



March 2022 Newsletter

By Ron O'Kray / Treasurer

President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes from February 2022 Meeting: Motion by Jerry Meid and seconded by David King to accept as sent. All in attendance approved.

Sunshine Report: Marion O'Kray reported that she sent a sympathy card to Karen Brinkman on loss of husband Fred, and a sympathy card to Richard Zakoski on the loss of his sister. She also sent Get Well cards to Sandy Hartjes and Sue Brzezinski. We hope that Sandy and Sue are feeling better.

Membership: We have (77) memberships paid for in 2022. Dana Bundgaard of Rice Lake, WI joined the club. She loves crafting with clay, glass, painting rocks and wood, and wood burning.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Income** came from: Dues 2022, & Floyd Rhadigan seminar.
- **Expenses** were for: Paper for computer printer for club treasurer, Printing of February newsletter, Stamps for mailing of February newsletter, Cookies for club meeting, Death of member Fred Brinkman, Add Fred Brinkman name to Memorial plaque, Rent of Lincoln Center for February 2022, and Ink for computer printer for club treasurer.
- A motion was made by Ron Peters and seconded by Marion O'Kray to approve the treasurer's report. All in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

- Mahala Earnhart volunteered to be the club secretary. Unfortunately, she is unable to be at tonight's meeting. Thank you, Mahala, for volunteering.

Upcoming Seminar: The club has a seminar scheduled with CCA member Floyd Rhadigan on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday April 6, 7, & 8, 2022 at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The cost of the seminar for club members is \$150.00 and \$160.00 for non-club members. We have (12) members paid for the seminar at this time. The cost of roughouts is between \$15.00 and \$40.00. Pay Floyd for the roughouts. Floyd will be bringing approximately (70) different roughouts to choose from. Maximum number of students is (15). More information on the website www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org or from Greg Wirtz or Ron O'Kray. **Greg Wirtz highly recommended that if you are not attending the seminar, that you stop in and see how the class is going.**

Upcoming Shows in 2022:

- **Carve in 6** will be held @ the **Bekkum**, 206 North Main Street, Westby, WI on April 23, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. April Bird will be the featured carver. For more information contact: John Sutton (608-634-4396) or lbarnfarms@gmail.com. Show flyers are available at tonight's meeting. The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers will have (2) club tables at this show. **Greg Wirtz highly recommended that members take a day trip to see the Carve In.**
- The **Mid-Wisconsin Chippers** will be holding their 46th Annual Show, Competition, & Sale on Sunday May 1, 2022 at the Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 Main Street, Oshkosh, WI from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more show information contact Paul Wolters (920-727-2139) or www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com.
- The **North Arkansas Woodcarvers** will be holding their 42nd annual Show and Sale on Saturday and Sunday May 7 & 8, 2020. More information on club website or contact: Sandy Smith – 870-431-8070 or E-mail: websmaster@northarkansaswoodcarvers.org.
- The **International Woodcarvers Congress** will be held from June 11 thru June 19, 2022 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds, 1212 East Quarry Street, Maquoketa, IA. This will be their 54th annual event, the oldest competitively judged woodcarving art show in the USA. More information @ <http://woodcarverscongress.org>. They will have (17) instructors in 2022.
- The **2022 Evart Woodcarvers Roundup** will be held at the Osceola Fair Grounds in Evart, MI from June 15 to 18, 2022. Contact Floyd Rhadigan @ rhads134@comcast.net or 734-649-3259 for more information.
- **Floyd Fest** will be held June 20 – 24, 2022 in Evart, MI. There will be (9) instructors. Contact Floyd Rhadigan @ rhads134@comcast.net or 734-649-3259 for more information.
- The **Creede Woodcarving Rendezvous** will be held from July 9 thru July 15, 2022 in Creede, CO. More information @ www.creedewoodcarvers.com.
- The Mid-America Woodcarvers will hold **Doane Experience 2022** at Doane College in Crete, NE from July 24 to July 30, 2022. More information on website midamericawoodcarvers.com/Doane_Experience.html.
- The **Rock River Valley Woodcarvers of Wisconsin** will be having their annual show on Saturday September 10, 2022 at the Rock County Fairgrounds "Craig Center" 131 Craig Ave. Janesville, WI. Hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. More information on club website.
- "**Carvin The Rockies CCA**" will be held September 24 & 25, 2022 in Colorado Springs, CO. More information @ www.cca-carvers.org.
- The **Waupaca Area Woodcarvers** will be having their first woodcarving show on November 6, 2022 @ 407 School Street, Waupaca, WI. More information available from Harold Mohr (715-281-4923) or Kathy Brehm (920-740-1986) & website www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org. The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers will have (2) club tables at this show.

New Business:

- President Greg Wirtz has asked if there would be any interest in doing something like “Carve in at the Bekkum in the Wisconsin Rapids area? **Greg Wirtz highly recommended that members take a day trip to see the Carve In at the Bekkum in Westby, WI on April 23rd. Then we can discuss whether the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers would want to do something similar.**
- David King was contacted by Kristin Winters of the Port Edwards elementary school to see if the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers would be interested in doing a “Kid’s Carving” for all (180) students. This would be similar to what we had done at our previous carving show]. Kristin had been very impressed how the club had done at our previous shows. The school would provide all necessary materials. They would like to do this on afternoons in late April or early May. David will try to get exact dates so we can get commitments from club members. If you have helped out with Kid’s Carving at the shows, you know how well the Kids enjoy this activity. More information to follow.

Show and Tell: Ron O’Kray showed a Gnome, Miner’s Hammer in Walnut, a Slotted Spoon carved from Butternut, and a Christmas ornament that he carved. Greg Wirtz showed a 15th Century Monk that he carved and painted. Youth member Adam Wechorek showed a Cowboy Boot and Snowman ornament that he had carved. Bobbi O’Shasky showed a Butternut Celtic Cross that she carved. Tom Kissner showed a Sea Captain that he carved. Dick Fleisner showed a Christmas Tree with Face that he completed. Carrie Ann Picardi volunteered to take pictures of all Show and Tell items.

- There being no other business President Greg Wirtz asked for a motion to adjourn. Tom Kissner made the motion seconded by Jerry Meid. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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