

**Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers**  
Annual Meeting January 16, 2020

**Present:** Linda Anderson, Leo Belanger, Sharon Bender, Tim Caswell, Bryan Gourlie, Kathy Harrison, Rhonda Harrison, Gerry Holland, Wes Hovind, Ted Lexier, Dan Maier, Adriana Moryski, Garnet Park, John Robertson, Tracey Roemer, Carla Spriggs, Nate Spriggs,

**Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes of the last annual meeting held January 10, 2019, were provided to the club for review and discussion.

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held January 10, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Moved: Danny Maier  
Carried

Seconded: Leo Belanger

**Business Arising:**

None

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Membership:**

The club finished the year with 64 members. 2020 fees are \$20.00 and are now due.

**Finances:**

Bank balance at the end of December 2019 was \$10,354.55. There are 2 outstanding cheques totaling \$804.33 leaving an actual balance of 9,550.22.

Income for the 2019 year was \$829.55.

Motion: That the 2019 Financial Statements are accepted as presented without audit or review.

Moved: Sharon Bender  
Carried.

Seconded: Ted Lexier

**Programmer's Report:**

Another year has started and we are excited to have seen our beginner class grow to thirteen (13) members. We are continuing on from last year with the beginner class being held every second Thursday of the month. We have seen a number of our last year beginners return this year and they have been participating in our large project carving and a number of the workshops.

Last year's large project that was held the third Thursday of the month was a good start to our large project program. We found that the loon project had a level of difficulty that made it difficult for some to complete the stages of carving each month. This will be considered when picking future large projects. This year we are doing a Haida carving of two salmon. We presently have seventeen (17) participants. This project is considerably easier than the loon and will be completed this program year.

## Workshops

- The Bandsaw Workshop was held Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> with nine (9) participants. The workshop instructor was Tim Caswell and it was held in Tim's shop. The participants learned how to change and store bandsaw blades, how to set up and tune a bandsaw. Each participant received instruction on how to cut out carving blanks and then each spent time cutting out a blank.
- The Soapstone Workshop was held Friday and Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> with ten (10) participants. The workshop instructor was Tim Caswell and it was held at the Heritage United Church class room. Participants learned types of soapstone, tools used, how to prepare a blank, roughing out the blank, sanding and finishing.

The executive 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 can develop and offer to the membership. We have numerous talented carvers in our membership, we are always looking for instructors, please contact the executive if you would like to help with instructing.

Submitted by Tim Caswell, Programs Director.

## **Website:**

During the past year the Club Executive has attempted unsuccessfully to find a replacement for the current website maintainer who has been in place since 2006 – hence Bill Dearborn has continued in that role. The key issue is that the website is currently maintained with very old Software that is no longer supported by the original supplier and would be a major problem for any new manager to learn.

To deal with this issue the executive has decided to move the site to a different software system “WordPress” and hired a developer to create a system which would be easy for a new operator to learn and maintain. The developer will work with Bill to assure that the services required on the site by the club are maintained and that the approach to maintenance/updates is simplified. The hope is that this will mean recruiting a new website manager will be successful.

Our Internet Service provider “Rebel.ca” does provide support for “WordPress” based sites so that will simplify the transition. “WordPress” is a popular system used by many organizations.

Rebel.ca bills us yearly for the renewal of our website registration and for the hosting services they provide. Usage of the site on a monthly average basis is: Average Unique Users: 637, Yearly number of visits: 13850, Yearly pages viewed: 28821. The site does not provide overall yearly statistics for Unique Users however the other statistics are for the full year.

The club continues to use 3 different URL's for connecting to the site:

reginawhittlersandwoodcarvers.ca; reginawoodcarvers.com; and reginawoodcarvers.ca.

I look forward to the transition that the next year will bring!

Submitted by: Bill Dearborn

**Newsletter:**

The Newsletter was discontinued in 2018.

**Communication:** No Update

**Library:** No Report

**Presidents Report:**

Linda reviewed a bit of the club history and hi-lighted some of our achievements. These included: Artistry in Wood Show  
Queen City Ex  
Allan Blair Comfort Bird donations.

A club is healthy when it has a purpose. The fact that people are showing up to club events show that our club is meeting a need. We also need programming, which is also happening, thanks to Tim and his team. The programming needs to be targeted at different levels and this is also happening.

The final thing that gives a club life.. everyone needs to contribute.

**Nominations:**

The following people are offering their leadership to the Club for 2020.

President	Sharon Bender
Vice President	Carla Spriggs
Secretary-Treasurer	Herb Klassen
Website	Vacant
	Supported by Bill Dearborn
Library	Allan Egler / Martha Cole
Programs	Tim Caswell
	Keith Cheston
	John Robertson
Monthly projects	Ted Lexier

Motion: That the 2020 Executive be approved as presented.

Moved: Linda Anderson

Seconded: John Robertson

Carried

The signing officers of the Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers will change to reflect the changes to the executive. Signing officers will include: Sharon Bender, Bill Dearborn, Linda Anderson, Herb Klassen, Allan Egler, Tim Caswell, Carla Spriggs.

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 2020 Show will be held at the Italian Club on April 18 & 19.

**Comfort Birds**

To date the club has donated 1,785 comfort birds to the Cancer Clinic.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Ted Lexier

Seconded: Danny Maier

Carried

Meeting Adjourned.