



February 2021 Newsletter

By Karen Barten / Secretary

President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Minutes from December Meeting: No corrections, accepted as written.

Sunshine Report: Marion O’Kray reported that she sent Get Well cards to Sophie Kubisiak, Jerry Uher, Jan Jensen, and Sandy Hartjes. We hope they all are feeling better.

Membership: We have (66) memberships paid for in 2021. We had (127) memberships in 2020. Dues are \$24.00 per year and were due on January 1, 2021. We have (3) new memberships for 2021. Ray & Sandra Claussen of Ogdensburg, WI and Kim & Charlene Lynum of Eau Claire, WI joined the club when paying for their 2021 Show registration. Bob Kosmoski joined the club 2-10-21. Welcome all new carvers. The following carvers have **not** paid their 2021 dues:

Jay & Deb Alderman Darrel Anderson Richard & Sheryl Asada
Allen & Marie Benes Victoria Brandt Dan & Ashten Brown
Ken & Mary Ann Charnecke Phillip & Rene Chatman Christine & Vern Check
Margaret Check Mary Check John & Patricia Drews
Becky & Harry Engstrand Jeff & Pam Enerson Ron & Barb Fischer
Thomas & Barbara Fisher John & Marge Gehrman Dylan & Barb Goodson
Tim & Corrine Gosz Laurel Hoeth Brenda Hubler
Ed Hunter Bob Jack Bill & Jordis Jacobs
Jan Jensen Delores Johnson Rachel Johnson
Tom & Lynne Kissner Tom & Joyce Klement Lyle & Jeanne Koepke
Clayton Kubisiak Sophie Kubisiak David & Lynn Kublank
Jim & Carol Kvatek Ted & Fay Lauf Mike & Brenda Lodermier
Kyle & Kayla Mallek Tom Marker Keith & Beverly Melzer
Pat Monroe Carol & Roland Moore Randy & Pat Moore
Peggy & Michael Mueller Richard Neely Rick & Chrismary Pacyna
Dan & Sue Petterson Jordan Petterson Michael Petterson
Robert Phillips Candace Prah-Tell Rueben Roderbeck
Jim & Karen Rooker John Runke Debra Schenk
Karen & Don Schultz Joy Siekert Norbert Simcakoski
Mary & Butch Staeben Tim & Marilyn Swiecki Tom & Gerri Taylor
Jim & Thelma Van Norman Richard & Delores Zakoski

This will be your last newsletter if dues are not paid. Make checks payable to Wisconsin River Woodcarvers. Send dues to: Wisconsin River Woodcarvers

Ronald O’Kray – Treasurer

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Treasurer's Report:

- **Income** came from: Dues 2021, Christmas Party 2020, Donations, Sale of WRW baseball cap, Vic Hood seminar, Tables @ 2021 Show, 2021 Show Banquet meals, Gregg Thompson Seminar, Electricity @ 2021 Show, and money to ship WRW baseball cap,
- **Expenses** were for: Rental of Nepco Lake shelter for December 9 & 16, 2020, 2021 Show Raffle license, Refund 2020 Christmas party, Printing of 2021 Show cover letter, Holiday Inn information, Banquet forms, Registration forms, & Judging information, Printing of Vic Hood seminar forms, Printing of Gregg Thompson seminar forms, 70 cent stamps for Show mailing, Christmas party meals, Insurance, First Class stamps, Mailing of small show flyers to Vic Hood, John Sutton, & Randy Moore, Reimbursement for materials to construct cabinet @ Central Wisconsin Cultural Center, Shipping of small show flyers to Hummul Carving Co., Mailing of small show flyers and car magnet to Gerald Lesch, Gregg Thompson, & Art Uher, Shipping of WRW baseball cap, car magnet, & small show flyers to Ray Reas, Mailing of small show flyers to Cheryl Ruplinger, Postcard stamps, Shipping of car show magnets to Cheryl Ruplinger, Raffle tickets, Ink for computer printer, and cookies for club meeting.
- A motion was made by Ron Peters and seconded by Dick Fleisner to approve the treasurer's report. All in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

