

SCF Woodcrafters Club - General Membership Meeting – November 17, 2023

1. **Meeting called to order at 10:00** - Freddy Prellwitz – President
 - SCFWC Board Members present: Freddy Prellwitz – President, David Owen – Safety Director, Leila Mirza – Secretary, Carolyn Yeo – Member at Large, Purchasing, Tom Bobak – Member at Large, Calibration. Absent: Robin Rasamny – Treasurer.
 - Attendance: 38 of 268 (paid members). Quorum not established (14% attending, 15% required).

2. **New Members** – The team onboarded fourteen (14) new members this month and seven (7) last month. New members present:
 - Chuck Mart moved here from the Denver area. Grew up in Nebraska and is building a house in Michigan where they’ll be spending their summers. His first project is to build a big clock on the CNC machine.
 - Harvey West (a.k.a. Skip) originally from the Bay area.; moved here from Utah in June. He has worked in a machine shop in the past and loves being here.
 - Dave Nelson grew up in Minnesota. Bought a home here last year. He is happy to join the club. He has done a lot of woodworking but is interested in working on the Lathe and other equipment.

3. **Prior Minutes (October 13, 2023)** – Posted on the Club website. Be sure to review for approval at the next meeting.

4. **Treasurer’s Report** – Robin Rasamny

Bank account balance (last statement)	\$ 12,711.15 (10/30/2023)
Current Checkbook Balance	\$ 11,847.83 (10/30/2023)

2023 Year Income and Expenses (Year to Date):

2023 Year Income (YTD)	\$ 22,572.18
2023 Year Expenses (YTD)	\$ 23,258.07
Net Difference:	\$ (685.89)

Income (year to date):

2023 March Craft Sale	\$ 7076.18
2024 Dues	\$ 30.00
Contributions & Donations	\$ 491.00
Dues	\$ 7,985.00
Locker Rent, Fines & Misc. Inc	\$ 2,045.00
Registration Fees	\$ 4,275.00
Wood Sales	\$ 670.00

Total Income **\$22,572.18**

Expenses (year to date):

Other	\$ 1,467.14
Club Projects	\$ 2,456.13
Consumable Shop Supplies	\$ 2,523.69
Craft Sale Payout 2023 March	\$ 6,508.18
Office Supplies & Equipment	\$ 2,481.42
Refunds, Misc. Exp & Class Supplies	\$ 294.15
Shop Tools, Equipment, Facilities	\$ 6,627.36
Wood Purchased for Resale	\$ 900.00

Total Expenses **\$23,258.07**

Overall Total **\$ -685.89**

2022 Year Ending Balance	\$12,752.66
2023 Year End Balance Target	\$13,252.65

- During the month we added seven (7) new members. Income for the month was \$1,380.00, which included \$670.00 of Roger Smith Wood Sales. Our expenditure was \$1,907.18. The largest expense for the month was the purchase of a new printer and printer supplies in the amount of \$538.62.

5. Old Business

- **Roger Smith Wood Sales** – We have sold most of Roger’s wood to members, recovering \$670 of the Club’s \$800 investment. We sold a few more pieces this morning. Smaller pieces that remain will be packed and sold to new members to make their pizza paddles.
- **Planer/Jointer** – In November, the Club purchased a new planer/jointer, which needs to be set up as soon as possible for testing to ensure it is working properly before its warranty expires. It will replace the 8” since its electrical requirements are similar.
 - o Discussion ensued. Members felt they should have a voice in deciding which of the two existing machines the new planer/jointer should replace. They requested a vote, and asked Freddy to include detailed information about the two machines with pros and cons to enable them to make an informed decision. A GW vote will go out to members prior to year-end.
- **Log-Cutting** – Members are bringing in giant tree stumps. In the past week, one blade and one set of bearings have been destroyed. Members should refrain from bringing large logs because the machine is not designed to handle them. The Equipment Needs Committee will research another tool for possible purchase next year.
 - o Recommendation was made to add dimensions to the log-cutting events posted on GroupWorks so members are aware of size limitations when they sign up.
- **Sales Expo** – The Expo was very successful. A big thank you to the sellers and volunteers who helped at the event.
 - o Members sold over \$5000, so the Club received \$500 in sales commissions.
 - o Next Expo is on February 24, 2024. Only two events will be scheduled per year (Spring/Fall).
 - o Sellers may not exceed \$500 in sales per calendar year. Anyone caught exceeding the limit won’t be allowed to sell for an entire year.

