

**Red Wing Collectors Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Friday, February 6, 2015**  
**Olympia Resort – Oconomowoc, WI**

**Present:** Larry Birks, President; Paul Wichert, Vice President; John Sagat, Secretary; Dan Beck, Treasurer; Nancy Lambert, Historian; Russa Robinson, Representative at Large – West; Rich Natynski, Representative at Large – East; Bob Morawski, Commemorative Manager; Glenn Beall, Education Manager; Stacy Wegner, Executive Director. **Not Present:** Bruce Selfridge, Auction Manager. **Guests:** Rick Natynski, Dave Hallstrom, Jerry Mounts.

**A. Call to Order:** Birks called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM.

**B. Agenda:** Reviewed and approved without modification.

**C. Approval of Secretary's Minutes:** Since no changes were required, Robinson moved and Wichert seconded to approve the Secretary's minutes for the July 9, 2014 BOD meeting, the October 4-5, 2014 Special BOD meeting, and the November 16, 2014 BOD budget teleconference. Motion passed.

**D. Treasurer's Report:** Beck summarized the report he made yesterday. RWCS operated at a loss of \$44,411 for the 2014 calendar year. The society has roughly \$502,000 in cash. The cash is invested in CD's which extend out 5 years. Wichert made a motion, seconded by Morawski, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

**E. Historian's Report:** Lambert requested Wegner to furnish a list of charter members. Lambert is preparing to create an index of all the information in the newsletters. Wichert offered to assist from a technical standpoint. Hallstrom advised he will provide Lambert with a location drawing for the time capsule. Beck made a motion, seconded by Robinson, to accept the Historian's report. Motion passed.

**F. Open/Break Time:** Birks kept the meeting moving forward without a break.

**G. Executive Director's Report:**

1. March 1<sup>st</sup> is deadline for completing Chapter Presidents' manual. Final content still being reviewed.
2. MidWinter is ready to go; meet and greet begins at 3:00 PM.
3. Summer convention: keynote is Ken McGee, author of book on the Little Brown Jug; books reduced to \$20. Keynote will be open to the public.
4. Wegner wants something special for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Discussions include a joint event with the Goodhue County Historical Society.
5. Wegner reported on the RWCS's involvement in the "Give To the Max" fund raiser.
6. Wegner working on auction bidding cards.
7. Wegner is collecting website information for Historian and Treasurer.
8. Procedures and Policies Guide has been completed.
9. Lambert announced she will take the lead for special events associated with 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention.
10. Todd Avery is heading the Crock Fest; looking for local talent.
11. Currently, there is no school class developing a YouTube video "teaser" about RWCS; looking for support.
12. Road construction project starting this year. Special maps will be prepared on back side of newsletter.
13. A play about Red Wing has been written by Margot Galt in Bayfield. Wegner suggested this could be a Young Collectors project.
14. Goodhue will have vault open again.
15. Study is continuing for relocation of commemorative area to band room so all of the spaces we use in the high school will be on first floor. New school still in planning next to the existing high school could provide RWCS with a smaller facility, more economical, to better fit our event. Current high school costs us \$14,000 per year to use. Bergwall Arena (Southeast Technical College) is going to be torn down.
16. Sales tables may be rented by the table or by the square foot. Since there have been requests for "booth" space at MidWinter, some booth space will be provided at summer convention.
17. Banquet is moving to Frontenac golf course. Cost to be \$28.
18. Volunteer Chair: Need to create a volunteer coordinator. No stipend. Forward leads to Wegner.

19. Display – Prepare/update job description.
20. Committee for Show and Sale: Doug Perkins did not want to lead a committee, but contacted some people and heard the most important item to be done is to open it up to non-Red Wing items. To get things started, a committee was assembled on the spot including Birks, Beall, Wegner, Morawski, Natynski and Robinson.

#### **H. Education Manager Report:**

1. Beall reported there is a need for more projectors. Morawski made a motion, seconded by Lambert, to accept the Education Manager's report. Motion passed.
2. **Commemorative Report:** Preproduction is underway at Rowe, making molds. Contracts are forthcoming. Design work is \$1600; 25% of contract due at start; 75% at delivery. There will be no change to the member price. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Beck, to accept the Education Manager's report. Motion passed.
3. **Auction Manager:** Selfridge is stepping down from his manager position. If necessary, he could get through this year, but not beyond. Wichert has begun looking. One option is to have someone do the Auction manager's job this year. Another option is to get someone to do the legwork. (is Luke Wegner an option?) Wichert may have a name of someone who could do the total job (or work along side of Selfridge – Mike Robinson).

