

West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild  
L.E. Phillips Senior Center  
Minutes  
06/11/2025

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

### **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from the May 14, 2025 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept made by Bruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dell. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report and Membership**

Currently the Guild has \$4,200.26 in the checkbook. 58 members for 2025. Motion to accept made by Bruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dell. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

- Jim Ayres' Fan Bird class at the Chippewa Falls Senior Center on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> was a terrific class. 16 people attended. Thank you to Dennis and John for making this opportunity happen for us!
- Paint The Town in Menomonie, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 4pm – John, Rich, Carol, and Virginia have volunteered to participate and will arrive after 9:15 to 9:30 to set up. John will bring cement blocks to hold the tent down. Jan has tent and banner for the day. Talk of arranging for table coverings with no decision. Rich will bring tape to hold table cover in place.
- 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. Any items you have to put on, or donate to the table, let Dell know. Dell said he will need 4 tables.
  - Looking for one more person 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.
- WWWCG is 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.
  - Volunteers needed, can be for 1 of the days or both. Please let an officer know if you can help.
  - Rich is working on a new WWWCG brochure to bring to this event.
  - Char and Jan will have tables there as well.
  - Club can enter 6 entries into the show.
- Social Media Update: Rich Purvis has created a new view that was previewed at Chippewa Falls. New video to be created to feature the Chippewa Valley Woodcarving Show. Facebook postings continue, please these posts with others! Sharing posts grows our exposure exponentially.
- We have committed to carving hearts and ornaments for our community.
  - Bring carved and finished hearts to any meeting and officers will get those to Char for distribution. Need 30 hearts every 3 months.
  - Bring carved and finished ornaments for Vets to any meeting – need 55 more by November 11<sup>th</sup>. Officers will get those to Dell for distribution.

## New Business

- Need table covers for show events. Discussion of need is a covering that is 60" to 70" wide and 13 feet wide to cover a 6' X 12' table. Sarah, Virginia, and Carol will check darker toned or heather pattern one-piece heavy fabric opportunities.

## Classes

- Internal Classes –Flat Plane Carve Along with video from Harley Refsal DVD has been tabled. Rich brought up the ideas to use videos from Ron/our library. Will need to pick a project and get a member to cut some blocks out to carve. More planning will need to come.

## Events

- 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.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:tbshel@comcast.net)
- Capital Area Carvers of Wisconsin & Badger Woodturners Annual Show, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 9am to 4pm. DeForest Area High School, 825 Jefferson Street, DeForest WI. Free admission. Judged Competition, contact April Bird at [abird153@gmail.com](mailto:abird153@gmail.com)
- Waupaca Area Woodcarvers – Artistry in Wood, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9am to 4pm. Waupaca Recreation Center, 407 School Street, Waupaca WI. Judged Competition, contact Harold Mohr 715-281-4923.

## Go Around

- Del – Old Abes Supper Club gathering is scheduled for Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. If you have not signed up yet with Del, call him at 715-723-3946. If you want Prime Rib, you need to let Dell know in your conversation/message.
- Jean – I am going to a Floyd Radigan, face carving class in Michigan next week!
- John – You can enter your carving for the Northern WI Fair, entries due tomorrow on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Dennis – You can go to the Brick House for blues if the Tuesday Night Blues get rained out

## Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 9th, 2025 6:30PM

Motion to Adjourn at 7:38 pm by Bruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Del.

Submitted to membership by Carol Figi – WWWCG Secretary