

**Red Wing Collectors Society
Annual Business Meeting
Friday, July 11, 2008 – 3:30 PM
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 Dan DePasquale as Sergeant at Arms.

Announcements

- **33rd Annual Convention – July 9-11, 2009 (Thurs.-Sat), Red Wing, MN**
- **MidWinter Get ToGether February 6-8, 2009 (Fri-Sun.), Des Moines, IA**
- **Fall Board Meeting – November 8-9, 2008, Dubuque, IA**
- **Annual Picnic is at Potter's Park, not Colvill Park**

Motion by Mike Robinson seconded by Wayne Burk to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2007 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, 2007. The total revenues were \$615,630.40 and expenditures were \$610,213.80 for net revenue of \$5,417.32. The treasurer's report is published in the newsletter on an annual basis.

Motion by Charlotte Ackerman seconded by June Erdmann to accept the Treasurer's Report as published. Motion carried.

Jeff Floyd gave Auction Report Total Auction sales realized was \$128,550. This being the final of 14 years as Auction Manager Jeff gave a big thanks to Houghton's Auction Service, Marv & Lorraine Osterholz, Dan & Jo Allers, Barney Olson II Wayne Burk, Jack Fisher, Larry Seehusen, his family and all the others that helped with the Auction over the years.

John Tremble gave Commemorative Report John thanked all his helpers. The 2008 Commemorative is a Transportation Mug. It has been 75 years since the first transportation mug was made. The 2008 Special Commemorative is a Trivet commemorating the State of Minnesota's 150th Anniversary.

Terry Speedy gave Education Report Terry thanked everyone that gave seminars and all the volunteers. There were 14 Education Seminar with six new. Terry thanked the RWCS for giving him the opportunity to be Education Manager and making many new friends.

Sue Jones Tagliapietra & Wendy Calliccoat gave Kids View Report.

- **70 children attended Kid's View Seminars.**
- **The kids painted plates again this year.**
- **The kids view Auction was again a success.**
- **Ephraim Pottery worked with 50 children on pottery wheel. Each child was given a chance to use the wheel and make a pottery piece. The piece will be fired by Ephraim and the kids will get next year.**
- **Dave Kuffel explained the Ledger of 1906 to the kids.**
- **The kids became potters for the day. Steve Brown was the Salesmen that showed up with orders for the kids to produce pottery.**
- **Golden State Chapter President Bruce Cameron presented a check to Kids View for the 3rd year in a row. The amount presented this year was for \$2182.50, from the proceeds of the auction held during their chapter meeting.**
- **Thank you to Ephraim Pottery, Mike Robinson, and all the Volunteers for Kids View.**
- **Next year is the 10th Anniversary of Kids View. There are many exciting things planned.**

Stacy Wegner gave Executive Director Report

- Stacy thanked all the volunteers for their involvement in making the RWCS Convention a success.
- The first winner of the “Little Brown Jug of Membership” goes to the Nebraska Chapter. The jug was presented to Steve Splittgerber.
- The winner this year for the downtown window display was “Josephsons”.
- Silent Auction Winner – Carol Schafer.

Katie Hardyman gave Membership Report

- Katie thanked all the volunteers that helped at Registration.

Russa Robinson & Jerry Erdmann gave Representatives at Large Reports.

- Russa advised the membership to contact her or Jerry at any time by email.
- Russa discussed the volunteer apron and the smart card.
- Jerry pushed for promoting Red Wing and saying that the RWCS needs more young people.

Steve Brown gave Historian Report.

- Steve stated that 2008 continues our recent trend of growth and expansion. Through the cooperation of the Red Wing Collectors Society, The Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation, and the City of Red Wing, Pottery Pond Park including an enclosure and interpretive signs has become a reality.
- The Society continues to enhance the convention experience with Volunteer Recognition, Kids View and other features.
- Through the ongoing generosity of the membership, a vibrant museum has become a city attraction, making a variety of wares that we love available for public viewing free of charge, year round.
- Steve concluded by stating “2009 promises to be another great year. Your Board of Directors does want to hear your ideas on how to make our events better! Please consider helping us by Volunteering.”

Ron Linde gave Foundation Report

- Ron advised there are 11 Board Members of the Foundation.
- Ron thanked the RWCS for donations.
- Ron stated that 85% to 90% of all items in the RWCS Foundation Museum are on loan.
- The Foundation has never bought an item for the museum and never will per the bylaws.
- Golden State Chapter will be setting up the Nokomis display for the next year in the museum.
- There has been much discussion on the expansion of the museum.
- October 19th, 2008 will be the Foundation Auction held at Grandpa’s Garage in Cannon Falls.

