

General Club Meeting
Sun City West Wood Working Club
April 5th, 2022 @1:00
RH Johnson Social Hall

Number of members present: 96 A Quorum was established

Club Board Present: Merrikay Vidal, Gary Roberts, Jim Sloan, Bill Gentry, Jim Rowe, Terry Bernard, Jeff Heffington, Darlene Thompson

Board Members Absent: Ron Kolacek

Call to Order by President Merrikay Vidal at 1:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes with questions: At the March meeting two questions were asked and not answered in the minutes: 1) giving items to nonprofit and 2) selling items at the PORA store.

Answers to questions:

- 1) The Board will be considering a club policy addressing this.
- 2) IRS rules, Sun City West Rec Center Rules and Woodworking Club rules all speak to producing items for sale. Selling at PORA or anywhere else violates those rules.

Finance Report: Not available

Old Business:

Updates on Jump Saw has been referred to the Rec Center Maintenance. The Milling machine is functioning well and is being used.

Reports:

Education Report: Jim Sloan

Classes are in progress with more coming. Coordinators for classes: Jerry Scheibly (Ring Master), Jeff Heffington (CNC), Jack Dohollow (lathe), Daryl

Coulthart (general woodworking) and Jim Lindgrin (Orientation). Thank you, gentlemen!

Most of the planning is concentrating for the fall, summer classes will continue and perhaps take on different form as there is time and space in the club during the summer. We are attempting an interface with the orientation group, running special classes for the new members to sign up in lathe, ring master and general woodworking. It will be evaluated for effectiveness.

Members can sign up at the club's website

<http://www.scwoodshop.com/>. If a member has an idea for a class or would like to teach a class, contact Jim Sloan @ majorjim439@gmail.com.

Safety and Shop activity: President Vidal reminded the club with pictures that some activity in the club is hurting the club. Including:

- the sign on the new router machine needs to be read for successful operation. There is a button to push instead of the traditional method.

- Table saws are not intended to handle acrylic or epoxy. The coating sticks to the blade and diminishes the purpose of the Saw Stop blade protection.

- Drum Sanders should not be used with glue that has not dried at least 24 hours.

- Purple Heart wood burns easily on sanders. Use a gentle touch and use erasers often.

Maintenance Report: Terry Barnard reported that 28 band saw blades have needed replacement in the past three months, costing the club is \$800.

Reasons: forcing the cut/pushing too hard, not cleaning saw properly when finished, backing out from a cut, placing the guard improperly.

Remedies: Open blast gates (vents). When the saw is used without the vent open, the saw dust goes into the machine and causes problems. Take your time on the

cut, make sure the guard is slightly above the wood to support the cut. As usual, if you are unsure, ask for help.

The Disc Sanders are now equipped with auto blast gates (vents), don't adjust

Routers need to be opened and cleaned when finished.

New Business: The President acknowledged the cleaning and maintenance crews for taking care of the club!

Repair update: Chop saw and Nova are in repair mode and will be back in service soon.

Safety: There have been three accidents in the past two weeks (all on lathes). This should serve as a reminder that safety is critical. Also, if the lathe is running, the face shield must be down to protect the user.

Announcements:

Happy Hour April 19th 4-6 p.m. Beverages will be provided, members are encouraged to bring appetizers.

Next General Meeting: May 3rd 1:00 p.m. Palm Ridge

Comments/Concerns none, a happy group

Adjournment @ 1:25 p.m.

Submitted by Club Secretary Jim Sloan