

SUN CITY WEST METAL CLUB

Board Meeting – April 3, 2026

Meeting called to order 10:55a.m. by President Larry Mann. Present: Blake Flickinger, Don Mellum, Jim Filipiak, Marty Rosauer, Sarge Raddatz, Lee Schwartz, Wendi Boos. Absent: Joe Faraone

Approval of Minutes: Sarge made a motion, seconded by Blake to approve the March 6, 2026, minutes - all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Don and Jim reviewed the club's financial status in the checking and savings accounts. Larry, Lee, Don, and Jim will transfer authorization on the club accounts at Western State Bank on Monday, April 6th.

General Items: Larry reviewed Board member functions: Blake as 1st VP will coordinate CR repair forms with the Rec Center (forms will soon be renamed by the Rec Center); remaining Board members will manage their respective areas as assigned.

More social events will be planned for club members. Cake and coffee will be served at General Meetings at the Social Hall.

- July 2026: Informal burger/brat cookout at club (guests invited)
- November 2026: Welcome Back Smashburger Lunch (following Nov. 12th General Meeting at Social Hall)
- December 2026: Holiday Sweet Treat Party (following Dec. 17th General Meeting-Social Hall, guests invited)
- February 2027: Chili Cookoff Lunch (following Feb. 11th General Meeting-Social Hall, guests invited)
- March 2027: Beardsley Park Catered Lunch (guests invited) (date to be determined)

Plasma Cutting Policy Changes: The updated Plasma Cutting policy was reviewed. 'TAP' references will be removed. Lee made a

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motion seconded by Blake to approve the updated policy; all were in favor. It was also agreed that members who have prior experience with our programs (i.e., from Wood Club) can be certified at no charge by a certified plasma monitor. Certified plasma monitors include Sarge, Blake, Ken Weaver, Marty Welch.

Purchase of New Equipment Review: Sarge presented info to replace the powder coating oven that has become difficult and costly to maintain and operate. The oven was originally purchased several years ago to see if members would use this oven; it has proven to be a very popular unit for our club members. Costs for a 4'x4'x6' oven with rails would be less than \$5K. Jim made a motion seconded by Sarge to explore the purchase of a powder coating oven not to exceed \$5K – all were in favor. Sarge will present more specific costs to purchase at the next Board meeting.

Lee presented info to replace the outdated and costly to maintain Sandblaster unit for the club. A replacement unit similar to what we currently have is about \$5500, but would require the same amount of maintenance and costly repairs. A new industrial, commercial unit would be about \$16K, which would require less maintenance and ongoing repair costs. The board is interested in replacing this unit; Lee will provide more options at the next Board meeting.

Roundtable: Blake asked about requiring members to monitor at the club. This has been considered in the past and it was agreed to continue with the current group of monitors. Sarge is planning a sign on the front door to clearly indicate that the club is 'open' or 'closed' for the public. Wendi will work with Board members to clean up the Access key card system with current authorized members. The Cleerman press will be moved closer to the rolling door at the front of the club for possible sale. Donated tables will be set up in

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the main shop area to provide additional workspace for members. Lee will work with Vern Lewis to update the gas tank farm into a more neat and manageable area which will remain unlocked for safety purposes.

Motion to adjourn made by Lee, seconded by Don. The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Submitted by Wendi Boos, Secretary – April 5, 2026