

**RWCS Annual Business Meeting
Friday, July 13, 2007
Red Wing High School Auditorium**

President Sue Jones-Tagliapietra called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

The President appointed Barney Olson II as Parliamentarian and Ann Busse-Tucker Sergeant at Arms.

Announcements

- 32nd Annual Convention – July 10-12, 2008 (Thurs.-Sat), Red Wing, MN
- MidWinter Get ToGether February 8-10, 2008 (Fri-Sun.), Des Moines, IA
- Fall Board Meeting – November 3-4, 2007, Red Wing, MN

The President thanked Business Manager Stacy Wegner, all Support positions and all others that made the RWCS 30th Anniversary a success.

A Special “Thank You” went out to Bonnie Myers and all that helped her on the 30th Anniversary Committee.

Motion by Mike Robinson seconded by Syl Casperson to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2006 RWCS Annual Business Meeting. Motion carried.

Mark Collins gave Treasurer’s Report. Mark presented the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2006. The total revenues were \$531,528.92 and expenditures were \$532,434.87 for a net loss of \$905.95. The treasurer’s report is published in the newsletter on an annual basis.

As “Good Business Practice,” the audit for the RWCS should be completed by the end of the month.

Convention Reports:

Jeff Floyd gave Auction Report. Record sales realized from the Auction were \$200,030.

- Thanks was given to all those worked hard to again make the Auction a huge success.

Terry Speedy gave Education Report. Terry thanked everyone that gave a seminar and all of the volunteers. The Keynote Speaker this year was Boy Scout Dustin Winterowd on the Tunnel Kiln Restoration Eagle Scout Project.

John Tremble gave Commemorative Report. John thanked all of his helpers. The 2007 Commemorative is a 5 Gallon Birchleaf Beehive. There were a total of 4400 pieces. John showed one of the 18 Special Commemoratives that are hand signed by the potter.

Wendy Calliccoat & Sue Jones Tagliapietra gave Kids View Report..

- Over 100 children attended the Kids View Seminars.
- The Auction was again a success along with the painting of plates and the making of stoneware jugs.
- The kids were able to work on pottery wheels. A potter from Ephraim Pottery worked with the kids to make their own piece, which they will get later.
- The kids went on a Super Sleuth Bus Trip to the RWCS Museum and got to meet Charles Murphy (Steve Brown), Belle Kogan (Jolene McKoon), Richard A. Gillmer (Scott Gillmer). Barb Brown also gave some history on the Kiln.
- Sue Jones Tagliapietra recognized Ingrid Koester for the painting of the 2007 Kids View Plate. The plate was purchased for \$100 at the Convention Auction.
- Golden State Chapter President Bruce Cameron presented a check to Kids View for the 2nd year in a row. The amount presented this year was for \$1634, from the proceeds of an auction they held during their chapter meeting.
- Thanks were given to everyone that helped make Kids View a huge success and for all that attended.

Stacy Wegner gave Business Manager Report.

- Thanks were given to all volunteers, Bonnie Myers, Nick Marson, Todd Avery for the signs around town, Charter Members, Chapters for story boards, Lori Anderson and Chuck & Donna Hanson.
- Harley Thompson (Golden State Chapter Member) handled the sale of the raffle tickets for the Quilt. There was \$2790 raised from the sale for the RWCS Foundation. Taylor Rohr, niece of Linda Russell who made the Quilt, drew the winning ticket.

- Winner of Quilt – Ron Gernentz
- Susan Welch from Associated Bank picked the raffle winners.
 - 30th Anniversary Print – Jerry Wolf
 - One night stay at St. James Hotel – Steve Brown
 - Set of 6 Sample Tiles – Mitzi Brehmer

Bonnie Myers announced all the Silent Raffle Winners.

Stacy unveiled the traveling “Membership Jug” and explained the program.

Lori Anderson gave Membership Report.

- 2130 members attended the 2007 RWCS Convention.

Jerry Erdmann & Russa Robinson gave Representatives at Large Reports.

