

**WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS**  
Minutes from the November 14, 2018 Meeting

Meeting minutes by Sue Brzezinski

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Wirtz at 7:05 p.m. 30 members were in attendance.

**Minutes from the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

A motion was made by Ken Brzezinski and seconded by Jeff Enerson to accept the minutes of the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting as written and was passed by the membership in attendance.

**Sunshine Report by Marion O’Kray:**

A “Get Well” card was sent to Sue Petterson and it was mentioned that Sue PilsI also had surgery, a card will be sent.

**Treasurer’s Report by Ron O’Kray:**

Ron gave an extensive report on all income and expenses realized since our October meeting.

A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Clark Snyder, seconded by Jeff Enerson passed by the membership in attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS by Greg Wirtz and Ron O’Kray:**

2019 Commemorative Knives information:

The deadline for ordering the (4) different knives is December 10, 2018. All four knives were on display at our meeting. Delivery date for the knives will be in September, 2019. order forms were sent out with the October meeting minutes. If you want to order and do not have an order form, contact Jerry Uher or Ron O’Kray as soon as possible.

**Alexander House Center For Art and History:**

The next club to display their projects will be “The Central Wisconsin Wood Turners Club” on November 30, 2018, 5p.m. to 8 p.m. The Alexander House is located at 1131 Wisconsin River Dr., Port Edwards, WI. 54469.

**Sandy Smith Seminar:**

This seminar is scheduled for Wednesday September 18, 2019 and Thursday, September 19, 2019. It will be held at the Lincoln Center, 1519 Water Street in Stevens Point, WI. 54481. Only (12) students will be accepted on each day. Forms for this seminar were sent out with the October meeting minutes. If you want to attend this seminar and do not have a registration form contact Ron O’Kray as soon as possible. Seminar

registration information will go on our web site in one month.

**Nativity:**

Blanks for the Nativity will be ready to be handed out at our December 12, 2018 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No carving class on Wednesday, November 22, 2018. Next class will be on November 28, 2018. Motion made by Ken Brzezinski and seconded by Marion O’Kray, passed by the membership in attendance.

President Greg Wirtz reported that our membership in October was (131), as of tonight’s meeting the membership is (133).

Tina Cooper joined our club. She served in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear weapons tech, for the submarine fleet. Tina lives in Plover, WI. She enjoys gardening and various arts and crafts. As a civilian she worked as a registered nurse for 24 years.

Judy Cody rejoined our club. We welcome Tina and Judy as members.

As of this meeting we have (69) memberships paid for in 2019. Dues are \$24.00 and are due January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

**2019 SHOW:**

We have (115) tables for the 2019 show sold already.

Ron O’Kray is working with the Holiday Inn Convention Center and the Holiday Inn Express in Stevens Point, WI. on rooms for 2019 Show, information will be provided as soon as possible.

Samples of the shirts and sweatshirts were available at tonight’s meeting. Order forms are available from Ron or Marion O’Kray or our website.

All projects in the CCA Book will be on display at our 2019 Show.

“Car Magnets” advertising the 2019 Show cost \$6.00, see Ron O’Kray.

Bob Travis of Davies, CA. will hold a (3) day seminar prior to the 2019 Show on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 16, 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> 2019, using a machined blank. The cost of the seminar is \$225.00 including (1) blank.

Additional blanks will be available for sale. He will have examples of what you can carve with that blank. The seminar will be held at the Lincoln Center, 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI. 54481. A maximum of (12) students will be accepted (4) have already been paid for. This seminar will appear on our website soon.

Christmas Tree and Ornaments for the 2019 Show:

President Greg Wirtz showed samples of ornaments that can be made for the tree.

Ken Brzezinski turned several pear shaped blanks for Santa heads, if you are interested in carving one of these, see Greg Wirtz. Ron O’Kray also had samples of ornaments to carve for the tree.

A discussion followed on ornament sizes, although no particular size was mentioned it was noted that it is a “Charlie Brown” size tree so all ornaments should be kept under 4 inches in size. Greg encouraged every member (133) to make at least (1) ornament. The tree and all ornaments on the tree will be a combined raffle at the 2019 Show.

Bear relief carvings should all be completed by November 28<sup>th</sup>. Painting of the bears will begin on that date. Bring a brush and news paper to cover your table top area. Have your piece finished with boiled linseed oil prior to November 28<sup>th</sup>. Greg will bring the paint to be used.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Randy Hartjes mentioned that the Library in Wisconsin Rapids would be interested in a display of our carving projects this coming summer. Good opportunity to advertise the 2019 Show. Randy will be the contact person for making the arrangements.

Echo Keller mentioned the “Riverfront Art Center in Stevens Point, WI. would be interested in a display of our carvings. Echo will get a contact name and phone number.

Ron O’Kray mentioned the Lincoln Center” in Stevens Point would be another good place to advertise our carvings and 2019 Show. Ron recently had over (60) personal carving items there on display.

Vice President Clark Snyder emphasized the importance of taking a class or seminar when offered. Clark also thanked those members that supply treats to our carving and meeting nights.

Ken Brzezinski brought up the suggestion that the club have a supply of tracing paper available in our library for members to use. He also suggested we have a raffle every so often on carving nights, it was done in the past and would like to see that happen again in the future. President Wirtz will take that suggestion under advisement.

There is a new storage area that has been provided to us by the church. It will be our new library. The storage room will still house the tool sharpener and vacuum. Videos of demos from the 2018 Show will be stored in the library also. This new storage area is greatly appreciated.

Our Christmas Party will be held on January 9, 2019, at Smiley's Banquet Hall, 4020 County R, Plover, WI. Cost will be \$22.00 (includes tax and tip). All club members, spouses and significant others are invited. A motion to accept the date, time, place, menu and cost was made by Ken Brzezinski, seconded by Ron Peters and passed by the membership in attendance. Reservations forms will be sent out to all members. It was mentioned by our Treasurer, Ron O'Kray that the officers cost is covered by the club as a "thank you" for their year round work done on behalf of the club.

President Wirtz read an open letter from the New England Woodcarvers Executive Board. The Executive Board has found it necessary to cancel the 2018 "Spirit of the Wood" show (SOW). It is their hope that the show will return next year in a grand form. The downward shift in membership numbers has left the group with a small pool of volunteers to run the many aspects of daily and long-term duties necessary to complete the functions associated with the running of the NEWC. Greg expressed the importance of each and every member do their duty to be helpful when asked to help, volunteer where needed, to ensure our club continues to be successful.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ken Brzezinski, seconded by Judy Cody and passed by the membership present.

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