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President's Message:

President's note 3/16

I pray the bad weather and subsequent flooding did not affect you and your family. It humbles us to realize how susceptible we are to the wrath of mother nature.

I was unable to make the February meeting. One of our members (Joe Aguzin) has been very active in assessing our computer needs. He has made some amazing discoveries and we need to make some decisions that will affect our web site and the direction we will be taking with our future technology needs.

Some of our members has been representing the club and been showing off their talents at the Louisiana Sportsman show. We will be hearing reports on how successful they were. If any member recognizes any opportunity for us to continue this way of advertisement please bring it to our attention.

We are continuing to assess different ways of advertising the club. Hopefully the lack of mobility due to the weather has given you time to come up with new ideas.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.
Gene

NOTICE

LWCCG REGULAR MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 30, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. PICCADILLY CAFETERIA, 2222 CLEARVIEW PKWY. METAIRIE, LOUISIANA

ATTENTION MEMBERS! THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN APRIL. NEXT MEETING IS MAY 25TH. SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS WILL BE ATTENDING THE WARD SHOW IN OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND.

SHOW & TELL



Left: Michael Biguenet holds a pair of Mallard Decoys he carved made of Cypress root with Balsa wood heads. Campo Style (1951).



Right: Dr. Jamie Hutchinson a new member, shows his first carving; a Drake Blue Wing Teal Decoy which he carved and painted.

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**Minutes for February 24, 2016
General Membership Meeting.**

Richard conducted the meeting because Gene Hebert's wife Meryl has been in the hospital and was coming home today. Richard asked everyone to remember them both in your prayers.

Joe Aguzin has volunteered to help us by organizing the website and keeping it up to date. Kathy asked Joe if he would also send out the newsletter which is emailed each month if she sent it to him and he agreed to help with that as well.

Don Dubuc is helping with organizing our Festival advertising and how to get the word out to the public.

The Boat Museum in Madisonville has contacted us and invited us back for a show at the Museum. We will have a Show on Saturday sometime in mid September; (Sept. 10 or Sept. 17). Anyone who wishes to participate can get a table for free to display and sell their carvings with a small percentage charge (10% or 20%) on what you sell.

Dr. Kenneth Margolis who was visiting and attended our meeting graciously volunteered to sponsor Division II , Miniature Decorative Wildfowl Carvings and Richard thanked him. Dr. Margolis asked when would we start advertising. Richard said it usually starts in April at the Ward Show in Maryland. The Ward Foundation gives us a free table where we can distribute our Rules Books and Fliers. Richard asked if anyone knows anybody connected with sporting good stores. Chris Weaver said he knows Puglia's and 2 others.

Mr. Gerard Ruth told Richard that Mr. Joe Macaluso who is a Sports Editor for the Advocate Newspaper will once again do an article with a story about our Festival...just send him the information and pictures. Mr. Ruth mentioned that we may also be able to get a 30 second spot on a TV show (Baton Rouge) at no charge.

Wendy Hazey may do a painting demonstration with instruction using paints and canvas. Joan will keep us posted.

The Sportsman Show will Be on Thursday March 17th, - Sunday March 20th. We will have a table and it is open to any of our members to demo on if you would like to come and participate for a few hours on one of the mentioned days. We will give out fliers for our Festival.

Cahill Academy has contacted us and will be having once again this year a Whale Festival. They said the children and parents thoroughly enjoyed our demo last year and would like to have us back again. We will have a classroom to demonstrate how we carve and can sell small items if we wish to. The time is April 15th at 8:00am until 2:30pm. Please let Dickey know if you are interested in participating.

Richard sadly announced that Charles Fontana, a long time carver, member and friend has passed away. Please keep his family in your prayers.

See Show and tell Illustrations in this issue.

Door prizes were given out and being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M..

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