- Jerry Erdmann – All Chapters are doing well.
- Recognition was given to Linda Russell for the Quilt.
- Jerry pushed the membership to promote the need for new members.
- Russa stressed the importance of “Good Communication”

Steve Brown gave Historian Report.

- Steve stated that 2007 would be remembered as a “Highlight” year. The knowledge of our membership is enhanced through the publishing of the Advertising Ledger, the 30th Anniversary activities and the continued expansion of the Kids View activities. Steve concluded by stating, “The RWCS remains a vibrant organization through the strong support of this membership.”

Ron Linde, Foundation President gave Foundation Report.

- Ron thanked everyone for their support.
- Siouxland Redwingers donated \$400 to the RWCS Foundation.
- Diane Hallstrom presented Boy Scout Dustin Winterowd who cleaned the kiln a \$500 Scholarship to Mankato State.
- Ron thanked Barney Olson II for his donation from the sale of his badge holders made special for the RWCS.

Hall of Fame

Ron Linde presented a plaque to Louise & the late Jerry Schleich for induction into the RWCS Hall of Fame.

Old Business :

Vote on Bylaws changes listed below.

General References:

- Business Manager/Convention Manager: All references to the “Business Manager/Convention Manager” shall be changed to “*Executive Director*”. The responsibilities of the position will not change, but the Board feels the new title more accurately reflects the responsibilities of the position.

Motion by Sandy Short seconded by Elvira Sigmund to accept the proposed Bylaw change. Motion carried.

General References:

- Executive Board: All references to “Executive Board” shall be changed to “*Executive Committee*.” This change clarifies that the Executive Committee is actually a Committee of the Board of Directors, and not a separate Board. No change in Committee function will occur.

Motion by Wally Armstrong seconded by Barb Brown to accept the proposed Bylaw change. Motion carried.

ARTICLE IV – Executive Committee, Boards of Directors, and Officers

- The organization shall be governed by the Board of Directors which shall be composed of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Auction Manager, Commemorative Manager, Education Manager, and two Representatives at Large. *The Past President and the Executive Director shall be ex-officio non-voting members of the Board of Directors.*

Clarification of wording stating the Past President and Executive Director are ex-officio non-voting members of the Board of Directors. This is not a change from past procedure; it just had not been specifically detailed in the Bylaws.

Primary duties are as follows:

- **President** – to preside at the annual business meeting, and to call and preside at meetings of the Board of Directors. *The President shall only vote to break a tie vote of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, or if needed to constitute a quorum at said meetings.*

This is not a change from past procedure, but is in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, and had not been specifically detailed in the Bylaws.

- **Immediate Past President** – *may* serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board, *at the discretion of the current President*, for up to two years after his/her term expires.

This change was requested so that the current President could request the Immediate Past President to attend Board meetings to assist with continuity issues if this assistance is needed.

- **Non-Elected Convention Support Positions** – Eliminate the positions of Marketing and Social Events/Volunteer Coordinator. These positions have not been utilized for a number of years, with those duties having been assumed by the Executive Director.

Tabled to next year for amendments.

- Eliminate the following: *“An organizational chart reflecting the managerial concept for the TWCS is attached hereto.”* This chart no longer accurately reflected the managerial structure, and the structure is adequately defined elsewhere in the Bylaws.

Motion by Char Ackerman seconded by Wendy Callicoat to accept the proposed Bylaw change. Motion carried.

ARTICLE XV – Amendments

- Delete the following: *A quorum at a special meeting shall be at least twenty-five percent of all members in good standing as of the date of the meeting. Any decision at a special meeting shall require a 2/3 majority vote of those present.*

This information is included as part of **ARTICLE XVI – Special Meetings**. The reference under **ARTICLE XV - Amendments** is repetitious.

Motion by Bruce Cameron seconded by June Erdmann to accept the proposed Bylaw change. Motion carried.

ARTICLE XVI – Special Meetings

- A quorum at a special meeting shall be at least *ten* (Delete “twenty-five”) percent (*10%*) of all members in good standing as of the date of the meeting

Percentage of members in good standing as of the date of the meeting was reduced from twenty-five percent to ten percent. The Board of Directors feel twenty-five percent is an unrealistic requirement for the membership and that 10% was attainable.

