

Red Wing Collectors Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, December 10, 2015
(Teleconference)

Present: Larry Birks, President; Paul Wichert, Vice President; John Sagat, Secretary; Dan Beck, Treasurer; Nancy Lambert, Historian; Russa Robinson, Representative at Large; Rich Natynski, Interim Representative at Large; Bob Morawski, Commemorative Manager; Scott Hardman, Interim Auction Manager; Stacy Wegner, Executive Director.

Not Present: Glenn Beall, Education Manager.

A. Call to Order: Birks called the meeting to order at 7:05 AM.

B. Agenda: Reviewed preliminary agenda and then modified agenda to consist only of required items and/or items from other non-approved minutes.

C. Items from Secretary's Minutes: Today's meeting will document and/or determine only the following critical items:

1. BOD's recommendations for Interest Money Distribution. Tabled until MidWinter BOD meeting.
2. E-Mail Approvals: On July 17, 2015, Chris Tincher and Heidi Patterson were appointed to be co-chairs for the Membership Committee. Voting for approval: 9 "yes" and "0" no.
3. Other minutes to be approved at MidWinter.

D. Treasurer's Report: Beck reported a proposed 2016 budget with a loss of \$10,218.15. Presentation and data was communicated in a much improved and easier to comprehend format. As such, there was substantially less explanation required for the budget discussion (See below.) Discussion was focused more on the topical discussion than numerical analysis.

Stipends: At the November 13 Executive Committee meeting, Birks requested that any references to "honorarium" be changed to "stipend" except for Guest/Keynote speakers. Birks proposed stipends be lowered 20%. This change will occur in 2017. All references to stipends which are proposed in draft of 2016 budget need to be corrected from \$800 to \$1000.

Convention Registration Fees for 2016: Considering an increase of \$5 for summer convention, from \$25 to \$30 for pre-registration and from \$30 to \$35 for pre-registration.

Friday's Schedule: 40th anniversary celebration planning still preliminary. Previously done raffle baskets will be abandoned. Crock Fest will be completely changed by trying to keep it a free to low-cost budget with possible commercial sponsorships. Banquet being reviewed for a potentially larger size. Convention events still being developed

Commemorative: RWCS has been in contact with a pottery for 2016 commemorative. Future decorated pieces will use decals with a focus on quality.

Auction: Looking at ways to boost sales. (e.g. if a member has 3 pieces and wants to sell all 3, would that be a possibility? Increase cost to owners might increase from 10% to 12%. All final changes to be determined by Auction Manager. There might be a meeting set up at MidWinter to discuss the summer auction changes.

MidWinter: The planning committee setting up meeting with Olympia Resort. Schedule and location for next year was discussed. Decision to be made after February 2016.

Youth: Natynski questioned as to what's happening with KV/YC. Planning meeting has not occurred and will be discussed at MidWinter BOD meeting.

Education: Wichert questioned whether the Red Wing Facebook virtual chapter was planning on doing a seminar. Stacy will be in touch with Yoshi.

Conclusion: Birks thanked all who had been involved in making the format and content changes. In summary, the budget proposed for 2016 has total revenue of \$346,045.00, total expenses of \$356,263.15 and net loss of (10,218.15). Motion made by Lambert for the BOD to accept the proposed budget; seconded by Wichert. Motion carried.

E. Elections: The nomination committee has a full slate of nominations for next summer's elections.

There being no other business to conduct, a motion was made by Birks and seconded by Lambert to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sagat, RWCS Secretary

Minutes are preliminary and unapproved.