

# **SUN CITY WEST METAL CLUB**

## **Membership Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2009**

President George Wildridge began the meeting at 10:30 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to our nation's flag.

Hearing no objection, reading of our minutes of our previous meeting was waived. A copy of the minutes has been posted in the shop for three weeks.

Don Mellum gave a Treasurers report.

The first among many items reported by the President referred to a letter received from the Village Store. This letter informed all participants in the Craft Fair that 16% of all sales will be payable to the Village Store. A form to this effect must be signed by all participants of the Craft Fair.

A mandatory S.C.W. Rec. Center meeting of all Charter Club Officers was held this month. Our Club was represented by Bob West our Assistant Secretary. A Charter Club Exposition of most or all Charter Clubs was conducted last Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Beardsley Park. Darlene Phillips reported a great success of this event, where all Clubs had an opportunity to show many of their activities. Our Club's metal art drew much attention.

George next reported on the moving of our welding department to the rear of the building. The Executive Board voted unanimously to make the move. It will allow most welding jobs to be done outdoors. Any required indoor welding will be minimized. Mike Steward of the Shop Safety Committee will be fine tuning this move.

At the recent Executive Board Meeting on March 12, several items were discussed and acted upon. The Board approved a motion to install tile floors in the shop washrooms and office.

Brad Huber will be gathering information related to replacing the worn-out and unrepairable navigator plasma unit. He also recently arranged a demonstration of a new Tig welding machine which could replace the unit we now have.

Mail-box sales have decreased in the last two months. For a period of one month March 15<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Board approved a sale price of \$155.00 reduced from \$184.00 base price. A final price would be determined for future Mail-boxes after April 15<sup>th</sup>.

When leaving this meeting, members were asked to fill out a form updating their E-mail address. Club records need to be updated.

Committee reports were given as follows:

Tony Urso urged members to complete the E-mail address form when leaving the meeting. He also reported the purchase of a new computer in the shop to be used for training classes. Tony also said the Nitro plasma cutter would be down for repairs. The length of this repair time is as yet undetermined. Tony also reported that at present, there are about 170 members from last years membership who have not paid dues for 2009.

Our Club Picnic was reported by Linda West to be well on track for this afternoon at Beardsley Park. Also she reported the S.C.W. Craft Fair for Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> is all set to go.

Dave Teslow reported for Publicity, looking forward to a feature article in the S.C.W. Rec. Center News about Ben Hammer's locomotive. This will be in the April issue. Our Club's digital photo frame continues to perform well as the Visitor's Center.

**Terry Phillips indicated a need for Summer time Monitors due to members being absent at that time of the year. Two Monitors are required or the shop will close.**

**George Wildridge next reminded the members that 2009 dues are expected to be paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>. If not paid by then, your name is removed from the active membership list. If you have a locker your lock will be cut off and made available to another member.**

**Safety in the shop is always important. One member recently fell from a latter. No injuries reported. All are reminded to be careful.**

**Good and Welfare in our community is a subject that brought John Patrick, one of our members, to speak to us. He suggest that our club form a new committee of volunteers who could respond to minor but troublesome problems that arise in some residents lives. His view of this committee would be that of a helpful nature to the community and to person in need. He sees it as a win-win result.**

**The next order of business was adjournment and the attendance raffle. The monthly attendance prizes were awarded to Gil Gutwein #1048 and Paul Burrier #634.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Si Handzik, Secretary**