

WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS

Minutes from the October 10, 2018 Meeting

Meeting Minutes by Sue Brzezinski

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Wirtz at 7:00 pm, 30 members were in attendance.

Minutes of the September 5th meeting:

A motion was made by Bill Day and seconded by Carl Weinfurter to accept the minutes of the September 5th as written and was passed by the membership in attendance.

Sunshine Report by Marion O’Kray:

Cards were sent to the following, Get Well card to Jay Alderman, Sympathy card to Sophie Kubisiak on the loss of her sister, Sympathy card to Bob Corriveau on the loss of his sister and a Get Well card to our president Greg Wirtz.

Treasurer’s Report by Ron O’Kray:

Ron gave an extensive report on all Income and Expenses realized since the last meeting. A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Clark Snyder, seconded by Karen Barten and passed by the membership in attendance.

Old Business by Ron O’Kray and Greg Wirtz:

2018 SHOW:

Greg mentioned that all critique sheets from the 2018 Carving Show have been gone over and the consensus is that 99% of all the clubs attending enjoyed the show, the facility it was held at and the placement of Vendor’s Alley and their individual table locations. Several Vendors commented that this was the best show they have had. The buffet dinner was also well attended and again 99% of those attending the dinner enjoyed their meal and the price charged was well worth it.

Ron reported on details of the 2018 Show. Attendance was down a bit from 2017 (1,127), 2018 (1,014). Several factors are that we do not charge admission to spouses of exhibitors, no admission for children and the Packers played on the Sunday of our show. We printed 6,500 Raffle tickets and were completely sold out by 10:30am on Sunday. There were 124 items on the Raffle table. On Saturday we had 825 paid admissions and on Sunday 189 paid admissions. We sold 148 tables at the show, 123 people attended the banquet. At this time we are waiting on one bill from the 2018 show otherwise all bills have been paid.

All green yard signs used for the 2018 show will be used again for the 2019 show with dates changed using sticky tape to keep cost down. The sticker dates for 2019 have been order.

In closing of Old Business, President Greg Wirtz thanked everyone for a job well done. A round of applause by the membership was given to Greg Wirtz, Ron O’Kray and Marion O’Kray, for their endless hours of work on the 2018 show.

New Business:

Greg reported that at our September 5th 2018 meeting we had 113 paid for memberships and as of today’s meeting we now have 131.

The following are the names of those 18 new members.

Charlie Arnold and Gay Greer of Anderson, SC.

Terry Bauer of Burnett, WI.

Christine and Vern Check of Rosholt, WI. they live in the country, have home schooled their daughters, raise chickens and live the simple life.

Margaret Check joined as a Youth Member, she loves bunnies, animals and is home schooled. She loves, loves, loves woodcarving.

Mary Check joined as a Youth Member. She loves wild and tame animals and how perfectly they are made. That is why she wants to carve all different kinds of animals.

Lawrence and Lynn Durnil of Winneconne, WI.

John and Patricia Drews of Aniwa, WI.

Susan Hall of Edgar, WI. Susan has not carved anything, but would like to learn. She works for an Insurance Co, and has been wood burning on and off since 2001.

She mainly gives her projects away as gifts. Her hobbies are board gaming and following her beloved Milwaukee Brewers.

Karen and Ron Henderson of St. Francis, MN. Karen was the lady at our show with the spoon blanks in water. Her motto is:” Green and growing”.

Ed Hunter of Park Falls, WI.

Jan Jenson of Eau Claire, WI. Jan is the author of the book “Blue Ribbon Chip Carving Old World Style”.

Susan Kehoe of New Franken, WI.

Jerry and Alice Meid of Westfield, WI. Jerry grew up hunting and fishing with his father and younger brother. Duck hunting was his favorite and he helped his father make some Decoys for their hunting rig. This evolved to the desire to carve decorative decoys in the 1980’s. In 1962 Jerry joined the Navy and chose to specialize in electronics.

After qualifying for submarines, he completed five patrols on the Polaris Ballistic Missile Submarines and returned to civilian life in 1968. He spent the next 30 years working for various electronic manufacturers. He got involved with wild fowl carving and carved his first decorative ducks in 1983. Then in 1985 his first competition bird won best novice

decoy at the North American Wildfowl Carving Championship. After carving several ducks, he began carving song birds and more recently birds of prey. Jerry was the winner of the “Advanced” category and “Overall Best of Show” at the 2018 Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Show.

Gordy and Mary Moscinski of Rockford, IL. Gordy and Mary are in charge of the “Musky Area Woodcarvers” annual workshop in Boulder Junction, WI. in August every year.

