

Wisconsin River Woodcarvers  
Minutes of the meeting for September 5, 2018

President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at 7pm, at the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational United Church of Christ in Wisconsin Rapids, WI., 34 members were present.

Minutes of the August meeting were not read.

Order of Business:

**Sunshine report:** given by Marion O’Kray. “Get Well” cards were sent to Bill Jacobs and Bernice Kepler.

**Treasurer’s report:** given by Ron O’Kray.

At the present time we have 113 paid members. Welcome back to Jerry and Karen Trzebiatowski.

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A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was given by Clark Snyder seconded by Karen Barten and approved by the membership.

**2018 Show report:** given by Ron O’Kray.

Planning for the 2018 show is ongoing. 182 carvers will be in attendance at the 2018 show, this is the most we ever had, and modifications to the floor plan have been made to accommodate everyone. 147 tables and 1 outside chain saw carver tables have been paid for. We are sold out with one carver on the waiting list. 112 people have paid for the show banquet, deadline for banquet reservations is September 8, and forms are available either on our website or from Ron. We have 80 raffles more raffle donations are needed. Sophie mentioned the need for help with selling raffle tickets and admissions, several members volunteered immediately and any other job vacancies will be assigned by Ron the days of the event. Set up is set for Friday at 1pm and help is also needed to tear down on Sunday immediately following the show. Everyone able is asked to help with the clean up. Carvers can come in at 4:30 to set up their tables on Friday. Doors will open at 7am on Saturday for carvers to set up as well.

Larry Shepherd will be holding a children's carving area, volunteers are needed to help with the children. Dennis Neubauer be sharpening tools for a nominal charge, take advantage of this opportunity.

**Old Business:** No old business to report.

**New Business:** President Greg Wirtz introduced the clubs new secretary, Susanne Brzezinski, she will fill the balance of the term for Sophie Kubisiak.

Upcoming seminars:

Carving event at Rock Co. Fair grounds, 1301 Craig Ave. in Janesville on September 8th. 9am-4pm.

September 10, 11,12 and 13, John Engler at the Lincoln Center, Stevens Point  
7:30am - 5pm, this class is full.

September 18 & 19, Rich Wetherbee at the Lincoln Center, Stevens Point,  
Time not given, 3 places still available.

October 21, Capital Area Carvers of Wisconsin show at the Abundant Life Christian School, 4901 East Buckeye Road, Madison WI. 9am-4pm.

Club project is a "relief bear" carving and is coming along well.

Jerry Uher showed samples of the "Helvie Knives" that will be available for sale at the 2019 show, must place order by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost will range from \$39.00 to \$41.00 per knife.

At the 2018 show curiosity bags will be handed out and will include the following:

1. Registration form for the 2019 show
2. 2019 Show flyers
3. Shirt and sweatshirt order forms for 2019
4. Dues forms

Publicity for our 2018 show included the following:

Sept. 6th Waupaca radio, WJFW Rheinlander radio.

Sept. 12th TV channels 6:15 WSAW CH 7, 7:45 WPCH Stevens Point.

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> Publicity in the papers for the Buyers guide in Stevens Point, Waupaca, Wisconsin Rapids and Wausau.

Ron O’Kray welcomed everyone present to take a look at the 2018 show layout after the meeting.

There being no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Ken Brzezinski and seconded by Marion O’Kray and approved by the membership.

Respectively submitted  
Susanne Brzezinski  
Recording Secretary