6. New Business

- **Pottery Rolling Tables** – Thank you to the members who have volunteered to build the rolling tables for the Pottery Club. They are very complex but should take only a couple of weeks to build. We will start the project in the first week of December.
- **Elections** – The Club will hold elections next year for the following positions whose terms will end on March 31, 2024: President, Treasurer, and Member at Large, Purchasing. Please step up to volunteer or nominate interested members.
- **Resignations** – Three resignations were announced:
 - o Bob Saenz (Vice President) has resigned his position. Thank you to Bob for his service to the Club and filling in for Freddy during the summer. According to the Club’s bylaws, it is the board’s responsibility to find and appoint a replacement to fulfill the rest of Bob’s term (through March 31, 2025).
 - o Jann Campbell (Tech Committee) has decided to step down from her role as the GroupWorks guru but will continue in her role until a replacement is found and trained. Thank you to Jann for all her work. This position may be filled by a seasonal resident. GW has a lot of automated features, which makes it easy to use.
 - o Fred Hollman (Uprights & Bins) has been gracious in managing this area but is working more hours and would like to step down by the first of the year. This role may be filled by one or two members (one seasonal & one FT).
 - o Members should contact Freddy if they are interested or would like more information about the above openings.
- **Monday Night Training** – Last year, Monday night training sessions were very popular with newer members, but the main concern voiced by trainers was the large size of the group, which made both teaching and learning difficult. These training sessions will resume next year with a smaller group size. Trainers should think about ideas they would like to share to expand members’ working knowledge.
- **Back room** – A few people are leaving plywood in the back room for an extended period. The back room is not a garage. Members should have their name and in/out dates on their pieces; otherwise, they may be removed.

- **Back Patio** – Storing logs on the back patio is not permitted.
- **Barrels** – The schedule for dumping barrels on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings should be consistently adhered to.
- **2024 Membership Dues** – Dues will remain the same next year: \$30 from January to June, and \$15.00 from July to December. No exceptions!
 - o Dues must be paid prior to January 15th. After this date, members will be charged a late fee of \$10.
 - o Members should write their HOA # on their checks.
 - o Members with a locker should also write their locker number on their checks and pay an additional \$30. If a locker is no longer needed, members should indicate that on the check.
 - o All checks should be deposited in the Treasurer’s box in the office.
- **Year-End Balance Target** – The cost of the Planer/Joiner was approximately \$4200, which brought the Club’s bank account balance below our target of \$13,252,65. To help build it back up before year-end, all 2024 club membership dues received this year will be deposited in December.

7. Committee Reports

Mark Smith, Purchasing

- Welcome back to Carolyn.
- As of Wednesday, everything requested has been ordered and received.
- Appreciate members for filling out the purchasing request form correctly. A reminder that the more details you provide about your items, the more helpful it is for the Purchasing team, particularly specialty items.
- Members should use the yellow card only if the box is low on a product. Often the team sees a card in the box when there is more than enough product in the shop.
- Thank you to Nancy MacIntosh who has done a super job on learning purchasing and ordering items in a timely fashion.

Tom Bobak, Maintenance & Calibration

- Everything is running smoothly.
- Members who are not on the Maintenance & Calibration team should not adjust heights for machines. Also, members should turn off both switches on the new saw stop AND unplug it. (Jim MacIntosh)

Dave Owen, Safety & Orientation

- Safety incidents - There have been no accidents since last month’s meeting. However, a reminder to be more careful. Members have left machines running or used them incorrectly.
- The Club has eighteen (18) red badges/new members, so December’s class will be large, with up to ten (10) mentors needed for training. Members interested in mentoring a new member should reach out to Dave.
- Monitors were sent an email with visual instructions on how a new member application should be completed. Specifically, both the applicant’s and monitor’s signatures are required. The monitor must witness the applicant sign the waiver. Only the monitor should connect with the applicant and provide him/her with the appropriate paperwork and information.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark Offenbacher, seconded by Fred Hollman.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Mirza, Secretary