Richard Neely of Tomah, WI.

Jim Rooker of Sheboygan, WI. Jim is retired and enjoys welding, woodcarving, wood working and making beer.

Debra Schenk of Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Deb is interested in Pyrography.

Jim and Sharon Triumph of Janesville, WI. Re-joined the club. Currently we have 54 paid memberships for 2019.

Ron O’Kray mentioned that the advantages of being a member of our club is that everyone can get all the news of classes being held, seminars, can purchase a table for a lesser amount at our show each year. They get the News Letter and meeting minutes and help Support the club locally and from out of state. We also acquire more raffle prizes and lifetime friendships.

We wish to welcome all new and returning members.

Alexander House: Chet James has been in contact with the Alexander House, Center For Art & History in Port Edwards, WI. 1131 Wisconsin River Dr., 54469.

The Carving Show is scheduled for August 30 thru October 15, 2019. Each member is encouraged to put at least one piece on display at the show.

Library: Jerry Meid donated a box of carving books on Ducks and Songbirds to our club library.

New Business:

Upcoming Events: Sunday October 21, 2018 – Capital Area Carvers of Wisconsin 30th Annual Show & Sale. Location will be at the Abundant Life Christian School, 4901 East Buckeye Road, Madison, WI. 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

2019 SHOW:

We have 100 tables sold already for the 2019 show.

Bob Travis of Davis, CA. will do a (3) day seminar prior to the show on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, September 16, 17 & 18, 2019, using a machined blank.

The cost of the seminar will be \$225.00 includes (1) blank. Additional blanks will be available for sale. He will have examples of what you can do with that blank. Seminar will be held at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI.

Sandy Smith of Lakeview, AR. will be doing two (1) day classes “Carving a Critter from a 2” x 2” x 3” basswood block. Her seminars will be Wednesday September 18, 2019 and Thursday September 19, 2019. The costs of her seminars are \$75.00 per day and the price of the blanks are \$5.00. The seminars will be held at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI.

The judges for the 2019 Show will be P. J. Driscoll of La Vista, NE. and Dave Stetson of Scottsdale, AZ.

All (7) demonstrations at the show will be given by members of the CCA. Floyd Rhadigan, P.J. Driscoll, Ron Dowdy, Dave Stetson, Wayne Laramore, Bruce Henn, Jim Hiser and Mitch Cartledge.

Jerry Uher has samples of the commemorative knives that will be available for the 2019 Show. We have (22) knives paid for at this time. If you want a commemorative knife, we must have the money for the knife by December 20, 2018. Order forms are available from Jerry Uher, Ron O’Kray or on the website, www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.

We will also be selling shirts and sweatshirts for 2019. Samples will be available at our next meeting in November. Pictures of the shirts and sweatshirts can be seen on our web site. Order forms for both items are available from Ron O’Kray or on the website.

The CCA will have a new book out for our 2019 show. 500 books will be shipped to Ron O’Kray. Title of the book not know at this time, however, all projects in the book will be on display at our 2019 show. The book will be available alone or combined with a “Machined Blank”. Plans are being made for a “Book Signing” at the 2019 as well.

The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers are proud to have (2) of our members as members of the CCA, Rich Wetherbee of Colorado Springs, CO. and Carol Leavy of Clinton, IA. Carol was just recently elected to the CCA.

We have “Car Magnets” advertising the 2019 Show, see Ron O’Kray.

The 2019 Show will be held at the same venue “The Holiday Inn Convention Center” in Stevens Point, WI. All available space has been secured and layout space is being reviewed at this time.

10,000 raffle tickets will be printed for the 2019 Show. Bill Day, our Webmaster will put this information out as soon as possible.

There will be Kids Carving again for the 2019 Show.

Sophie Kubisiak made a motion seconded by Echo Keller to have a Christmas Tree filled with hand carved ornaments as a raffle item for the 2019 Show, and was approved by the members present at the meeting.

Ron O’Kray mention a “Charlie Brown Tree” had been donated to our club and could be used for the show.

Plans are underway for a different layout and location of the raffles for the 2019 Show.

The Nativity Set is a major raffle item and will be done again for the 2019 Show. This item will also be displayed differently.

Christmas Party:

It was agreed we have another Christmas Party. Ron will contact Jeff Enerson to see if he is willing to chair that event.

BYLAWS: Club Bylaws are available at this time, see Ron O’Kray for a copy.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8pm, motion made by Clark Snyder, seconded by Echo Keller and passed by the members present.

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