

Red Wing Collectors Society
Agenda - Annual Business Meeting-Crockfest 2021
Friday, July 9, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Red Wing Colvill Park Event Tent

- A) Call to Order @ 3:06pm
- B) Welcome Members
- C) Moment of Silence for departed members
- D) Announcements
 - a) "Party in the Park" immediately following Business Meeting: 5pm – 7pm
 - b) Cancelled: Saturday Night Banquet – because of the late notice of the banquet, there were too few members who were interested in attending
 - c) 2022 MidWinter Get Together, February 3-5, 2022 (Friday – Sunday), The Isle – Bettendorf, IA
 - i) moved to earlier in the month of February so as to not conflict with Clayfest, planned for late February in Des Moines
 - ii) the decision of some members who do not wish to attend the Society's MidWinter in Bettendorf is disappointing, but the hope is that issues are discussed and reunited in one Society
 - d) CrockFest 2022, July 14-16, 2022 (Thursday – Saturday), Red Wing, MN
 - i) The Board of Directors reviewed the responses of the Membership questionnaire from several years ago, and decided to schedule the 2022 Convention for one week later than usual so as not to conflict with the July 4 holiday. Many members decide not to attend Convention because they would rather spend the July 4 holiday with family and grandchildren.
 - e) Convention attendee numbers
 - i) 500 pre-registered, total with onsite registrants - 561
 - f) New Education Manager introduction – Larry Birks
 - i) asked members to evaluate their collection and what they have learned over the years consider sharing their knowledge and experiences and provide an educational seminar at 2022 MidWinter and/or 2022 Convention
 - ii) Larry also offered to put pictures and text into a power point for any member who is hesitant to provide a seminar because they are not familiar with Power Point
 - g) Other business

- i) RWCS phone system needs to be updated
 - ii) The contract with Rick Natynski is being re-negotiated, in addition to the newsletters, goal is to send a monthly email blast
 - iii) The RWCS BOD will be meeting with the RWCSF BOD for a meeting of the minds and goals for a single organization with a single vision
 - iv) Technology committee will be working together to update and eliminate the kinks in the current website, originally written many about 15 years ago with the goal of assimilating the historical membership data with the technology of the day but the program is DOS (disc operating system) based and isn't able to work efficiently in the modern programming of the WOS (Windows operating system). This will not be easy and will take many hours to complete
- E) Introduction of Miranda Reese and Luke Wegner
- F) Approval of Minutes, July 2019 Annual Business Meeting
- a) previously printed in RWCS newsletter and is currently available for review on the RWCS website motion to accept made by Sandy Short, seconded by Bruce Selfridge - Approved
- G) Treasurer's Report – Financial recap – Dan Beck
- a) 2020 year's end gross cash \$472k, more than expected considering the 2020, close to the 2017 year's gross end cash
 - b) 2020 year's end net cash \$436k, greater than 2017 year's end net cash
 - c) 2020 commemorative and the influenza just realized \$74k
 - d) general administrative costs were down, thanks to Stacy's recommendations and board decisions
 - e) more than \$20K from members donating registration fees already paid when the convention was cancelled and matching funds
- H) Historian's Report – Nancy Lambert
- I) Representative as Large Report – Russa Robinson (for Diana Bailey and Rich Natynski who were not in attendance)
- J) Vice President's Report/Elections 2022 – Russa Robinson
- a) Upcoming elections:
 - i) 2022 - VP, Treasurer, Historian, Reps at Large x 2

- ii) 2024 - President, Secretary, Auction Manager, Commemorative Manager, Education Chair

K) Convention Managers' Reports

a) Auction Report – Dave Huisman

- i) 2021 monies realized - \$135k (does not include the member's 10 % buyer's premium or the 15% on-line buyer's fee)
- ii) 77 online buyers spent \$16k on 35 lots, all were RWCS members who were unable to or chose to not attend convention
- iii) all but a few items sold on Thursday evening were picked up on Friday morning buyer's lived within 100 miles of Red Wing, only a few lots to be mailed by Houghton
- iv) items submitted for auction were not graded this year - saved workload,
- v) number of volunteer's needed, grading didn't always identify issues found during viewing
- vi) 4 lots with a reserve, all met with only one buy back
- vii) discussion - the 10% buyers fee for members was not well advertised so many caught off guard when it was announced at the opening of the auction; it was printed in the May RWCS Newsletter on Page 3, NEWS BRIEFS, CONVENTION AUCTION TO BE HELD IN-PERSON AND LIVE ONLINE
- viii) 15 - 18% so 10% is a deal the 10% and 15% buyer's premium are paid to Houghton Auction , as they have assumed much of the responsibilities of the auction that were previously the Society's
- ix) 12% of the \$135k are paid to the RWCS
- x) report of realized prices will be printed on the RWCS website, printable

