

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

**@ South Wood County Park Shelter
July 8, 2020**

President: **Greg Wirtz** called the July meeting to order at 6:30 pm..

Vice President: **Clark Synder**

Sunshine Report: Marion O'Kray reported that she sent a "Get Well" card to Ken Charnecke.

Membership: We have (124) memberships in 2020.

Attendance: 19

Treasurer's Report: **Ron Okray**

- **Income** came from: Dues 2020, Tables @ 2020 show, Show Banquet, Stevens Point placemat ads, Sale of Club patches, and Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Baseball Caps.
- **Expenses** were for: Ink for computer printer for club treasurer, Stamps, Non-Stock Corporation Annual Report, 2020 Show Table refunds, Show Banquet Refunds, Coffee Mate, paper plates & plastic forks for club meeting, Embroidery of Club Table Runner, #10 Envelopes, Postage Reimbursement, Refund Vic Hood class, Refund Gregg Thompson class, Shipping (1,000) small show flyers to Hummul Carving Co., Return address labels, Get Well & Sympathy cards, Lemonade and paper cups for club meeting, Club meeting at Lake Wazeecha shelter building, printing of letters to show exhibitors, and roughouts from Van Kelly's Wood Carving.

Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 2020 Show:

- An E-mail or letter went out to all club members that the 2020 show was cancelled due to CoronaVirus issues.
- An E-mail went out to all carvers who had paid for a table, electricity, banquet, Gregg Thompson seminar, and Vic Hood class that the 2020 show was cancelled due to CoronaVirus issues.
- a letter with a reimbursement check was sent to all carvers who had paid for a table, electricity, banquet, Gregg Thompson seminar, and Vic Hood class.
- After all checks were written for reimbursement, the club lost **\$2,572.31** on the 2020 show, **\$28.71** on the Gregg Thompson seminar, and **\$28.71** on the Vic Hood seminar. The loss was due to printing costs, raffle license, show ribbons, and mailings.

- Clark Snyder volunteered to contact all carving clubs in the State of Wisconsin and ask that they post in their newsletter that the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 2020 show was cancelled.
- Jerry Uher volunteered to write a "Press Release" about the cancellation of our 2020 show and sent a copy to the Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids radio stations and the Buyers Guide and Newspapers. Jerry Uher also contacted "Sun Printing" informing them that we would not be using placemats in 2020.
- Ron O'Kray contacted the "Stevens Point Convention and Visitors Center" that our show was cancelled for 2020.
- Ron O'Kray has contacted the "Lincoln Center" about cancelling our room reservations for Vic Hood and Greg Thompson seminars in 2020.

Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 2021 Show:

- The 2021 show will be held on September 18 & 19 at the Holiday inn in Stevens Point.
- Hummul Carving Co. has agreed to be our show vendor for 2021.
- Moore Wood and Roughouts has agreed to be at our 2021 show.
- Vic Hood and Gregg Thompson will be the show judges in 2021.
- Vic Hood and Gregg Thompson have agreed to teach a seminar prior to 2021 on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday September 14, 15, & 16, 2021. Ron O'Kray has contacted the "Lincoln Center" about a room for those seminars.
- Do we have a volunteer for "Show Chairman" in 2021?

Motion was made to accept the minutes by Ken Brezinski and seconded by Ron Peters to accept the treasurer report. Motion carried.

Discussion about a meeting place to carve. The South Wood Shelter House can be rented for \$75.00 for 4 hours. Discussion was entertained as of the Shelter west of the large shelter house. We would not pay for this shelter if we were to choose to go with the first come, first serve aspect. Several club members went over to the shelter mentioned above to check the good vs bad considerations. Electricity is available however the lighting was not thought to be of any improvements from the main shelter. After returning to the shelter where we were meeting, members discussed changing places. The club thought the lighting would get worse with the time of day and changing daylighting time. We currently have the shelter committed for until fall when the parks are closed. Since we have commitments for the shelter house at the park, we would continue to meet there.

Discussion as to how many times we met was discussed, how often the club wanted to meet during the time of restrictions were being enforced, we would not want to lose the benefits of one another over this. Here is the proposal for club meetings/carving each Wednesday.

All Wednesday nights are paid for by: All members would meet every Wednesday, from 6-9 pm at the main shelter house by Red Sand Beach at South Wood County Park..

1. The first wednesday is being covered by the generosity of members.
2. The secondard is our monthly meeting and the club would pick up the cost.
3. The third is being taken care for, once again the generosity of a small number of members in the club.
4. The fourth week would be from passing the hat, which will be out on all the carving nights.
5. Every other week/twice a month
6. Passing the hat at all meetings to pay for the shelter.

Motion was made by Tina Cooper to meet three times a week, seconded by Clark Synder.
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tina Cooper and Clark Synder to meet for the first three Wednesdays and the fourth Wednesday by passing the hat. Motion carried.

**-----ATTENTION-----all meetings are Wednesday
from 6 pm to 9 pm**

**BUT!!!!!--The Week of July 12-19 WE WILL MEET
ON TUESDAY, JULY 14. THIS IS ONLY ONE WEEK,
ALL OTHER WEDNESDAYS WILL ACTUALLY BE ON
WEDNESDAY.**

Although this is a temperamental fix for the next few weeks--we all need help in alternative meeting places. These would be our Wednesdays from early October until spring. All suggestions are welcome, encouraged, and will be brought up to the club at our meetings.

Once again we(The Members) would like to say "Thank You" for everyone working with the club for the show, connections to keep the club going, and of course everyone in the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers club.

Old Business:

- At the June meeting, Greg Wirtz showed a "Small Santa Ornament" that he had carved. Enough interest was shown that it was agreed to order (15) pieces. Ron O'Kray sent a check to "Van Kelly Wood Carving" for the roughouts. They have not arrived yet.
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Motion was made to end the meeting by Echo Keller and seconded by Barb Schemk, motion carried. Meeting ended at 7:30 pm

Them President's Challenge was judged by President Greg Wirtz winners were;
Realistic: Ron Okray--Indian Bust
Novice: Randy Hartjes--Comfort Bird mounted
CONGRATULATIONS!