



December 2007

Minutes of Meeting November 10, 2007 submitted by Rob Arnberger, Secretary.

The Meeting was called to order by President, Jack Yancick. Jack introduced and welcomed new and renewed members: **Karen Sasek, Dan Wertz, and Larry Martin.** Jack introduced his famous "word of the month" learned from his special reading book located in his personal library. The word is "***misconstrue***" defined as "incorrectly interpreting something". The word was a strange selection because there are few people, at few times, that can ***misconstrue*** anything that Jack has on his mind....if you can understand what is on his mind, you will not ***misconstrue*** it!

Jack introduced **Andres Quiroz** and his father who introduced themselves as interested in woodcarving having learned about the club from the Foothills Mall Show. Andres is a young man who would like to associate with some of the carvers in the club and learn different carving styles. His father will be present at all times in order to meet club liability insurance requirements. We welcome Andres who received a big welcome applause from the membership and commitments to help him. Anytime we can influence a young person to take up the art of woodcarving it is a good day!

Jack reported on the success of the Annual Pumpkin Carving event held just prior to Halloween. Jack, Doug Raine, Bob Sorensen, and Rob Arnberger got great press coverage on KOLD TV to publicize the event even though it was 5:30 a.m. and none of us had enough coffee to steady our hands. Doug, Bob and Rob did the carving while Jack did the communicating. The three correspondents presenting the early news each got a pumpkin carved of them. All of them ***misconstrued*** the likenesses of the carvings as "not looking like me but like someone else". For three days at the Foothills Mall, center stage, a collection of carvers diced and sliced up 37 pumpkins. The designs ranged from the routine to works of pumpkin art. It was a very successful event.

All the pumpkins were raffled off and a total of \$124 was donated to the Membership Fund of the YMCA.

While undertaking the annual Fall Foothills Mall People's Choice show Jack was approached by Mall Management to consider doing a similar Spring Show. Jack brought the issue up in order to allow the membership to "cogitate" upon it a bit, but indicated that he felt right now was probably not the right time to tackle another show or event. The membership apparently did not ***misconstrue*** this thought because no one objected to holding off on trying to do a second show.

The Foothills Mall People's Choice show was another big success. Most of the tables were rented and we had enough entries in all 7 show categories to allow the public to vote. The public had a great time voting for their favorite carvings in each category and their Overall Show Favorite. **Kathryn Houslet** won first place with her carvings of Mountain Lion cubs. **Jim Katchur** won second place with his realistic Road Runner. **Rob Arnberger** won third place with his realistic Kestrel. Jack thanked all the volunteers that worked on the show, setting it up, receiving entries, counting ballots, selling tables, and selling raffle tickets. Jack has indicated he feels that establishing a formal Show Committee lead by a Show Chairman will be more effective in future years and that the membership should not ***misconstrue*** why an appointed Show Chairman will be a big help in managing the event. Jack also publicly thanked **Elvira (Vera) Arnberger** for combining event photos with the winner's photos taken by Jim Katchur into a single CD and handing out copies to show participants right at the show. The raffle was a success also. Carvers donated works to be raffled off and a total of \$113 was earned at the show.

Jim Thompson, Treasurer gave a Treasurers Report reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

Three motions were made and passed unanimously by the membership. Not a thing was ***misconstrued*** in any of them thus facilitating their quick passage.

1. Motion made and passed to accept the nomination committee's slate of officers for Calendar Year 2008 and vote these individuals into office.
2. Motion made and passed to give Life Membership status to all members who reach the 90 years of age mark (we presently have 3 such members). NOTE: A change in the By-Laws may be needed to reflect this change.
3. Motion made and passed to express a vote of thanks to **Bill Tickner** the club's web-master for all his recent work in updating the site and keeping it current and granting him a paid dinner at the coming Christmas Party.

Show and Tell was held.

Raffles were held.

Meeting adjourned by membership acclimation with nothing further presented nor ***misconstrued*** 12:55 p.m.

Notes from Jim Thompson

Carl Zehner's name was left off of the list of honored founders members in the November newsletter. He was honored at the Nov. meeting with a life time membership. Carl is 90 years old and still making chips. (We have three members who are in their nineties).



