

**Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers**  
Annual Meeting January 10, 2019

**Present:** Wes Hovind, Dana Tucker, Peter Dielschneider, Steve Eberle, Dan Maier, Leo Belanger, Wayne Cann, Lloyd Bernt, Tim Caswell, Linda Anderson, Allan, Egler, Herb Klassen, Tracy Roemer, Jerry Holland

**2018 Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes of the last annual meeting, January 11, 2018, were available for review and discussion.

That the 2018 Annual meeting minutes be accepted as presented.

Moved: Allan Egler

Seconded: Danny Maier

Carried

**Business Arising:**

None

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Membership:**

The club finished the year with 54 members. 2019 fees are \$20.00 and are now due.

**Finances:**

Bank balance at the end of December 2018 was approx. \$8,720.67.

Income for the year was \$1,499.82

Motion: That the 2017 Financial Statements are accepted as presented without audit or review.

Moved: Wayne Cann

Seconded:Linda Anderson

Carried.

**Programmer's Report:**

The executive has been working hard this past year to develop the programs for the club. The direction planned is to have at least two (2) to three (3) workshops each year. We are presently working at developing a beginner's class that will run the whole program year. This beginner class will be held each second Thursday of the month. We had our first class in November with five (5) new beginners. There is some additional interest that might drive this number up. Our next class will be held Thursday, Jan. 10th, 2019. Our plan is to run this beginner class each year regardless of the number of beginners. The executive feel it is essential for the growth of the club that we instruct and support those who show interest in carving. We have changed the direction of our third Thursday night of carving from small monthly projects to one large project to be worked on the entire program year. We will still have small projects for those not wanting to participate in the large project. The thought behind this is to provide instruction each month and to work on a large project that will develop and challenge the participant's knowledge and skill level. Our first

project is a loon. We are very excited to see the initial interest in this idea as we presently have twenty plus (20+) participants.

### Workshops

- Relief Carving Workshop was held on Feb. 16-18th with five (5) participants. The workshop instructor was Tim Caswell and held in Tim's shop. The students learned the difference of low and high relief, the tools used, how to transfer a pattern to the wood and layering used in relief carving to give the perception of depth.

- Diamond Willow Walking Stick Workshop was held on Saturday, Sept. 8th with fourteen (14) participants. Greg Mallett was the instructor. The workshop was held at the Neil Balkwill Centre. The students learned when to cut and where to find diamond willow, how to remove the bark, sand and finish the walking stick.

- Pyrography Workshop was held Nov. 23rd and 24th in Tim Caswell's shop. Seven (7) participants learned how different burning pens operate. They had the opportunity to try the different pens, prep a wood panel, learn to transfer a pattern to the panel and work on their project. Linda Anderson was the instructor for the most part and Wilbur Feader joined the workshop Saturday afternoon to show his work and to share in the instruction and tips to pyrography.

The next workshop that the executive is looking at rolling out is a workshop on using a band saw to cut out carving blanks. The workshop would include band saw set up and maintenance, blade types and sizes, safety and how to cut blanks. This workshop would be held this spring, more information will be sent out once details are finalized.

We would like to thank the membership for their support this past year. Please let us know if there are any workshop ideas that you have that we could develop and offer to the membership.

Submitted by Tim Caswell, Programs Director.

### **Website:**

The site continues to have significant usage.

Unique Visitors: An average of 474 different visitors each month

Total Visits for Year: 13783

Total pages viewed: 32195

A complete statistical report has been presented to the Executive for the information of the club.

The Future... As I mentioned in last year's report to the annual meeting, I would like to resign from the position of Web Master for the Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers. I took on the task in January of 2007, and almost 11 years means that it is about time! Below are options for the future of the website.

