

May 2008

TAMPA BAY 56ers BEACON



From your Newsletter editor:

Hope you all enjoyed the May meeting. My apologies for not getting out a newsletter before the meeting. Denis and I had planned to attend a convention in Texas and the date came around too quickly. We took the motorhome and the dogs and drove to Houston. Our trip was quite an adventure as we encountered multiple issues with the motorhome. Hopefully our next motorhome trip in July will be less eventful and more relaxing. This is the part of the May issue that I did have done, so enjoy!



Ellen Wilcox



Bill Foelker, our NCC Representative, was contacted by Kyle Graser [mailto:robidin13@comcast.net] on Sunday, April 20, 2008. Kyle is from Venice, FL and has a bunch of Dickens Village for sale. If you are interested, please contact her via e-mail.

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Minutes for Tampa Bay Meeting
April 20, 2208

Meeting was opened by President Vern Schwieterman.
As of this meeting, Conrad Krause will be the treasure while Denis Gillen is away till mid October.

A girl scout leader with troop 326, Marge Rudoll, was introduced. She gave us a rundown about the girl scout summer camp. The board members had voted to send girls and boys to summer camp. How this came about: Joyce and Denis were going into Lowe's and found this girl scout troop run by Marge selling girl scout cookies. They in turn came up with a contest where the 2 girls selling the most cookies would get to go to camp. Once Marge looked into summer camps, she found out that the price of summer camp can range from \$240.00 to over \$500.00. The girl that won was then introduced: Mary Rudoll, who sold 450 boxes of cookies. \$250.00 was allotted to her. There ended up being a tie for 2nd place and just one girl would get to go. At this time Denis Gillen made a motion to use the boy scout money allotted and send both girls to summer camp. Kathy Dorsey 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. The runners up were Alexandria Fell & Natalie Johnson. A total of \$750.00 was spent for 3 girls to go. Barbara Wallis / Ellen Wilcox had found another girl from a different troop, There was a motion made by Joyce Gillen and 2nd by Katie Zeller to allot money for this girl scout, and it was approved.

Denis Gillen informed the club that the NCC dues were due and that he had paid it, but there needed to be a motion on the floor to do so. There was a motion made by Conrad Krause, and 2nd by Bill Foelker to pay the dues; all approved. NCC representative, Bill Foelker, talked about the pre-order sheet for event pieces. Bill Foelker had pre-order sheets with him and we had also received the pre-order form through his e-mail. So far they have 480 reservation going to the convention in Minnesota. Bill Foelker also mention that the Saturday night dinner will accommodate 450 people and they already have 430 reservations. All Thursday tours were booked. They have added 2 bus trips to Lowell's Inn on Sunday, but not many openings left and the price was \$55.00 per person. Bill Foelker also mentioned the room next to our hospitality room could be utilized by a Tampa Bay 56 member; Vern said to put him down for it. There is a total of 24 people representing this club signed up to go. Kathy Dorsey asked when the club decided that the money from the college games (Bulls games) had been designated to go to just the people going to the gathering as she was never told. It was then mentioned that it was decided by the board at a board meeting. Denis Gillen made a motion that all the money collected for the college games would be used toward hotel expenses for the hospitably room and toward the hotel expenses of the people that worked the Bulls games. 2nd by Joyce Gillen. Further discussion by Conrad Krause that he worked the games, but now was not going to Minnesota. Conrad Krause wanted his share of this money, which would be \$50.00 per person per game, to just stay in the club funds. At this time there was a motion by Denis Gillen and 2nd by Bill Foelker to accept the motion that Conrad's money would stay in the club, and the balance to go toward the hospitality room and the rest to go toward the hotel expense of the people that work the Bulls games. A majority of member in favor.



Minutes of April 20, 2008 meeting continued

Ellen Wilcox presented Vern with the 4th girl scout and her fee of \$275.00 to go to camp. The registration form was already filled out. This contribution was approved.

Conrad was to make out a check for \$400.00 that the board had approved to go to Pinellas Park Police Explores. Ellen and Vern will attend the meeting April 24th and present it to the Explores. This money would be used for them to go to a state competition in Orlando this summer. Marlyn read to the members what the board had voted on for donations at the February 22nd meeting: \$3,000.00 total would be donated to charity work; \$1,000.00 to a family at Xmas; \$300.00 to 3 families at Thanksgiving; \$400.00 to Pinellas Park Police Explores, \$400.00 to girls for girls scout camps; \$400.00 for boys for boy scout camp; \$500.00 left to be decided at a late date. As of this meeting, our contribution to Scout camps was \$800.00, instead \$1025.00 Therefore, the club has \$275.00 left to be decided.

Vern ask Conrad to give a report on how the Bellem auction went, Conrad mentioned everything was sold in lots or groups and that's how you had to bid. Our club members won two of the bids.

Our meeting dates are usually the 3rd Sunday of the month, like May 18 for the next meeting. However, the 4th Sunday in June (June 22nd) was chosen because of Father's Day on the 3rd Sunday. No meeting in July. The third 3rd Sunday in August 17th. No meeting in Sept. as we will combine the Anniversary dinner with the Oct event. In October, we are trying to put together a bus trip to Orlando to the Mystery dinner theater. Bill and Mary Ann Foelker and Marlyn King have offered to be the committee and come up with a plan.

Kathy Dorsey and Diana Cortright have resigned as food coordinators. Marlyn King is going to try and come up with a new plan.

Vern introduced a method of making water features. You will be getting the instruction on in the news letter. Vern used this clear caulk, on a painted creek with stones already set, along with some batting use for stuffed toy bears and gave it the look of a ripple running creek instead of a calm creek, Between the caulk and the batting, it gave the creek a wave effect.

Door prizes: Sharon Rhodes - Village Fence
Barb Wallis - The winner by a nose
Diana Cortright NP Just the right size Santa
Cindy Swinehart - CIC A new phonograph
Denis Gillen AV St Nicholas
Nadine Carey set of 6 collector pins.

Raffle: Lorraine Crowley CIC - Nouveau

50/50: Carol Williams - \$48.00



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Vern Schwieterman's demonstration at the April Meeting

Modeling Rivers, Rapids, and Waterfalls



1. For Rivers and waterfalls, make sure your area is smooth if possible. Use acrylic or latex paints. Start with a tan color along the edge of your water and blend in green while still wet. Then blend in a dark blue, adding some black as you go. Make sure there are no lines between your colors. Fade from one color to another.



2. Next, glue down all dirt, logs, stones, flock material, etc. along the river bank wherever you chose.



3. Begin applying DAP Crystal Clear Caulking (not Clear as it will not dry clear!). Apply a liberal amount of caulk to surface area and stipple with a 1" or 2" brush in a swirling manner. The more caulk you use, the rougher the water becomes. Let dry completely.



4. Finish off the surface by rubbing in Gloss medium with your fingers - use Liquitex Gloss Medium & Varnish.

5. For rapids - use poly fiber. Stretch it thin and put it into wet gloss medium where you want your rapids to be - like at the top of rocks in the stream. Use just a little fiber. You can add more later.

6. For waterfalls - tape wax paper down to a piece of cardboard and spread a coat of gloss medium the width and length you want your waterfall to be. Then apply the poly fiber. After drying overnight, take a razor knife and carefully lift off. Trim edges and glue in place. Add more as needed.

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