

Wood Turners of Polk County

February 9, 2006

Minutes

John Russell called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. There were no minutes from the last meeting, in December, as the secretary was not present. The brief minutes were posted on the web site by Bob Varner. The January meeting was canceled as many of the members would be attending the Florida Symposium in Lake Yale.

New visitors were:

Larry Odem

New Member:

Rick Horton

Clif reported that the current balance was \$429.04 in checking and \$50 in cash for a total of 479.04. Income in January was \$90 in dues with no expenses this past month. Clif noted that the 2006 club dues are due now.

There was no old business.

New business:

John reported on the club survey that there was an even split on the various interest in turning subject, and that there was no clear direction, other than to cover it all.

In order to start some income for the club, starting at the next meeting we would begin having raffles at each meeting. If there are donations, (wood, tools, etc) they would be raffled, otherwise it would be 50% of the collection.

John reported that the AAW insurance policy requires that the local club officers must be members of the AAW. Clif noted that the club voted last year to pay the national membership for the club officers, so we will meet this requirement.

Al Hockenberry reported on the plans for the March 10 Wood Working Show in Kissimmee, and that the club would be sharing a booth with the Space Coast and Central Florida Woodturners. He passed out a sign up sheet for volunteers.

Al also reported on the volunteers for the Florida State Fair in Tampa starting this weekend.

John reported that Clay Johnson from choice Wood in Louisville Kentucky had sent him an e-mail. Clay's telephone is 888-895-7770. John reported that the National AAW meeting in Louisville is offering some very good door prizes – five Oneway 2436 Lathes, thanks to special pricing from Oneway Manufacturing and fifty \$100 gift certificates to Packard tool.

John reported that a Polk Sheriff staff had approached him about the club providing wood turning training for juveniles. It was decided to invite the sheriff to the next meeting to explain the program vision, need, conditions and details.

Clif noted that he had the State annual report (for the Corp.) to send in and needed to add the new officers, and needed to list the contact person. Ted Smith agreed to be the contact. This will be filed next month.

Bob Varner passed around a e-mail sign up list for the news letter and meeting notices. If you don't have e-mail, then he would send out by regular mail.

Al reported that the Florida Symposium in January went well, with attendance at 200+.

John noted that before the next meeting that the club steering committee would plan to meet for dinner to work out club issues.

Show and Tell:

John Kriplean showed two small (1.5") boxes that he made after taking a class from Cindy ????? at the Florida Symposium. Boxes were cherry and maple with purple heart.

Carl Swonger showed a 10x5" vase he turned from pine.

Rick Horton showed his first segmented vase ~4x10". He report that he had some problems making it (coming off the lathe, etc.) but it turned out very nice.

Bill LeClerc showed a small camphor bowl and a large wine stopper he had made.

Ted Smith showed a weed vase, small dish, and goblet he turned from green sycamore to see what the wood looked like. Ted also shared about a wood turning shop (Wooden Nickel) he visited in Port Orford Oregon in December, and passed around photos of the shop lathes. The Web site shows all of their work and prices for all items – this is a good source for finding the value of items (<http://www.oregonmyrtlewood.com/>).

Gary Bates showed a 2hx5d" tea light (candle holder). Very nicely done.

Dave Swinson showed a table lamp where both the base and shade was turned with spaced segmented pieces. Very nice.

Everyone had exceptional items.

Ed Kittleson demonstrated the use of the "woodcut" brand of bowl coring tool on a 12"+ piece of laural oak. He cut out a nice 8" core bowl blank in about 10 minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30PM