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President's Note: 6-17

A lot has happened since our last meeting. We are still looking for new ways to get the word out about our festival. We attended the Cajun Heritage Festival and assisted Harvey Lewis with book sales. In my opinion they had a very successful show. Rules, flyers for the show and flyers for the art and children art will be available at the meeting. Anyone seeing an opportunity to put them out will be greatly appreciated. Hopefully we will be able to draw more interest in our festival. We will be starting

a new item at the meeting to demonstrate our carving processes. Cal Kingsmill will be demonstrating scratch painting. We haven't checked with Piccadilly yet to get their ok but will do so before the meeting. We are looking for volunteers for future meetings. Some of the agenda of our last meeting was tabled to give our members more opportunity to consider its impact. We will be discussing whether to join the

NOTICE

Next General Meeting will be JUNE 28TH, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and will be in the "Front Meeting Room" once again. Piccadilly Cafeteria 2222 Clearview Pkwy.

IWCA, How much to raise prize money for the art and photography contest, if it would be possible to market the book on our website, amongst other topics brought to the table.
Gene

SHOW AND TELL



Cal holds an old Spoon Bill Drake he used for hunting. It has some shot in it. It was on display in the "New Orleans Collection" a few years ago.



Curt shows a Blue Wing Teal with a Mitchell Lafrance body. It was called a Bubble Head Decoy. Early decoy birds had long bodies and no cheeks cut in.



Gerard shows a decoy from his collection by Al Aucoin from Bourg., Louisiana. On the bottom it has the same marking as Arthur Pellegrino A- Plain, made from Tupelo Root.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Gene called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and asked if there were any questions. Joe introduced Clayton, a new member and he was welcomed.

Mike Bonner, who has been ill, is back at the meetings, said he is taking chemotherapy and is doing O.K.

A member stated that Gerard Armand is in the hospital because he had fallen.

Gene said he mailed 300 Rules Booklets out to our members including those that were members of our club up to 3 years ago. He reminded members about the Blue Bonnet Show coming up. The show exhibits mostly Antique and some Contemporary Decoys. Each year they give us a table for free to display our carvings.

We took over Harvey Lewis's books from ULL, placed them in storage and are selling them for \$30 each.

Mr. Curt Fabre was congratulated by Gene and members for being honored at a Banquet at the Ward Show this year and presented the "Living Legends Award".

Gary said he has an appointment with the Lieutenant Governor, who will be helping us to advertise our Festival all over the state by putting out fliers and posters. Gary will also extend to him an invitation to speak at our Banquet in September, if he is available.

Joe Aguzin said he, Dr. Hutchinson, and Ricky Buras each had a table at the Seafood Festival in Plaquemines Parish. They handed out fliers and said there was a lot

of interest in the LWCCG Festival.

New Business: Gene told members that IWCA approached us at the Ward Show and said that if we joined them we would have to standardize our rules in carving. Most of our rules are for our Sponsors so we don't follow IWCA. Our rules committee will get the rules, compare them to ours and get back with us.

A Gentleman contacted our club and said he would like to make a donation to our club for \$5,000. In return he would like for us to name our photography contest in memory of Jack Greene. We need to find out more information (if this is a one time donation or yearly). Joan said we need to get more people to enter the photography category and more judges for the competition.

Cal Kingsmill volunteered to do a quick demo of a scratch painting or decoy next meeting. We hope to have more at future meetings.

Deeks Ducks donated some machine birds for members to paint for the 50/50 auction. They are available to anyone who would like to paint one.

Joan said that Wendy Hazey will do another Art Demonstration this year at the Festival. We also need to get in touch with the person that does the Live Wildfowl Demonstration usually on Saturday at Noon.

We had Show and Tell (see explanations with pictures in this newsletter. The door prizes were given out and being no further business the meeting adjourned.



Left: Bob Carved his Pintail Drake with a rounded shape out of tupelo wood and painted it with oil based enamel.



Pictured Above: Mike Bonner shows a drawing of a pattern he is working on for a little Green Herron. His first commission in 6 months Mike has been ill, is taking treatments and is starting to feel better.

Right: Chris holds an old shell bucket he refinished. He painted the outside with some decoys for decoration. He said he use to use his bucket for a seat but it was larger. It kept the gun shells dry.

