

Sun City West Metal Club

Board Meeting Minutes – January 2, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by George Wildridge. Board members Ken Brauer, Si Handzik, Frank Morgan, Don Mellum, Terry Phillips, Bob Freese and Bill Welnick were present. Guests present were Dick Schuemke, Mike Steward and Brad Huber.

George Wildridge established that a quorum was present and that the new officers were installed. Dick Schuenke was recognized as a new Board Member.

Reading of the minutes of last month's meeting was waived, having been posted in the shop as required.

Don Mellum gave a financial report and also submitted an annual cash flow report.

The President reported on various items as follows.

1. Members use of the table space and storage areas.
Table space is not to be monopolized over long periods of time, in excess of one or two days. After discussion, without a formal vote, agreement was reached to speak to the members who are involved. A time factor will be discussed. Some arrangement should be discussed to avoid static.
2. The "Toys For Tots" campaign became difficult – at least - to complete. Finding a place to give the donations became almost impossible. Eventually the Fire Department agreed to receive the donations. In the future, any donated items will be given to the S.C.W. Wood Club. These items may then be added to their effort.
3. Thanks to Ron Guttu, Dick Schuenke and Jack Coalman the shop air compressor is operating again. Roger Meyer helped by making and installing a few filters for return air to the compressor. Dick agreed to set up a maintenance schedule prescribing an oil change for the compressor of every three months.
4. Dues collection for the new year is going along well.
5. Brad Huber reported on an increased number of missing tools. Discussion centered around methods of overcoming the losses. Increased amounts of steel are being lost from the steel rack on the patio. Sheet metal losses are not as severe as rod and bar stock.
6. A class of instruction in the use of a defibrillator will be held on January 19th. People who wish to take the class are asked to sign-up at the Monitor's desk.

A report of the Computer Committee by Bill Welnick stated that a new card reader for the qualification designator at the Monitor's Desk has been installed. Some of the excess computer hardware like monitors and such, will be disposed of in order to make more bench-top space at the far East end of the shop.

Mike Steward reported for the Shop Safety Committee. He reported the Fire Department visited our shop on December 19th, to demonstrate the use of Fire Extinguishers. He also reported on the "Welding Room Move". This possible move is a delicate subject in that we have some members that are subject to some of the "fall out", chemical and otherwise, that results from welding. Certain "fall out" also results from the paint-booth which effects some members. The question that came up was "How serious" is "serious". After much discussion and without taking any vote this subject was put off to be solved another day. More ventilation seemed to be one of the only direction to go.

George Wildridge has responded to five suggestions he received in the "Suggestion Box" as follows:

1. Bill Kellner asked to have new hoses installed on the grinding tables. This suggestion has been approved for installations this week
2. Tom Wrona indicated a need for a urinal in the men's room. A decision to request permission to do this will be submitted to the Rec. Centers Maintenance.
3. Tom Wrona further suggested a minor change related to parking Golf Carts. This item is under advisement.
4. Alferd Hausmann suggested the Club buy a C.N.C. simulator to assist in training people to run C.N.C. Mills. Alfred was asked to investigate the availability and possible cost of such a tool.
5. Alfred Hausmann further suggests color coding the brazing and heating torches in welding department. He has been informed that such color coding has been applied to avoid danger in the future.

As a last item, Terry Phillips suggested the Club acquire a pop machine to dispense drinks so to free up refrigerator space. He was asked to submit a cost and availability estimate.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Si Handzik, Secretary