

West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild
L.E. Phillips Senior Center
Minutes
05/14/2025

Board Members Attending: Rich Thelen (President), Wayne Dubberke (Vice President), John Allen (Treasurer). Carol Figi (Secretary) absent. 9 members attending. Meeting convened at 6:34 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the April 9, 2025 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept made by Bruce, 2nd by Charlene. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report and Membership

Currently the Guild has \$4,403.86 in the checkbook. 52 members for 2025.

Old Business

- Membership updates - The membership list has about 10-12 people that didn't pay this year, there are new members showing up in Chippewa. John has about a dozen name tags that haven't been picked up.
- Review of Karve-In 9 in Westby, April 26, Char, Rich, and John sat the table and it was a good show. There were a lot of tables there and it was a free show to get in.
- Update on Jim Ayres' Fan Bird class at the Chippewa Falls Senior Center on Saturday, June 7th from 9am to 4 or 5 pm. – 18 signed up + 8 extra birds requested. Set up will start at 8am. Contact Dennis at dermjohn@aol.com if interested – see flyer for details.
- Paint The Town in Menomonie, July 19th, 10am to 4pm – Should we get a table? Yes. John will pay for that spot for \$35. Will need Volunteers. John will bring cement blocks to hold the tent down.
- Chippewa Valley Wood Carving Show and Sale – September 27, 2025.
 - 8 tables reserved, JoAnn with Kitchen 11-1ish, Dell is organizing the Used Tool/Carving supply Table,
 - Looking for more people to demonstrate. Contact Char at 715-497-6296 if interested.
 - If interested in having a table at the show, please contact Char at 715-497-6296.

New Business

- For WWWCG Show, Beaver Craft Tools reached out and Rich will reply back to them.
- Financial Analysis of Membership Dues – Break Even Analysis
 - See last page, pasted image.
 - All expenses are already paid for 2025. We are doing ok. Hopefully pick up more new members.
- Social Media Update – Rich has recruited Richard Purvis from Menomonie. Char is adding Rich as an admin to Facebook.
- Funding a table at Steven's Point event – It is a 2 day event on Sat. September 20, 9am to 5pm, and Sun. Sept 21, 9am to 4pm, at the Holiday Inn and is a \$40 fee. Jan motions, JoAnn seconds.
 - Volunteers can be for 1 of the days or both.

Classes

- Internal Classes –? Flat Plane Carve Along with video from Harley Refsal DVD on 4th Wed meeting in June & July. Need to order the blanks. Carol will ask John to order. Rich also has some videos from Ron
- External Class with Karen Henderson (spoon carving) on a Saturday sometime between now and the end of August. Her fee is hotel stay, milage. There are 4 interested in taking this class from Eau Claire meeting.
- External Class with Jim Ayres's Fan bird carving on June 7, 9am to 4pm, Chippewa Falls Senior Center. Contact Dennis at dermjoh@aol.com for details ASAP. There is room for 1 or 2 more to come to this class.

Events

- 48th Doane Experience – May 31-June 5, 2025. Crete Nebraska. Doane University, 1014 Boswelle Ave. www.thedoaneexperience.com
- International Woodcarvers Congress – Maquoketa, Iowa – June 7-14, 2025 www.woodcarverscongress.org/
- Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 21 Annual Show, September 20-21, 2025, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point
- Chippewa Valley Wood Carvers Show and Sale - September 27, 2025. 10am to 4pm. Brickhouse Pub and Banquet Room, 2233 Birch Street, Eau Claire, WI. Free admission.
- 22nd Annual Minnesota Wood Carvers Association Carving Weekend – October 4-5, 2025, Coon Rapids MN. VFW Post #9625, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd. N.W. 8am to 5pm Saturday, 8am to 3pm Sunday. Lunch included both days. Cost is \$125 per person. Instructor, Materials, supplies are extra and paid to instructor at class time. Contact Tom Sheldon at 763-213-4178 or tbshel@comcast.net
- Capital Area Carvers of Wisconsin & Badger Woodturners Annual Show, October 26th, 2025 – 9am to 4pm. DeForest Area High School, 825 Jefferson Street, DeForest WI. Free admission. Judged Competition, contact April Bird at abird153@gmail.com
- Waupaca Area Woodcarvers – Artistry in Wood, November 2nd, 9am to 4pm. Waupaca Recreation Center, 407 School Street, Waupaca WI. Judged Competition, contact Harold Mohr 715-281-4923.

Go Around

- JoAnn – has 6 Cocker Spaniel puppies available
- Wayne – needs to order knives for beginner kits, as well as gloves and vet wrap. He found the flexcut detail knife for \$31 but then found that RouterBitWorld has buy 10 for \$20 each. The gloves are a bit tricky about \$8 each at level 5 cut resist. The vetwrap is 48ct box at \$.67. Wood was donated. Motion by Dennis, 2nd Bruce.
- Char – Comfort Hearts – 180 donated and had 18 left. Need to donate about every 3 months @ 30 a time.
 - Also, sharing info about DecoArt's Duraclear water-based varnish she got from Hobby Lobby – it is low odor and good for small projects. She passed around a sample of the matte finish on he ornament.
 - Wayne used Minwax poly water-based because it dries faster then oil based.
 - If you want to enhance the grain of wood do not use Minwax Acrylic
 - Water-based seems to want to sit on the surface.
- Virginia - will be featured at Ren in the Glen, she gets to sit around, carve, and tell people about it.

- Sarah – bought these 3D printed templates off Etsy to try and to learn how to make her own. He has added quite a bit since she ordered the Ddalo chicken and Full body santa stencil.
https://www.etsy.com/shop/Ronan3DPrints?section_id=51120097
 - If you have a pattern for her to practice with email iamgeekgirl@gmail.com

Next Meeting: June 11th, 2025

Motion to Adjourn at 7:42 pm by Jan, 2nd by Wayne

Minutes taken by Sarah Brower, WWWCG member for Secretary Carol’s absence. **Thank you, Sarah!**
 Submitted to membership by Carol Figi – WWWCG Secretary

WWWCG Basic Expenses		
LE Phillips Senior Center	Meeting space rental	550.00
CFASC	Meeting space rental	550.00
Blue Host	Website	35.00
	Club Flyers	120.00
Bluehost (3yrs = \$360)	Website	120.00
	New Member Kit Supplies	200.00
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WWWCG Revenue		
Projected Show profit for 2025		~ 450.00
Paid Members to date:		
Single Membership at \$20	33	660.00
Family Membership at \$25	7	175.00
New Member Kit at \$50	4	200.00
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