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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, at Piccadilly Cafeteria. The Executive Committee meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., the General Meeting at 7:00 p.m..

The election of officers and Executive Committee Members will take place at this meeting. The following members have agreed to run for the positions as indicated below:

Officers:

President—Richard Reeves

1st Vice President—Curt Farve

2nd Vice President—Mike Bonner

Treasurer—Dickie Autin

Executive Secretary—Elda Olsen

Recording Secretary—Kathy Reeves

Executive Committee:

Gene Hebert

Don Fought

Allen Kancher

Chris Towns

Wendell Nunez

John Scallan

Cal Kingsmill

Mitch Pivot

Gerard Ruth

John Houston

Billy Hannerman

If anyone would like to run for an Officer or Executive Committee Member Position, please submit your nomination prior to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. At 7 p.m., the General meeting will begin and applications for office will be announced. If anyone wishes to speak in support of their nomination, time will be allocated. At 7:30 p.m. applications will no longer be accepted and the election

will take place. If you are interested, please let us know as we need new members to contribute their ideas and efforts.

Since the last meeting the Rules Committee has completed the 2010 Rules Book and will it will be presented at the meeting.. It will also be placed on our web page.

As announced at the March meeting, the Michigan (North American Championship Festival) has disbanded, and has agreed to relinquish the title to the LWCCG, along with the trophies used at their show. At our October 2010 Festival, Division A—Competition Grade Decorative Decoy will be titled the “North American Championship”.

In future years, additional categories will be added.

According to our by-laws, the 2010 membership fees are now due.

There are only a few tables available for the Louisiana Maritime Museum Wildfowl Demonstration –Sale-scheduled for Saturday, August 14. If you are interested, please sign up now. This is open to any LWCCG paid member, who wishes to demonstrate or sell their work.

Several of our members will be attending the “Ward World Championship” in Ocean City, Maryland this month and will be distributing our Rules Book to promote our Festival. If you will be attending any shows prior

LWCCG ‘S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 28, 2010 AT PICCADILLY CAFETERIA, 2222 CLEARVIEW PKWY., SUITE 107, AT 7:00 P.M.

to our Festival, we would appreciate it if you would please request some Rules books and pass them out for us. We would like to emphasize the importance of not only supporting our Festival, but other Carving Competitions and Festivals as well as it keeps our art alive.

Don't forget your Show and Tell for the meeting. Hope to see everyone there for the election.

Richard Reeves

SHOW AND TELL



Above: Mr. Gerard Ruth shows a pair of miniature “antique” Mallards. Be-

low: Mr. Gerard Armand shows a “Contemporary Antique” Mallard.



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**LWCCG
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING MINUTES FOR
MARCH 31, 2010**

General Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Sick Members: An Announcement was made that Wade Hanks is doing well.. He is up and around. Mr. John Cacamo is also in the hospital.

Plaques for Deceased: Mr. Frank asked who was handling the plaques for the deceased members. Mike Bonner is handling that.

Election of Officers and Board: Richard asked for nominations for board positions. There were no new nominations. Anyone wishing to run can also put their name on the list.

North American Championship: Michigan has given us the use of the North American Championship title. It was noted that it is more prestigious to use the title of North American Champion. They will also give us the plaques. Every year the winner's name will be added (some great carvers are on the plaque). The big plaque will remain in the club; a smaller plaque will be given to the winner.

Louisiana Maritime Museum: The Louisiana Maritime Museum in Madisonville is offering LWCCG members a large room at the museum on Lake Pontchartrain to exhibit & sell their work one or two days during the summer months of June, July, or August. The museum said the only requirement is a 10% commission, but it may be waived. They will handle the advertisement and set up tables (20 to 30) . You must be a member of LWCCG in order to participate. Admission will be charged to the general public. All carvings as well as antique carvings will be allowed. No crafts will be allowed. The museum is in a good neighborhood with art interests. We can advertise our show for this year. There are no costs to members.

Advertisement: Our biggest challenge for the show will be advertisement. Some of the suggestions were advertising in the Clipper Magazine, trying for free advertising, bumper stickers. Richard asked for a volunteer to handle the advertisement. A member mentioned that Jim Bonner may be interested in handling it.

Flat Art: One possibility in promoting the flat art is to join with the North Shore Art Club. We will give them space and set up tables, but we will have to be careful how we allocate space this year. We are limited to two rooms. We will give ribbons but no money prize. A member can possibly get three judges. If the Art Club can get a sponsor for the money prize, they can do that. They will have to handle the Flat Art Division. The subject must be wildlife. We will need someone to coordinate this category with the Art Club. It was mentioned that there was disappointment with the Flat Art display at last year's show. The information given was that the art could not be hung. The reason for this is that we do not have the peg boards to do so. If the Art Club can get peg boards they can hang them.

Web Page: We are trying to get a list of people who have access to the web page. Members who do have access should retrieve their newsletter on the web site. By doing so, we can cut down on the number of mail-outs, thereby saving on the postage.

Magazine: Richard asked for a volunteer to handle the composing of the showing the highlights of the show. It would have the pictures of the entries and the winners. It would be a history of the show. This would also entail selling enough adds to cover the costs of publication. Getting the booklet published will be a tremendous undertaking, and whoever handles it would have to dedicate time and effort. The volunteer could contact Pat Garrity of Garrity Press for information on the process.

Sponsors: Recognition was given to

Allen Kancher for getting more money from sponsors this year than last year. He mentioned that there is still no sponsor for pairs.

Rules: There is a change in the rule for miniatures. It is listed as half size, but must be a minimum 6" and maximum of 8".

Birthday: Birthday wishes were given to Curt Farve who is 81 years old today.

Show and Tell: Bob Smith brought in an antique decoy that was carved by a Portuguese seaman. Bob asked if anyone might have any knowledge about. The piece belongs to a friend of Bob's. Richard showed a commission piece (a pelican that he is working on. Mr. Armand showed a contemporary antique piece. Gerard Ruth brought in two antique miniatures by Cadiz. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m..

2010 Membership Dues are Now Due!

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Above: Mr. Bob Smith shows an "Antique Decoy Mallard by a Portuguese carver. Below is a Pelican a work in progress, shown by Richard

