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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I was watching a man place signs out for his upcoming event. As I read the sign I was wondering what people was he trying to attract to his show. Then I thought about our signs: we focused on a small but important group. Should we expand to a broader audience?

1. A message about live owls and Hawks.
2. An art message for children of all ages.
3. Venders from Antique Decoys to Jewelry
4. Auction from collectible works of art to gifts.

Please get your thoughts together to be discussed at our next meeting.

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

LWCCG Board/General meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. at Piccadilly Cafeteria in Clearview, Metairie, La.



Mr. Peter Thomas Ward passed away on July 3, 2026 . Mr. Ward was a collector and carver member of our club for several years. Please remember his family in your prayers.

NOTE TO MEMBERS - up dating membership

For members who have email addresses: If you still want to get a newsletter parcel post instead of emailed , please contact Sue who is in charge of our membership and let her know. Please text Sue Landry Armand 985-227-8503 for text or email suzannelandry201@att.net



Above: Chris holds a Mallard Drake Slick . His brother Bob shows a Wood Chuck shore bird he carved and painted.

SHOW & TELL



Above: Lonnie holds a pair of antique decoys given to him by a relative.

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LWCCG BOARD/GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 24, 2026

A.J. opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He then asked if we had any guests . Mike Bonner introduced Mr. Ed Wyshock, from Pennsylvania. Mike said he visited last year for one of our meetings. A. J. Welcomed him.

Updates on members not in attendance tonight : Gail Silbernagel is still recovering from a bad fall with several serious injuries and her husband Dave said she is working hard to get well. Kathy talked to Bryon Theriot and he is taking treatments on Wednesdays and not feeling well enough after to attend. Kathy also spoke to Fred Guidry's family; they said he has not been feeling well enough to come, but they would bring him one night to visit. Fred surprised everyone when he showed up tonight with a family member. All were so happy to see him. Fred has not been carving as much , but still managed to bring a carving like he's done hundreds of times for the door prize Mike said Mitch Povich was in the hospital and said he is home recovering and doing better . Please keep all of them in your prayers.

Treasurers Report: Emile said he was able to find out more about Pay Pal and it has been taken care of. He said he is working on and online account for he and A. J. and is still ironing out problems. He has also reserved the Castine Center until 2028. He said we need to review the **Carvers Registration Entry Form Page** and make sure it is updated with the **Rules Book** for this year's festival.

Advertising: Chirs said he called Salley Farell, set up the **Bird Demo** for the festival and paid her. She will come two days; Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting or stay perhaps longer on one day, if not. Chis said magazine ads have been handled for Marsh and Bayou, and Sportsman Magazine. Emile said Don Dubuque used to get us 30 second spots. Chris said he is trying to get in touch with Rock Zerangue about spots on TV. Sue said her son posts things like fishing charters and hunting trips on sights and receives extremely large interests on those sites .

He offered to post our flyer for us and also said he was going to send one to a friend in Alabama in a sportsman area to post for us. Chris said he attended the Cajun Heritage Festival and brought a stack of our flyers to give out for our show. He also competed and won 1st place with a flick on a stick and 2nd place in a Purchase award category with a pair of green wing teals. He said a lot of people attended the show and the auction went well. He said they had a Treasure Bird Hunt for Young Kids .Pictures were posted in different areas of the festival and kids were given a list of birds for them to find . Chris said if we would like to try it he will pick up about 500 sheets. He said we could give them out to kids at the visitors desk where they pay to get in. The idea was discussed and it was decided that we get some lists for the kids printed and try it this year.

A. J. told members he had flyers and posters for advertising for members tonight that they could pick up before they leave.

Gene had no report on the festival but said that the Elks club in Houma gave him a grant to be used to teach young kids carving lessons. Gene said he will hold a class for 2 days starting on July11; one to do the carving and one to do painting. Gene said he may need some help.

Door prizes were then given out.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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