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ABOVE: Curt, Vick, Richard, Jim, Dickey and Emile who attended and participated in the competition at the World Ward Show in Ocean City, Maryland. They also maned a table to advertise our show.



ABOVE: Gene, Cal, and Keith Henry evaluate the decoys which will be auctioned on Sunday October 29 at our show. They were put in our auction by Carolyn Bourgeois from a collection of her husband Roger Bourgeois, who recently passed away.

ATTENTION MEMBERS :

Our monthly Board/General meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at Piccadilly Cafeteria on Clearview Parkway, Metairie Louisiana. Hope you can make it.



Happy Labor Day

**it's
Labor
Day!
take
the day off!**

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WEDNESDAY JULY 26, 2023 LWCCG MEETING MINUTES

Emile opened our meeting and asked if we have any guest . Mike Kuzma introduced himself, said he is a retired police officer from Jefferson Parish Police Department and now works for Tulane University Police. He said he loves the outdoors and collects things made of wood, heard about us and he wants to learn more. Another guest Frank Profumo & his wife were introduced. Frank is a past president of LWCCG and was a member for many years. Both guests joined our club tonight.

Emile said that the decoys Carolyn Bourgeois put in our auction from a collection of her husband Roger who recently passed away are being photographed . He said Gene put a value on them along with a minimum bid, and made a list with the carver's name and the species. Gene said he is passing it around to members and would appreciate any feedback they had to offer. Emile said we will eventually have photos with the names of the birds.

Emile gave an update on members who were ill. Ralph is about the same, but is doing OK. Lydia is still having nerve pain, but the Shingles are gone. She said she will be at the show. Emile said his wife is 4 weeks out of surgery and making slow steady progress.

Emile said that Chris mentioned that some carvers took decoys last year to paint for the auction and did not turn in the machine birds donated by Deeks Ducks. He asked if they would finish them and bring them in for this year's auction.

Emile said he would like to have a Life Time Achievement Trophy (perhaps in bronze) created in memory of Charles and Jean Frank. It was decided earlier this year that Jean Frank would be the recipient of this award for 2023. Although Mrs. Frank has recently passed, she will be remembered and honored at our show.

Mike said the idea was brought up at a prior meeting about renaming the Life Time Achievement Award the Charles & Gene Frank Lifetime Achievement award.

There is an issue with mailing the newsletter. Joe who distributes the newsletter to everyone received feedback from a recipient who referred to him as a spammer. He said he will not be sending any more newsletters out, but they will be posted on line.

Gene said he wanted to address the show chairmen. He said anything they need please let him know. The show is only 2 meetings away. Yard signs were mentioned.

We need to get the new date to put on them. Bob said we put out about 50. It was suggested to put more information on the sign and to order 50 more signs, plus the new date stickers to put on the ones we have. Wildfowl Carving Competition, Place, and the date is what we had on them. It was voted on and approved that we put the same information mentioned above and order 50 more signs plus stickers for the old ones.

Emile asked if we have the plackets and number tags for the table. Richard said he thinks they are in the storage area and he will check to make sure. He will also check to see if shirts, hats, etc. maybe needed

Question was brought up about the break room where we have the donuts, coffee and refreshments. We will still have it this year.

The Photography Room was also mentioned. This year it will be used for the Carving Seminar from 9 to 12 on Sunday morning. The winner photos usually taken in the room will have to be completed by Saturday evening due to the Seminar on Sunday morning.

Chris asked Emile if he talked to Lynn about the North American trophy. Emile said he hadn't heard from them. Chris said they called him and said they couldn't make the meeting. They told Chris the trophy would have to be re-silvered. Cal said Lynn will probably contact Emile. Emile said they wanted \$200 each to clean them, but Lynn volunteered to do it. After much discussion, it was decided if its \$500 or less to re-silver the trophy they should go ahead and have it done.

Mr. Curt is working on getting Jim Hahn for supplies. We will give him a free table. We have a caterer for our banquet which will be \$20 per person. He will also handle the concessions. The Booklets, Registration Form, Flyers, Posters, and Post Cards are out. Best Western will block some rooms for us . They had the best prices. We have someone to provide a sound system. Mitch is handling the Ribbons and will take care of what we need.

It was suggested that we advertise in our book and try to get more sponsors for purchase awards .

Being no further business the meeting adjourned.