

Sun City West Metal Club

Membership Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. by the President, Doc Gundersen with the repeating of *The Pledge of Allegiance*. 86 members were in attendance constituting a quorum.

After the minutes were read and accepted as presented, the Treasurers Report was also accepted as presented.

The Treasurer reported that we cannot earn more than \$1,000 interest in any given year or we must file an income tax form. To avoid having to file, he suggested we move some of the Money Market funds to the checking account.

A discussion followed and it was moved, seconded and failed “*That we authorize the treasurer to move money from the money market to checking account.*” It was then moved, seconded and carried, “*That it be left up to the board to study and take the proper action.*”

The President reported the following items:

1. The new entry procedure is working well and that members are to be reminded to swipe their badges on their way past the desk.
2. The need for reliable monitors is a continued need. Bob Freese added that 8 monitors are needed for the summer shifts and volunteers should contact him.
3. The need also exists for a person to undertake the *Work Request Program and Book*, as well as a volunteer to create a small brochure for use in the Visitor’s Center and shop. Someone is also needed to take over the maintenance of the *Monitoring Calendar, the Events Calendar* and the *Classes Calendar*.
4. Based on better attendance and probable availability, the board approved to again hold next year’s membership meetings at 11 a.m.

The President then read the following request from the Village Store. “*If a member is leaving for the season and has any items in the Village Store that may be pulled while they are gone, they must make arrangements either with the club, or individually pull the items out before they leave. The Village Store does not have room to store the items.*”

Next the President on behalf of the club, expressed sincere thanks to the Picnic Committee for the very successful picnic, to Kay Conroy for upgrading the current roster, to Lou Bentsen for his continued help in making member badges, and to Ken Russell for refurbishing the tips for the plasma cutter, thus getting two or more uses out of this expensive resource, which saves the club a considerable amount of money.

The President also acknowledged the photographic help Mike Steward is providing to the Publicity Committee. He also thanked the committee for doing an excellent job in getting news releases in the local publications.

Under the topic Old Business, the President reported:

1. The Bylaw Committee is working and no specific date has been set to end their task, but it should be sometime in the fall. Members wishing to give guidance or information are to contact Ed Gallardo, Doc Plastas or Howard Lepolstat.
2. The Shop Committee has addressed the lack of wheels on chairs around the coffee table. The solution is forthcoming within the week.
3. A reminder was given that the board appointed Shop Committee is the sole entity to request outside information, call in experts, and evaluate plans.

Continuing under Old Business, Club member Dave Teslow reminded members to visit the club website as it contains valuable information and another member expressed his concern that the card readers for the machinery has problems. He was assured by the President that the problem will be corrected by the end of the month.

Under New Business the President reported:

1. That he has created a one-man *Executive Board Advisory Committee* and appointed Bill Welnick to the position, as a way to honor and acknowledge Bill for his boundless support and energy that keeps our shop running.
2. TIM – the *Invisible Man*, has not slowed down a bit, and he continues because each of us has failed to do something when we see him. Since this is the time of year that in the past, TIM has made a great amount of tools and material disappear, all members were asked to join the board in remaining vigilant in trying to stop this problem.
3. At the last board meeting it was voted to ask the membership to approve the following motion. “*That the Executive Board recommends to the membership that they authorize the board to purchase a replacement milling machine.*” After a short discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to “*authorize the board to purchase a replacement milling machine.*”

There being no other new business the two \$25 drawings were held and the winners were Bob Freese and Sherman Katz.

Jeanne Zalud, Secretary