

Saturday, February 1, 2003 Meeting Minutes

The Feb. 1st, 2003 membership meeting of the Oklahoma Master Locksmith Association was called to order at 5:31 pm by our President, Mike McGrew. The invocation was given by Jerry Casey. Roll call of all officers and directors was given by secretary, Nelda Minick. Those present were: Mike McGrew, Harry Sher, Nelda Minick, Loretta Loomis, Johnny Stewart, Paula Sands, Jerry Casey, Scott Hancock, and Odie Tresner. Those absent were: Frank Belizzi, and Gary Frame. Director Gary Frame has had knee surgery and unable to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Harry Sher stated that our exhibitor show was a great success with approximately 130 present. 100% of this weekend exhibitors had committed to coming back to our next exhibitor show in 2004.

NEW BUSINESS:

Loretta Loomis explained the financial report and asked that it be approved. Motion was made to approve the report by Randy Knox, and was 2nd'd by Ken Jordan. Mike stated that we had forgotten to elect a new slate of board of directors at our last Nov. 2002 meeting. Mike made a motion to "table" the election until our next meeting in May, 2003 until our three existing board of directors could be contacted. Scott Hancock 2nd'd the motion. Paula Sands stated that anyone still needing a new membership ID badge should see her to have their picture taken for the badge. Mike said that he and his wife had sent out over 100 flyers to notify locksmiths and suppliers of this weekends exhibitor show.

Lowell Roberts asked that we try to get our meetings announced in the 'calendar of events' in the Locksmith Ledger. Information needs to be updated with all our current officers and directors and sent to all lock publication editors.

Secretary, Nelda Minick, introduced three new applicants for membership to the Oklahoma Master Locksmith Association. Those applicants are Brad Osborne, MBDCO Locksmithing of Henryetta, Ok. Mark Hoffman with Fire Protection Publications at the Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Ok. Justin Carnahan, with Cooper's Locksmith in Stillwater, Ok. Mark Hoffman, and Justin Carnahan will be voted on as apprentice members.

Bradley Osborne will be voted on as a member. Motion was made by Jerry Casey and 2nd'd by Harry Sher to approve these applicants. Motion carried by the members present. Applicants were sworn in as members to our association by president, Mike McGrew.

Johnny Stewart explained our video library to the new members. Johnny also asked that all past due videos be returned as soon as possible. Tapes may be rented for one month at \$5.00 each. A new list of all our videos will be published in our next Locktalk publication.

Johnny said that we had 11 guests and 34 members present at our membership meeting, and that we had made \$115.00 in our raffle for door prizes. Jerry Casey reminded everyone to turn in their registration badges at the end of the meeting. Scott Hancock thanked Ken Pearson with Peterson Tools for our Tubular Lock class on Friday evening.

Scott stated that C.D. Lipscomb, ALOA director would be teaching a PRP prep class at our next upcoming May meeting in Okla. City. A second type of educational class will be published in our upcoming Locktalk. There is a possibility of the Okla. Tax Comm. doing a class on starting ones own business.

Lowell Roberts explained the Kenny Lee Award and introduced all our past recipients. Lowell Roberts 2001, Jerry McNickle 2002. The 2003 Kenny Lee Award was presented to Gloria Holtzschue for her outstanding support in our association for many years.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

It was discussed with members present that we consider raising our exhibitor booth rates.

Several questions were raised. Should this be taken completely out of our by-laws? Do we want to change the costs, and if so, how much? Harry Sher reminded us that if changes were made, they could not go into effect until 2005, as 2004 contracts had already been signed. John Reed, exhibitor discussed rates, and discussed how costs varied with other associations.

Hotel costs, expenses, the cost of lunches, and different cost negotiations were also discussed as a determining factor in the cost of booth space.

A.B. Parker thanked Paula Sands for her wonderful work as our newsletter editor for the Locktalk publication. John Reed mentioned other upcoming associational meetings. The Nebraska Association, Eureka Springs, MINK, and Marysville were announced.

Jerry McNickle asked that we all keep Frank Taft and his son Greg in our prayers.

DOOR PRIZES:

Those companies donating door prizes for this weekend were: Hans Johnsen Co., Clark & Shuck Inc., Cornerstone Mktg., Clark Security, H & L Simon Co., E.L. Rinehardt, A.L.O.A., Abus Inc., H.L. Flake Co., Peterson Tools, IDN Acme, SSA Inc., and OMLA. Bonnie Sher, and Loretta Loomis also donated door prizes. Congratulations to all lucky winners. All winners and members should contact all our participating exhibitors to thank them for donating the doors prizes and for their support in our association. Thank You Mr/Mrs. Exhibitor.

C.D. Lipscomb thanked everyone for coming to see him at the A.L.O.A. booth. Mr. Lipscomb said, "The Oklahoma association has a healthy size membership attendance for the size of our state. Larger states have less members present at their meetings."

ADJOURN

Motion was made to adjourn our meeting by Jerry Casey, and 2nd'd by Harry Sher. Motion carried. The Feb. 2, 2003 meeting of the Okla. Master Locksmith Assoc. adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Our next membership meeting will be May 3, 2003 at the Saddleback Inn in Oklahoma City.

As Reported By:

Nelda Minick, OMLA Secretary