

## **Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers**

Annual Meeting February 20, 2025

**Present:** Wes Hovind, Sandy Ervin, Tim Caswell, Cheryl Dvernichuk, Molly Ann Zerr, Leif Ellefson, Dylan Kardash, Sharon Bender, Jeff Beaton, Leo Belanger, Danny Maier, Herb Klassen, Jim Schinborn, Julia Dima

### **Agenda:**

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of the last annual meeting held March 14, 2024, were provided to the club for review and discussion.

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held March 14, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Moved: Danny Maier

Seconded: \_Molly Ann Zerr

Carried

### **2. Business Arising:**

None

### **3. Treasurer's Report: Herb Klassen**

Provided for those present.

#### **Membership:**

The club finished the year with 52 members.

#### **Finances:**

The bank balance on December 31<sup>st</sup> is \$4,974.32 plus a term deposit of \$5,175.48 at a 1 Year Term at 4.45%. (Redeemable Term March 17, 2025)

Income for the 2022 year was \$1,437.20.

Motion: That the 2024 Financial Statements are accepted as presented without audit or review.

Moved: Sandy Ervin

Seconded: Molly Ann Zerr

Carried

### **4. Programmer's Report: Tim Caswell**

Another year has passed and is in the books. I hope everyone has enjoyed their time in the carving community whether that was time spent at the Tuesday morning drop-ins or our Thursday night club nights. It's exciting to see the addition of new members and their participation in the programs put on by our club.

The beginner class once again saw five (5) new carvers start and join the club. We have gained a couple of extra beginners along the way. The Tuesday morning drop-in seems to be a great feeder program for the club. We changed the beginner class to include a tutorial on sharpening.

Our third Thursday night programs have been doing well. The relief carving class has carried over from last year with eight (8) participants. We have tried to have carving blanks for those not participating in the class. Sandy Evin has gregariously taken on the task of cutting out the blanks. Thanks Sandy, much appreciated. Some of the blanks have included a small snow man decoration, jack-o-lantern, and an angel. The angel seemed to have been a crowd pleaser as twenty-four (24) blanks were cut, and we only have a couple left. If you have any ideas of possible plans for the Thursday night carving blanks, please contact me.

On October 26<sup>th</sup> we held the Magpie tail feather class and had five (5) participants. This class was taught by Cam Merkle from Maple and Bass. Participants carved, textured and painted a Magpie tail feather. Comments from the participants were very positive.

We held our second PHD (Projects Half Done) on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Windsor Plywood once again offered space to set up a display table and carving space front and center as you entered their store. Thanks to the staff at Windsor Plywood this was another great Saturday. Plan on attending the next PHD scheduled to be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Upcoming plans and projects for next year include a Simple Gnome workshop, heron project, Color workshop instructed by Cam Merkle and another world problem solving PHD.

Submitted by Tim Caswell, Programs Director.

## **5. Website: Carla Spriggs**

We continue to have ongoing yearly costs for our website. We are hosted with a company called Crel Technologies and we usually have three domain names that cost us \$15/name (\$45) each year and a hosting fee of \$75 for a total annual cost of \$127. This year we did not have these costs as the website host was upgrading but the costs will be back this coming year. The club continues to use 3 different URL's that get you to the site. [Reginawhittlersandwoodcarvers.ca](http://Reginawhittlersandwoodcarvers.ca); [reginawoodcarvers.com](http://reginawoodcarvers.com) and [reginawoodcarvers.ca](http://reginawoodcarvers.ca).

The club has been growing, and if there are any suggestions on what you would like to see on the website, please feel free to provide suggestions. If someone is interested in taking over the website chair on the Board, I will be willing to help them learn the program for the website.

Allan has kept a current list of what is in the library, and this can be found on the website if you are looking for a particular magazine. I am grateful to Herb for keeping all our finances in order, carving locations booked and many other tasks, Tim for his years of programming and teaching and Sharon for keeping the ship upright as the captain.

Please feel free to submit anything you would like to see on our club website.

Submitted by Carla Spriggs

## **6. Library: Allan Egler**

As in the past, the library has benefited from material donated by members and past members. The subscriptions to “Woodcarving Illustrated” and “Chipchats” have been renewed. The library has also subscribed to the British magazine “Woodcarving”. As our library space continues to be an issue, the executive has decided that the very old issues of “Chipchats” will be removed from the library and made available to our membership.

The following information about the library has been made available to our new members and serves as a refresher to our current membership.

*The Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers Club maintains a library that is located in the two melamine book shelves on the west wall of the storage room in the Art Room at the Neil Balkwill Center.*

*The library is available to all club members and contains a large number of reference books as well as many other magazines like Chip Chat, Woodcarving Illustrated, Carving, etc.*

*If you wish to borrow any library material, please fill out the sign out sheet in the white three ring binder. Each borrowed item should be entered on separate line. This makes it easier to track the items that are signed out.*

*The white three ring binder also contains a list of all the magazines and books we have in the library as well as a cross reference of articles in Woodcarving Illustrated, Chip Chats and Carving magazines for a specific subject.*

*There is no time limit as to how long you may have an item from the library but bear in mind that if you have an item, it is no longer available to other members. One month is the suggested loan duration.*

*When you return an item, update the sign out sheet and place it in the box marked for returns. The magazines are kept in a specific order by issue number and the reference books are filed alphabetically by the name of the author. This makes it easier for members to find what they are looking for.*

*Your cooperation in keeping the library organized is appreciated.*

Allan Egler



**10.** The current directors of the club are:

Bob Dawson

Tory Neald

John Robertson

Herb Klassen

**Other Business:**

**11. Artistry in Wood Show**

The 2025 Show will be held at the Callie Curling Club on April 11 & 12.

Registration forms will be available soon.

**12. Comfort Birds**

To date the club has donated 3,319 comfort birds to the Cancer Clinic.

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Sharon Bender

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Herb Klassen