First: I would provide the information and tools that I currently use on the website to whomever the club appoints. This includes the accounts and passwords on our internet service provider, as well as the software I have been using "Frontpage 2003" and the software that enabled me to move Frontpage over to Windows 10. There are a number of significant problems with managing the change in this way. First there is the learning curve associated with using old software that functions quite differently than current versions of Microsoft Office. The one positive is that I can also provide the Microsoft Book in CD format, "FrontPage 2003 Inside Out", as a learning resource. Second, beyond that book, there is a complete lack of support from Microsoft, who abandoned Frontpage shortly after I took on the responsibility. I had been using "Frontpage 2003" in my consultancy business even before Microsoft pulled the plug. Third, we had to move to our current Internet Service Provider when the previous provider abandoned support for FrontPage claiming that it created security problems to keep running the extensions, hence the future of support for this method is unknown.

Second would be to move our web to a site developed with "WordPress" which is quite straight forward to use. As I struggled with the problems of being trapped with FrontPage I experimented with the "WordPress" system. The potential site can be seen as <http://blog.wjdearborn.ca> Although just barebones I could see how we could move in that direction. To examine this option go to "<https://WordPress.Com>" and since we already have some different URLs for the club you should be able to establish a free site to test this option.

Third: At [wjdearborn.ca](http://wjdearborn.ca) you can click on "New Site for Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers" to see a site developed with different tools - including "Microsoft Expression Web 4 and Microsoft Web Matrix" both also abandoned by Microsoft, and Freeware programs "Bluefish", "FileZilla" and "Gimp". This site was being developed using software that was not dependent on the Internet Service Provider supporting FrontPage Extensions, and attempting to use more recent standards of HTML5, CSS3 and JavaScript. Again, there are a number of resource books that I can provide anyone who wanted to move in this direction, but I abandoned this approach simply because learning, maintenance and updating this type of site requires significant time.

My recommendation would be the WordPress option, which would require significant work to set up, but which could use information from the current site as content for the pages and would be much easier to maintain in the future. I would quite willingly work with anyone the club appoints to accomplish the transition.

Submitted by: Bill Dearborn

### **Newsletter:**

The Newsletter was discontinued in 2018.

### **Communication**

The club developed the following communication strategy.

Methods used or envisioned by Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers to provide information about club meetings and events, keep members connected with one another, offer advice and instruction and advertise carving classes:

- Email - one-time reminders and information sent out by Herb Klassen
- Website - reports, minutes, picture gallery, archives, information about RRW events, advertising - Bill Dearborn
- Facebook - a current informal method to advertise events and to share what is happening. Can be used for community building. Members could post and respond to one another. -Sharon Bender

**Library:**

Library report for 2018.

Online library list is up to date to Dec. 2018

All reference books in cabinet are now filed alphabetically by author.

There were 42 books/magazines borrowed in 2018.

Submitted by: Dale Wenman

**Presidents Report:**

None

**Nominations:**

The following people are offering their leadership to the Club for 2019.

President	Vacant
Vice President	Sharon Bender
Past President	Peter Dielschneider
Secretary-Treasurer	Herb Klassen
Website	Vacant Supported by Bill Dearborn
Library	Dale Wenman
Program	Tim Caswell
Monthly projects	Jim Crawford / Jack Bergen

The signing officers of the Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers will change to reflect the changes to the executive. Signing officers will include: Sharon Bender, Peter Dielschneider, Herb Klassen, Dale Wenman, Tim Caswell

Two signatures are required one of which must be the Secretary/Treasurer.

The current directors of the club are:

Bob Dawson  
Tory Neald  
John Robertson  
Herb Klassen

**Other Business:**

**Woodturners and Wood Carver's Show**

The 2019 Show will be held at the Italian Club on April 13 & 14.

**Comfort Birds**

Wayne Cann has cut out 184 Comfort Bird blanks and 224 Flat Bird blanks.

Thank-you Wayne!!

Discussed a carving bee at Tory's shop.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Wayne Cann

Carried

Seconded: Leo Belanger

Meeting Adjourned.