

SUN CITY WEST METAL CLUB

Board Meeting – April 5, 2024

Meeting called to order 10:30a.m. by President Lee Schwartz. Present: Rod Flack, Pat Frantz, Joe Faraone, Ken Booth, Wendi Boos, Terry Hurst, Larry Mann, Dave Price.

Lee shared his thoughts to continue the positive direction of the club and looks forward to working with the Board members in the coming year.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Rod, seconded by Ken to approve March 15 Meeting Minutes - all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Joe provided a recap of club finances and shared purchasing area monthly budget guidelines for 2024; General Purchasing = \$2,000; Metal Purchasing = \$1,500; Welding Purchasing = \$500; all were in favor. Joe will work with the purchasing areas to develop a purchase order system.

Lee asked the Purchasing areas to think about how they would like the members to indicate purchasing needs. We will send out an e-blast to all club members when those details are available.

Lee mentioned that the Foundry area generates income by selling parts they cast in the foundry. A separate account will be created for this income to be used for foundry related expenses; all were in favor of this arrangement.

Club Committees: Lee reviewed existing club committees and asked Pat Frantz as 2nd VP to be the liaison between the committees and the Board. Pat agreed to serve in this role and will provide committee updates as needed.

- IT Committee
- Social Committee

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- Audit Committee: Solicit 3 club members at next meeting.
- Machine Maintenance: Randy Mekus will develop maintenance schedules for plasma machines and other equipment. Larry Mann will work with Randy on these schedules.
 - Suggestion to shutdown Arclight or Phoenix for the summer and run with one plasma machine and Blaze.
- Club Maintenance: Dave works with Fred Neuenfeldt on club maintenance items; Gary Konop provides input as needed.
- Saturday morning sweeping crew: Lee will attend a Saturday morning session to meet the sweeping crew.
- Education & Training Committee: Dave and Wendi will continue to work with Norm Muzzy on this topic. Orientation sessions for new members are currently conducted by Terry and Dave; need to find another instructor for Orientation.

Vice President Functions: Lee asked Rod as 1st VP to prepare and submit Rec Center CR-12 (repair request) and CR-13 forms (remodeling under \$5K). Lee would like a copy of these requests; originals will be filed in the binders in the back office. Pat, as 2nd VP will be the committee liaison as described above.

General Meeting Schedule Changes: The Rec Center changed the number of required club general membership meetings to two per year. A discussion to cancel the May and September general meetings took place. Rod made a motion, seconded by Pat, to cancel the May and Sept. general meetings in 2025; all were in favor. Terry made a motion, seconded by Rod, to cancel the May and Sept. general meetings in 2024; all were in favor. Board meetings will continue to be scheduled for May and September; however, they will be cancelled depending upon the need for the Board to meet. These meeting changes will be announced at the upcoming General Meeting on April 11th.

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Policy & Procedures: Kasey Huhta confirmed that policy and procedures do not need to be approved by the membership. The Board will review these documents in the coming year and share these policies and procedures with club members once they are updated.

Metal Storage Rack: A suggestion was made to move the storage rack into the Conex trailer to open more space around the future man door area. Membership metal storage continues to be a mess in this area. Further discussions will take place on this topic.

Burn Area Upgrades: Lee and Larry will review the replacement of new valves, torches, and hoses in the burn area to upgrade the equipment for a safer and user-friendly situation. Lee will provide cost info at our next meeting.

Roundtable: Pat requested a report from Joe to show metal purchased versus metal sold to club members to see if the club is losing money on these transactions.

Dave shared Hypertherm vendor data that the monitors can use to identify if torch tips are original manufacturer or knock-off brands.

Terry shared an idea to provide new members with a color-coded lanyard so members can easily recognize new members and assist them as needed. Everyone thought this was a good idea to pursue.

Motion to adjourn made by Rod, seconded by Pat. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Submitted by Wendi Boos, Secretary – April 7, 2024