At our Christmas function (Party) we will be collecting toys for tots. There will be a gift exchange of a carved item. No plain blocks of wood please. Someone will be in charge of this at the luncheon. Just a reminder Vern needs the money and your choice of meal by Nov. 28th. We will have door prizes for gift certificates etc. as in the past. Cocktail hour at 12 noon till 1pm meal at 1pm. We plan to have Holiday music and if you all feel like singing I'll

try not to sing too loud because I can't carry a tune.

We want to thank **Nancy Ubinger** for all those goodies she brought in at our last meeting. They sure were good and sweet and so is Nancy. By the way Nancy would like to thank **Dave Myers** for the gift of a carving he gave her.

Health and Welfare- We were glad to see **Jerry Knebel** and his wife **Virginia** at our meeting. Jerry is a past president and long time member and have not been able to make it to a lot our meetings. I would like to thank **Bob Sorensen** for his gift to the young man that came to our meeting with his dad. It was one of Bob's excellent carvings mounted on a paper towel dispenser. I'm sure it made a lasting impression on this young man. We did not hear of any sick members at the last meeting so if they are any we wish you a speedy recovery. See you at the party. -- Jim Thompson

PUMPKIN CARVING EVENT A HALLOWEEN SUCCESS!

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Jack Yancick
Kathryn Houslet
Al Jensen
Rob Arnberger
Doug Raine
Bob Sorensen

Roy & Margaret Gaskin
Regan Bach
Dave & Joan Eerkes
Jim Thompson
Marie Roberts
Gary Slocum

Thanks to all of you for the help!

Lori Corbett Painting Class

We at Saddlebrooke have information about an upcoming class. The "Lori Corbett Painting Class" is open to all SWA members. The "deposit due" date has been extended to January 4. Pictures of the bird we will paint are on Lori's web site <http://www.whisperingeagle.com/MiniBlue3.htm> We are near the minimum required for the class and it promises to be a good one.

Thank you,

MARK and LORRAINE ERICKSON

FOOTHILLS MALL PEOPLE'S CHOICE SHOW SUCCESSFUL!

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Category 1: Realistic In-the-Round

1. Jim Katchur
2. Rob Arnberger
3. Trish Jennings

Category 2: Caricature In-the-Round

1. Joan Eerkes
2. Mike Kowalski
3. Rob Arnberger

Category 3: Relief

1. Kathryn Houslet
2. Sherie Goade
3. Joan Eerkes

Category 4: Decorative

1. Trish Jennings
2. George Korytko
3. Jack Yancick

Category 5: Found Wood

1. Gary Slocum
2. Jack Yancick
3. Joan Eerkes

Category 6: Open

1. Mark Erickson
2. Larry Martin
3. Chuck Trinko

Category 7: Holiday Season

1. Dave Eerkes
2. Rob Arnberger
3. Sherie Goade

PEOPLE'S CHOICE FAVORITE:

1. Kathryn Houslet
2. Jim Katchur
3. Rob Arnberger

Treasurer's Report – for August through October

Beginning Balance - \$5,593.34

	Income		Expenses	
August	50/50	\$12.50	Newsletter	\$120.75
	Raffle	\$66.00	Petty Cash	\$8.50
September	50/50	\$15.00	Petty Cash	\$4.75
	Raffle	\$42.00		
	Memberships	\$17.50		
October	50/50	\$15.00	Newsletter	\$30.00
	Raffle	\$66.00	Lunch for Founders	\$42.00
	Memberships	\$96.25	Sweeping Mops	\$40.00
			Petty Cash	\$10.25
			Misc.	\$6.00

Ending Balance - \$5,661.34

Jim Thompson – Treasurer



ELECTION RESULTS

The election of Officers for 2008 was held at the November 10th meeting. The following people were re-elected:

President Jack Yanick
Vice President Marie Roberts
Secretary Rob Arnberger
Treasurer Jim Thompson

Your 2008 Board members are:

Bob Sorenson
Chuck Trinko
Gary Mims
Max Kuehnlentz

Congratulations and may God have mercy on you all in the coming year!