Motion by Wendy Callicoat seconded by Marv Osterholz to accept the proposed Bylaw change. Question called by Dan DePasquale. Motion carried.

ARTICLE XVIII – Removal of Board of Directors Members

- Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed (Delete “*for just cause*”) by a two-thirds majority vote of the members in good standing *attending the annual meeting*, or a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of *all voting members of the Board of Directors*. (Delete: “*Either action may be appealed to the general membership.*”) *The removed Board member may request reinstatement at the next annual business meeting, requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members in good standing in attendance at the annual business meeting.*

The phrase, “*for just cause*”, was deleted as there is no definition in the Bylaws as to exactly what constitutes “just cause”. Adding the phrase, “*attending the annual meeting*” to the first sentence clarifies the parameters of this action. As it previously read, a two-thirds majority of ALL members in good standing would have been required, and this created a virtually impossible requirement for the members to achieve. The “appeal” or “reinstatement” process is clarified by the addition of the last sentence. This change makes the process for requesting reinstatement of a removed Board member the same as that for a removed general member, as currently outlined under **ARTICLE VI – Conduct**.

Tabled to next year for amendments.

New Business:

Nominating Committee Report given by Jolene McKoon. Jolene announced the members of the committee. Wendy Callicoat, Russa Robinson, Diane Hallstrom & Greta Hoerman.

Donations for the 2006 Interest Money Earned as Per IRS Regulations was distributed to the RWCS Foundation and the Goodhue Historical Society. The total 2006 interest money donation was \$15,061.97. Per the vote, the distribution is as follows: 90% to the RWCS Foundation for \$13,555.77, and 10% to the Goodhue Historical Society for \$1506.20.

Steve Brown Historian, presented Ledgers to the Goodhue Historical Society, Minnesota Historical Society & Red Wing Collectors Society.

National Chapter/Commemorative Reciprocity Agreement Exchange – Steve Brown & John Tremble, Chapter Presidents, Commemorative Chairs of Reps.

- Participating were:
 - Siouxland Redwingers – Beehive
 - Illinois Chapter – Bell Feeder with Advertising
 - Rocky Mountain – 10 Gallon Miniature Crock
 - Gopher Chapter – Brown Top Shoulder Jug with Paper Advertising
 - Wisconsin Chapter – Bell Feeder
 - Nebraska Redwingers – Sand Jar
 - Southwest Redwingers – Cat Ash Receiver
 - Iowa Chapter – Greyline Beater Jar
 - Trails West – Beater Jar with Advertising
 - Golden State – Elephant Ash Receiver
 - Cannon Valley Chapter – FA Morley Jug
 - Sunshine State Redwingers – Cherryband Pitcher
 - Lewis & Clark Chapter – Cherryband Pitcher
 - Michigan Wolverines – Beater Jar

Display Winners were presented by Glenn, Julie & Laura Beall

- Dennis Yaeggi Rare Item Award – “Title” by Rick Natynski & Jack May
- Art Pottery - People’s Choice – Jamie & Flo Jensen “Red Wing’s Orchid Glaze 1962”
Best of Show – Todd Avery “Red Wing Ashtrays”
- Memorabilia – People’s Choice & Best of Show – Wayne & Jean Miller
“Red Wing Photographs by George Flink”
- Dinnerware – People’s Choice & Best of Show – Ron Linde “Aunt Belle’s Coming to Dinner”
- Stoneware – People’s Choice – Art Holliday “Ice Waterers are So Cool”
Best of Show – Dennis Nygaard “The Red Wing Hexagon Bowl”

Special Commemorative were awarded by John Tremble to:

- Early Bird Winner - Gilbert Orr
- Convention Attendees - Donald Buermann
Judy Richter
- Business Meeting Attendees – Al Schuler
Wayne Miller
- Volunteer Winners – Glenn Beall
Aarika Floyd

The meeting adjourned at 5:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paulette Floyd
Interim Secretary RWCS