that will require immediate attention in order to have a successful show.

Chris Towns has been working hard on getting the Festival rules edited and published. A final draft will be available at the meeting for review before publication.

John Scallan has volunteered to chair the vender and display table committee. The cost of the first table for LWCCG members is \$85 ; non members \$150. All additional tables will be \$50 for LWCCG members and \$100 for non members. If you would like to rent a table or know someone who would, please contact John Scallan at 985-966-9282.

We are still working on getting a Web Site for LWCCG . Hopefully before the next meeting, we can accomplish this. Keep checking at LWCCG.ORG which will be our new website address.

At our August meeting, we had some terrific carvings (See our Show and Tell section). I hope to have as good a showing for our September meeting. Please bring something you are working on or have recently completed. We would also like to see some Antique decoys and have some of our experts evaluate them. At our August meeting we had over 50 members in attendance. I can't thank you enough for your contributions in getting this club and Festival re-organized.

Once again I'm asking everyone to get the word out—we are going to do everything possible to make this our best show ever. This can only happen if carvers and the general public know about it. Please help make this happen.

Thanks,
Richard Reeves

**THE NEXT GENERAL
LWCCG MEETING WILL BE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AT
PICCADILLY CAFETERIA,
2222 CLEARVIEW PKWY.,
SUITE 107, AT 7:00 P.M.**

SHOW & TELL!

We had a good selection for our first show and tell at the August meeting.

Cal Kingsmill brought a beautiful pair of pintail hunting decoys which he had recently completed. They were done in the traditional gunner style that Cal is famous for.

Joe Courcell brought a decorative hunting decoy that he carved many years earlier and stated that he had competed it at that time. After winning a blue ribbon, he was changed to 3rd place because his bird was declared to be too decorative.

Chris Weaver brought a snake fish lure which he had carved. He said he was inspired to create this lure after catching a large trout with a snake in it's belly. The lure was approximately 6 to 8 inches long with 4 hooks along it's bottom.

LWCCG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

August 31, 2009

Executive Meeting-6pm to 7pm General Membership Meet- ing started a 7:20 pm

REPLACEMENT OF VACANT OFFICERS: Richard announced that two officer positions became vacant, with the resignations of Louis Michel, Treasurer, and Barbara Michel, Secretary due to personal reasons. These positions were filled by the executive committee with the nominations of Dickie Autin as Treasurer, and Elda Olsen as Secretary and were also approved by the General Membership.

SHOW ADVERTISING: Richard presented a Show flyer or temporary posters for Festival advertising. Chris Towns, who is working on having the rules printed suggested that he could use this as the cover for the Festival Rules Book as well as a flyer— was approved by membership. The Ward Foundation was contacted for advertising the Festival in their book, but it had already been completed for publication. They will put our flyer on their web site.

RULES BOOK: Chris Towns is having the rules book printed at Office Depot and suggested printing the cover in color with the rest of the book in black and white. It was recommended that the rules be put in a format on the computer. Richard stated that the rules will be placed on the LWCCG web page as soon as one is set up. Rules will be basically the same except for the miniature category Division II. Instead of half size miniature will be a maximum of 8 inches to be in line with the other shows around the country. Mike Bonner stated that if we do this, we might get some good pieces which have been competed in other shows.

PURCHASE AWARDS: Richard said that it appears that all purchase awards have been funded except “Decorative Pairs”. He suggested that if we can not get a sponsor we offer a cash prize instead of a purchase award. Curt Fabre stated that he was waiting to hear from Chevron on the Pairs Purchase Award which would be used for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. It was recommended that the rules contain a disclaimer stating that if no sponsor can be found, there would be prize money instead of a purchase award. It was approved unanimously that the prize money for category A, B, and C as well as the pairs will be :

1st Place \$300
2nd Place \$150
3rd Place \$50

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS FOR FESTIVAL: The Castine Center requires a \$250 fee if anyone other than they sell the food. Mr. Ruth, an Executive Board Member and Shriner, offered to have the Shriners run the food booth with all proceeds going to Children’s Hospital. He will check to see if the Shriners are willing to pay the \$250 fee. It was also recommended that Mr. Ruth check to see if they have the proper insurance. A member asked if liquor could be sold and what would the requirements be. It will be checked and reported at the next meeting.

ANTIQUA CARVING COMPETITIONS: There will be a new Louisiana Reproductive Antiques Category this year. One will feature Authentic Antique Louisiana Decoys, the other will be Antique Decoy Reproductions. Both will compete for Ribbons. The Authentic Louisiana Decoy Category can be a decoy of any species for this year and will be awarded a Ribbon and a certificate stating that it is the best Authentic Louisiana Decoy for 2009. The Antique Decoy Reproduction will be judged and awarded Ribbons. It was recommended that there be an Antique Decoy expert on hand to identify and evaluate.

DEDICATION OF FESTIVAL: Members were in agreement to dedicate the Festival to LWCCG members who have passed on since our last show before Katrina. Many names were given to be added to the Plaque List and a request was made for members to ascertain any others that were not mentioned.

LWCCG SITE: Richard stated that the club needs to get a website established to advertise our Festival, contact carvers around the country, and send newsletters. John Scallan will get a price on setting up and maintaining a website.

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF MEETING NIGHTS: Mike Bonner asked if there was a possibility of changing the LWCCG Monday night meetings during the foot ball season. Piccadilly’s Manager advised us that Wednesday nights were available. A vote was taken and it was approved. So until further notice, meetings will be held at the same time and place on the last Wednesday of the month.

NEW CARVING SHOW: A member from Gueydon, Louisiana announced that they will be having their first Decoy Carving Show in June of 2010, and asked that we try to attend and support their show. We will keep you updated on any new information.

SHOW AND TELL: See the new section in our newsletter.

LWCCG signed up our 100th member tonight “Wendell Nunez”.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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