#### **I. Representatives at Large:**

1. Natynski has done a map of Oconomowoc.
2. Robinson offered personal thanks to the two Wisconsin Chapters that are co-hosting MidWinter. Robinson reported the Rocky Mountain chapter met last month, their first meeting in a couple of years. Robinson is handling questions from several chapters. Puget Sound still needs a president. Only options are chapter members who are older and don't want the responsibility. Robinson and others are traveling up to Washington to meet with members. Louise Schleich is new president of Nebraska Chapter.

**J. Kids View – Young Collectors:** Young Collectors are doing the Red Wing play. Some help for Kids View was proposed. YC scholarship needs definition/clarification. Wichert made a motion, seconded by Morawski, to accept the proposed activities. Motion passed.

#### **K. Technology Committee Update:**

1. Holding off for now on the purchase of equipment.
2. Work is in progress on separate sections of the website for Presidents, members, or non-members. Also the server is in a state of repair following the raid array failure.
3. Synergism between the Society and Foundation office systems would be more economical if run on one server and one large printer. A motion to accept the Technology Committee's report was made by Morawski and seconded by Lambert. Motion passed.

**L. Membership Committee Update:** Wickert reported there is currently no chair for the membership committee. Wichert is checking some options. A motion to accept the Membership Committee's report was made by Robinson and seconded by Beck. Motion passed.

**M. Election Committee Update:** Electronic balloting is presently a cart before the horse. We have overall issues to resolve before getting into electronic specifics. A motion to accept the Election Committee's report was made by Natynski and seconded by Morawski. Motion passed.

**N. Chapter Presidents:** The presidents who were present did not have any reports to make.

**O. RWCS Foundation:** The museum is busy with tours. It recently won an award for the 2014 Business of the Year in the Arts & Entertainment, Lodging, Recreation & Tourism category. The museum has had over 6000 visitors from 41 states and 14 countries. January's balloon payment was made with exceptions. Students from St. Catherine's are working on archiving. The Wine-ing event in July will be done indoors this year. Hallstrom reported that \$35,000 was raised at the "Give To The Max" with RWCS providing \$5000 of matching funds. A recent donation was the accessible entrance hardware and guardrail at the main entrance. The new 2013–2014 museum project manuals were distributed to Chapter Presidents at MidWinter. Working on the endowment fund has begun.

**P. Old Business**

1. Changes to the BOD 2015 calendar were discussed. A motion to accept the updated calendar was made by Morawski and seconded by Beck. Motion passed.
2. Sagat updated Nebraska reciprocity agreement and transmitted the unsigned 3 agreements to Robinson for signature and return.
3. The interest distribution split had been 90/10 as proposed by the Executive Committee. The split was approved by the BOD with suggestions to use the money for joint equipment (server, printer, etc.) motion was made by Wichert, seconded by Robinson, to approve split. Motion passed.
4. Documentation of e-mail voting:
  - a. Board seat for Regional Rep at Large was vacated by Jerry Mounts. BOD proposed Rich Natynski as replacement. Motion made for replacement; motion passed.
  - b. Proposed 2015 budget has total revenues of \$328,470.00, total expenditures of \$372,309.97, and net revenues of (\$43,839.97). Sagat made a motion, seconded by Wichert; motion passed. Beck made a motion to approve e-mail voting, seconded by Robinson; Natynski abstained.
5. Memory Jugs: Birks gave order to Wynn Painter for 10 memory jugs. Jugs to be done for July business meeting. Natynski made a motion, seconded by Morawski, to approve jugs. Motion passed.
6. Bylaw Committee Report: Beck presented proposed changes to bylaws. See bylaw changes as separate document. Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Robinson, to accept bylaw changes as proposed. Motion passed. Morawski moved, Beall seconded, to put approved bylaw changes on the website, and publish in newsletter to members as required. Motion passed.

**Q. Volunteer of the Year:** Recognizing one person as Volunteer of the Year was deemed too difficult to properly coordinate or worth the effort. Wichert moved, Robinson seconded, to drop idea. Motion passed.

**R. Moved by Lambert, seconded by Natynski, to enter into Executive Session at 12:40 AM. Moved by Beck, seconded by Lambert, to exit out of Executive Session at 1:47 AM.**

**S. BOD's agreed to the Executive Director's compensation package proposed by the Executive Committee consisting of a 3% raise and a \$50 increase in monthly health insurance.**

**T. Following review of recommendations by the Executive Committee for Hall of Fame selections, the BOD made its selections on inductees based on BOD analysis. Beck moved, and Morawski seconded, to approve the individuals selected by the BOD. Motion passed.**

**U. There being no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
John Sagat, RWCS Secretary

**Minutes approved July 8, 2015.**