- Beginning January 20th, we will meet every Wednesday at the Central Wisconsin Cultural Center from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. If we have to cancel a Wednesday night meeting, you will be notified by E-mail.
- Carl Weinfurter had volunteered to make a cabinet for club storage at the Central Wisconsin Cultural Center. We thank Carl for doing this..
- **CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The Christmas Party was held on Wednesday January 13, 2021 at Smiley's Banquet Hall in Plover. Twenty two carvers and spouses attended the event. An excellent meal was served, no one went away hungry. An ornament and gift exchange was held. After the meal everyone stayed at least an hour to socialize.
- **ALEXANDER HOUSE:** The following members are displaying:
Echo Keller Diane Swiggum Ron O'Kray Greg Wirtz
Jeff Enerson Carl Weinfurter Ray Reas Randy Hartjes
Dick Fleisner Tom Kissner David King

Pick up of the work will be **Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 4:00 PM**. The house is open that day for visitors from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. The house is open every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm if you wish to see the carving on display.

Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 2021 Show:

- The 2021 show will be held on September 18 & 19 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.
- David King has volunteered to be in charge of the Kid's Carving for the show.
- All Raffle donations made for 2020 will be used for the 2021 show. We need many more raffle prizes. The Nativity pieces carved for the 2020 show will be used for the 2021 show. We still have some carvers who have not turned in their Nativity pieces. When you are carving Christmas ornaments, carve an extra one for the Christmas tree that we will give away at the 2021 show.
- Hummul Carving Co. and Moore Wood & Roughouts will be our show vendors. Denny Neubauer will be sharpening tools.
- (58) Tables have been paid for, (3) carvers have requested Electricity and (34) carvers have paid for the Show banquet.
- Prior to the show Vic Hood & Gregg Thompson will be holding (3) day seminars on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, September 14, 15, & 16, 2021. (4) carvers have paid for the Vic Hood seminar and (4) carvers have paid for the Gregg Thompson seminar.
- 2021 Show flyers are available. Contact Ron O'Kray if you cannot pick them up at the Wednesday night meetings.
- Raffle license has been received and raffle tickets have been printed. They now need to be stapled into packets of (6).
- Ribbons have been ordered.
- Vendor solicitation letters have been sent.
- For the past few years, we have been reusing the "Yard Signs" by installing a weatherproof sticker over the dates on the Yard Signs. This has worked out good and been a cost saving to the club. We thank Lee Halverson for this tip. These have been ordered for 2021.
- David King will be in charge of the "Carving Contest".
- Marion O'Kray will be in charge of admissions. She has some volunteers already. If there is a specific time that you want to volunteer, contact her.
- Delores Zakoski will be in charge of the Raffle. Contact her or Ron O'Kray if you have a donation.
- Kyle Mallek (webmaster) has been keeping the show information on the website current.
- If you have any questions about the show, contact Greg Wirtz, Ron O'Kray, or checkout the website: www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.

Future Shows:

- Ron O’Kray volunteered for the show chairman’s position in 2021. Ron requests that someone volunteer to “intern or apprentice” with him, so that we will have a show chairman in 2022.

New Business:

- The **Ozarks Woodcarving Seminar** scheduled for March 15th thru March 19th, 2021 in Springfield, MO has been **cancelled**.
- **Kettle Karvers Annual Artistry in Wood** scheduled for April 24, 2021 has been **cancelled**.
- The **Oshkosh Artistry in Wood Show and Competition** scheduled for May 8, 2021 has been **cancelled**.
- **The AWC Congress** for 2021 has been **cancelled**.
- John Sutton has informed us that “**Carve In 4 & 5**” at the Bekkum in Westby, WI will be held on Saturday August 21, 2021.
- The **41st Annual Woodcarving Show & Sale** sponsored by the **North Arkansas Woodcarvers** will be held in Mountain Home, AR on Saturday May 1, 2021 and Sunday May 2, 2021. More information on the website.
- There being no other business President Greg Wirtz asked for a motion to adjourn. Ken Brzezinski made the motion seconded by Dick Fleisner All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

**Too Much Wood
Too Whittle Time**