b) Commemorative Report & Special Commemorative winners – Bob Morawski

- i) 1500 commemoratives produced, 60% A version, 25% B version and 15% C version; the percentages have changed because of the opportunity for members to order a set of all 3 versions
- ii) 300 Corona Vaccine jug produced, have already more than 300 ordered
- iii) commemoratives will be mailed in about 3 weeks (early August)
- iv) special commemorative - 6" blue sponge umbrella stand
 - Early Bird Registrant - Vivian Johnson

- Newsletter Article - Janice Streicht
- Volunteers - Heidi Hahlen, Bonnie Teff
- Conventions Attendees - Dave Short, Kevin Poole
- Business Meeting attendee - Paul Gustufson

c) Education Report – Larry Birks

i) 2021 Convention Educational Sessions

- Steve & Phyllis Showers - 50 attendees
- Larry Rochon & Terry Moe - Village Green line, 25 attendees
- Offsite Tour of the Jordan - 17 attended
- Offsite Tour with Teffs - Oakwood Cemetery, featuring head stones designed and made by potters from the RW potteries

d) Kids View Report – Wendy Calliccoat and Sue Jones

- i) 19 kids attending 'back to basics' - utility of stoneware
- ii) thanks to all the volunteers to continue to support Kid's View

L) RWCS Foundation Report

- a) 20th Anniversary of the Pottery Museum, first 3 years in the Pottery Mall with donation of Jerry & Louise Schleich's extensive collection, then moved to the Senior Center, mortgage paid off in 3 years with the financial support of the RWCS members
- b) the Museum depends on tourism dollars so 2020 was a disappointing year; 19 paddleboats scheduled for 2021, and happily, there are already 45 boats scheduled for 2020

M) New Business

a) Donation recognition

- i) Indiana Chapter donated \$715 received from the sale of the 2021 Convention button to Kid's View
- ii) Sturdiwheat basket won by Deanna Juergens

b) Bylaw change explanation/vote – Dan Beck

- i) annual dues began in 1990, last increase was in 2013
- ii) current bylaws requires that any change to the annual dues be voted on by the membership during Annual Convention; this results in a long delay to the

- implementation of any increase (end of year balance sheet vote at Annual Business Meeting 6 months later with implementation 6 - 12 months later)
- iii) current primary members = 1468, current associate members = 523
 - iv)) two options proposed
 - (1) leave the decision to the BOD
 - (2) increase dues for primary members from \$35 to \$50, for secondary members from \$15 to \$25
 - v) motion on the floor made by Wendy Callicoa to allow BOD to make decision, second by Ann Tucker; 4 opposed, motion carried
 - vi) Business meeting attendees proposed a new motion to limit the percentage of increase (\$15 increase in primary membership is a 43% increase, \$10 increase in secondary membership is a 60% increase
- c) Recognition for Stacy's service
- d) Announcement of Display Winners – Wayne Lambert
- i) 12 displays total in 5 categories, limited to 4 items in each display
 - (1) People's Choice:
 - (a) Artware – Jean Miller
 - (b) Dinnerware – Jo Landis
 - (c) Memorabilia – Wayne Miller
 - (d) Stoneware – Dennis Weber
 - (e) Rare Items – Dennis Yaeggi
 - (2) Best of Show
 - (a) Artware – Jean Miller
 - (b) Dinnerware – Jo Landis
 - (c) Memorabilia – Wayne Miller
 - (d) Stoneware – Dennis Weber
 - (e) Rare Items – Sheldon Bonoff
- e) Volunteer Thank You
- f) Hall of Fame
- i) inductee Nancy Lambert, RWCS member for 32 years (1991), Larry Birks reviewed all of Nancy's life accomplishments

N) Good of the Order

O) Adjourn – Safe Travels @ 5:27pm