

SUN CITY WEST METAL CLUB

Executive Board Meeting – January 7, 2010

I. Call to Order by President George Wildridge (“GW”) at 0900, at the Men’s Club

A “Quorum” of the Board was present: Absent Board Members

George Wildridge	Jim Hesser
Mike Loiselle	
Bob Freese	
John Grimes	
Si Handzik	
Dave Herring	
Terry Phillips	
Shirley Mellum (arrived late at 0925)	

II. Guests present:

Mike Steward
John Holm
Darlene Phillips

III. Executive Board confidential business:

At 0905 GW cleared the room of guests and presented two nominations to the Board for consideration:

1. SECRETARY: Mike Steward was recommended and nominated for the position of “SECRETARY” by a motion from Bob Freese (#657) and seconded by Terry Phillips (#600); the motion passed unanimously and Steward will fill this position subject to approval by the General Membership at the meeting on January 14, 2010.

2. PAST PRESIDENT: “Doc” Gundersen, following a discussion of whether the Recreation Center’s Bylaws or the Metal Club’s Bylaws precluded Gundersen from serving as the “PAST PRESIDENT” of the Metal Club, was recommended and nominated for the position of “PAST PRESIDENT” by a motion from Bob Freese (#657) and seconded by Mike Loiselle (#1121); the motion passed unanimously and Gundersen will fill this position.

IV. December 2009 Minutes:

Reading of the Minutes of last month’s Board meeting was waived. Copies of the Minutes for the last three Board meetings are conspicuously posted at the Metal Club.

V. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer’s Report: John Grimes reported that account balances will not be available until bank statements are obtained on the 10th of the month.

VI. President’s Report:

1. MC Financial records Audit: GW spoke to the question of obtaining a full audit of the MC financial books stating that it was nearly cost prohibitive at \$2,000+ . The general membership had been canvassed at the December 2009 meeting for someone

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with an accounting background: none was found. GW suggested Ken Russell should audit the MC books for 2009. Ken Russell, at present, is the Audit Committee.

2. Steel inventory: The MC needs an inventory of steel materials in the shop. Roger Cooper will head a committee to perform this task..

3. Bylaws: GW assigned each member of the Board a “page” of the Bylaws to examine and make a record of rule contradictions and regulatory discrepancies in the Bylaws so the MC can rewrite, as needed, a set of coherent, common-sense, non-conflicting Bylaws. (Page assignments by officer list attached.)

4. Rolling Ladder: A proposal for a “rolling ladder” to be secured at the top of the lockers via which members may more safely access/remove metal art pieces on the wall above the lockers was approved. The design is being finalized. Members will build and install it from materials in the MC.

5. Shop hours on Saturdays: Following a discussion of the pros and cons of opening the shop for personal work at 10:00 am on Saturday, a motion was made by GW that the hours when the shop is open for personal work on Saturday be changed to 10:00am to 4:00 pm: A straw vote indicated the Board wanted to retain the existing hours.

6. New Plasma machine: a member suggestion that the MC purchase a new Nitro (computer operated) plasma cutting machine was discussed and tabled pending forming a *committee of knowledgeable plasma machine users* to gather and present the hard cost and service data necessary before the Board makes a decision.

7. Band saw in back of the shop: Discussion of whether or not to dispose of this machine by putting it up for sale (via “bidding”) at the general meeting.

VI. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Supplies: Dave Herring: Invoice handling is an issue. The existing process is not adequate. Dave will recommend a workable method for invoice control.
2. Welding purchasing: Terry Phillips: The outside welding area’s new “curtains” continue to be a major problem (the wrong ones, tearing, unable to be secured, etc). Ramsey Welding Supply is involved but not moving rapidly to a final solution.
3. Safety: Hank Nahass: Not present
4. Nominating: Jim Bergstrom: Not present. GW appointed the following members to a standing nominating committee: Jim Bergstrom, Ralph Staples, Dave Eicke, Hank Nahas, Al Jeffers, Brad Huber.
5. Monitors: John Holm: training of new monitors progresses; clarifying operating rules in the MC is an ongoing issue being addressed by the Board.
6. Metal purchasing: Jim Hesser: not present.
7. Mail Box: Dave Icke: not present
8. Computer: Bill Welnick: not present.
9. Shop Maintenance: Joe Lenio: not present.
10. Ramada roof progress: Dick Schuenke: not present.

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VII. Unfinished Business: None

VIII. New Business:

1. Lockers: Bob Freese clarified the rule for member eligibility for having and keeping a locker: a member needs to have at least 12 visits to the MC in order to have and keep a locker. Lockers confiscated or “taken back” by the MC owing to too few visits: locks will be cut off, contents boxed and stored in loft for member pick-up.

2. “Red Box” on Monitor desk for cash for “donations”: Cash is accumulating in the Red Box from donations and confusion about what “amount” to write a receipt for with sales of materials. Interpreting the rules now in effect, GW indicated that if the amount of a sale is \$5.00 or less, there will be no receipt and the money will go into the Red Box. All donations go into the Red Box. John Holm will instruct the Monitors accordingly.

3. Board Officer materials: each Board officer was provided with a notebook containing pertinent information about the MC and its operations.

There being no further business, GW asked for and received a motion to adjourn. It was seconded. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1020 hrs.

*Mike Steward,
Secretary
January 9, 2010*