

West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild  
L.E. Phillips Senior Center  
Minutes  
07/09/2025

Board Members Attending: Rich Thelen (President), Wayne Dubberke (Vice President) absent, John Allen (Treasurer), Carol Figi (Secretary). 7 members attending. Meeting convened at 6:34 p.m.

### **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from the June 11, 2025 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept made by Wayne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce. Motion passed.

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

Currently the Guild has \$4,410.26 in the checkbook. 60 members for 2025. Motion to accept made by Char, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

- 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. Plans of BBQs and Turkey and bars/cookies/chips for ~75 meals are being made.
  - Dell is organizing the Used Tool/Carving Supply Table. Any items you have to put on or donate to the table, let Dell know at 715-723-3946. Dell said he will need 4 tables.
  - Four people will demonstrate. Sign-up sheets will be at August member meeting for help at this event.
  - If interested in having a table at the show, please contact Char at 715-497-6296.
  - A broadcast of the show has been placed in magazines, bulletins, key locations, TV WEAU -13, and various publications.
  - Donations from vendors are coming in.
- 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. Carol & John have volunteered so far, need more.
  - 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:
  - Chippewa Carving Show Campaign to begin in parts. July will focus on awareness, teasers, dates for our carving show. August features opportunities for gifts, learning to carve, focus on community, tools, and books to discover carving. September will include a countdown to the show, top 5 things at the show, bring a friend to the show.
  - Community Awareness Campaign to feature daily aspects of being in the club.

- 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.
- 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 are still checking for darker toned or heather pattern one-piece heavy fabric opportunities. Motion made to spend up to \$100 to use toward this cause, club will reimburse purchaser of table coverings. Motion to accept made by Char, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan. Motion passed.

## New Business

- None

## Classes

- Internal Classes – None currently.

## 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.
- Wayne – brought a project he finished of a carved loon out of an old weathered fencepost to show the group. Turned out nice!
- Steve – has done a lot of carving for Butterfly Fest at Beaver Creek. His carved butterflies are a hit with parents and children!
- Jan – planning an October Reunion of her chip carving classes.
- Allyson – My father has purchased some basswood in large slabs, so maybe we could use some for internal classes to see how it cuts/carves. Thank you, Allyson!
- John – Bring your carvings to enter in various county/state fairs. I won 3 blue and 1 red ribbon this month for my entries. Congratulations Folk School and Westerheim in October. At Maquoketa Iowa, won a blue ribbon in chip carving and first place in group, then a blue ribbon in instructor assisted acanthus carving with an 2<sup>nd</sup> place in group. Congratulations Char!

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 13th, 2025 6:30PM**

Motion to Adjourn at 7:30 pm by Jan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Char.

Submitted to membership by Carol Figi – WWWCG Secretary