Old Business

Vote on Bylaw changes listed:

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 Executive Director shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors. The Immediate Past President may, at the discretion of the current President, be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors for up to two years.*

Clarification of wording stating Executive Director is an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors, and that the Immediate Past President may be an ex-officio non-voting member if requested by the President. This is not a change from past procedure; it just had not been specifically detailed in the Bylaws.

- The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Executive Director (*ex-officio non-voting*), and the Immediate Past President (*ex-officio non-voting*). This group will meet as determined by the Board in order to effectively conduct the business of the RWCS.

This change clarifies the composition of the Executive Committee and the *ex-officio non-voting* status of the Executive Director and Immediate Past President, and conforms to the Board composition and voting status. 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 – Delete the “duties” reference for the Immediate Past President, as this reference pertains to status, not duties, and the status is already delineated in Article IV.
- Secretary – to keep the minutes of the annual business meeting and Board of Directors’ meetings and to present these minutes at the annual business meeting and for publication in the newsletter *or on the RWCS web site.*

This change gives the RWCS the flexibility to publish the minutes on the web site, broadening the ability to communicate actions taken by the RWCS Board.

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.

Motion by Jerry Erdmann seconded by Barb Brown to accept the proposed bylaw change. Motion carried.

ARTICLE XVIII – Removal of Board of Directors Members

- Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed for just cause by a two-thirds (2/3) 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*. Either action may be appealed to the general membership *by the removed Board member by requesting 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.*

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 to the last sentence. This change makes the process for appealing or requesting reinstatement of a removed Board member the same as that for a removed general member, as currently outlined under ARTICLE VI – Conduct.

Motion by Sandy Short seconded by Rose Splittgerber to accept the proposed bylaw change. Motion carried.

New Business

Donations for the 2007 Interest Money Earned as Per IRS Regulations was distributed to the RWCS Foundation and the Goodhue Historical Society. Per the vote, \$7500 distribution is as follows: 90% to the RWCS Foundation for \$6750, and 10% to the Goodhue Historical Society for \$750.

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

- Participating were:
 - Indiana Chapter – 2 Gallon Birchleaf Churn
 - Siouxland Redwingers – Pitts Brothers Pantry Jar
 - Illinois Chapter – Buerk Bro’s Pickles Advertising Churn
 - Rocky Mountain – Brown Top Advertising Jug
 - Gopher Chapter – Preserve Jar with Lid
 - Wisconsin Chapter – Miniature Cheese Crock
 - Nebraska Redwingers – 10 Gallon Advertising Crock
 - Southwest Redwingers – 25th Anniversary – 1 Pint Bean Pot with Advertising
 - Iowa Chapter – Cobalt Milk Pitcher with Advertising
 - Trails West – Refrigerator Jar with Advertising
 - Golden State – 20th Anniversary – 20 Gallon Wing Crock
 - Cannon Valley Chapter – World Exposition Bank
 - Sunshine State Redwingers – Brown Top Wing Jug
 - Lewis & Clark Chapter – 8” Sponge Advertising Bowl
 - Michigan Wolverines – Greyline Pitcher with Advertising

Display Winners were presented by Glenn, Julie & Laura Beall

- Dennis Yaeggi Rare Item Award – “Josephson Floor Vase” by Keith Klindworth
- Art Pottery - People’s Choice & Best of Show – “Nokomis” by Evelyn Stein
- Dinnerware – People’s Choice – “Cookie Jars” by Tammi & Jon Hawley
Best of Show – “Damask-Like China Pattern” by James & Flo Jensen
- Stoneware – People’s Choice – “75 Years Digging in the Dump” by Austin Fjerestad
Best of Show – “Pitcher Yourself in Iowa” by Art Holliday
- Memorabilia – People’s Choice – “Strike” by Samuel Edge
Best of Show – “Paintings by Charles E. Murphy” by Laura Beall

Special Commemorative were awarded by John Tremble. There were 20 produced.

- Early Bird Winner - Michael Arndt
- Convention Attendees - Sam Edge
Carolyn Olin
- Business Meeting Attendees – Howard Swenson
Katherine Beer
- Volunteer Winners – Wayne Johnson
Dennis Weber

2008 Election Winners:

Auction – Todd Avery
Commemorative – Bob Morawski
Education – Glenn Beall

The meeting adjourned at 4:46p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paulette Floyd - Secretary RWCS