

Red Wing Collectors Society
Agenda - Annual Business Meeting-Crockfest 2023
Friday, July 14, 2023 2:30pm – 4:15pm
Pottery Museum/Senior Center

A. Call to Order

B. Welcome Members – Paul Wichert

C. Moment of Silence for Departed Members

D. Announcements

1. Introduce Angie DeGreeff – Membership Services Manager
2. Introduce Sergeant at Arms/Parliamentarian – Jerry Erdman and Dan Desaquale
3. Rock 'N BBQ' immediately following business meeting 4:30-9:00pm.
 1. Sold Out at 300 tickets
4. Crock Fest 2024 – July 11-13, 2024 (Thurs - Sat), Red Wing, MN

E. Approval of the Minutes -from July, 2022 Annual Business Meeting

1. Annual Meeting minutes is available online
2. Motion to approve July 2022 Annual Business Meeting Minutes was made by Sheldon Bohnhoff– second by Dan Beck - **APPROVED**

F. Crockfest Recap – Angie/Paul

1. Event has gone very smoothly with only a few hiccups
2. Show and Sale was moved to River Bluff due to the Armory being unavailable. Load in went very well and the room's temperature is comfortable

G. Treasurer's Report – Financial Recap – Trevor Stephens

1. Accounting has moved to QuickBooks online allowing Trevor to work from anywhere
2. Money Market Account
3. CD's
4. Working on the 2024 budget will be available online and will be printed in the Newsletter
5. Motion to approve the Treasure's Report made by Wendy Calliccoat – second by Dan Beck - APPROVED

H. Historian's Report – Nancy

1. Summary of 2023
 - i. Membership:
 1. Start of 2023 - Primary members 1547 and 569 Associate members
 2. July of 2023 – Primary members 1444 and 459 Associate members
 - ii. Managers:
 1. Aarika Floyd – Education Manager
 2. Wendy Calliccoat – Social Media Manager
 3. Trevor Stephens – Treasurer, after Larry Birks stepped down
 - iii. MidWinter – 254 attendees
 1. Doug Perkins and Chris Tincher managed 2023 MidWinter at the Holiday Inn in Des Moines, IA and will be managing 2024 MidWinter in the same location – details to follow
 - iv. CrockFest 2023 – 622 attendees, 24 children
 1. 11 Display entries
 2. 68 Show and Sale Tables sold

2. Apparel Sales – Nancy will be stepping down as the Apparel Manager and we are actively seeking a new volunteer

I. Representatives at Large Reports – Doug Perkins and Chris Tincher

1. MidWinter 2024 Feb. 1-3 in Des Moines – Holiday Inn on Merle Hay Rd
2. Rock and BBQ – main goal is to create a revenue generating opportunity for the RWCS
 - i. Always willing to make changes to improve the event every year
3. Chapter Presidents Meeting
 - i. Learning process for Chris and Doug
 - ii. Future Zoom meetings are possible – one test meeting so far
 - iii. Chapter participant numbers are dropping (approximately 30 ppl in each)
 1. Provide a list of all members that reside in states with Chapters to encourage participation

J. Convention Managers' Reports

1. Auction Report – Dave Huisman
 - i. Volunteer thank you
 - ii. Earlier start time was well received – consider shortening preview
 - iii. Numbers –
 - iv. Thank you to Rick Natynski for helping secure the 2 gal churn
2. Commemorative Report & Special Commemorative winners – Bob Morawski
 - i. Large interest in mail orders – 660 and 460 handed out
 - ii. Standardizing costs – should be discount for pick up, currently subsidizing the cost of mileage, room rental, some postage costs – can we share the data with members ship vs in person?
 - iii. Postage will continue to increase
 - iv. If you choose not to pick up your piece – pay fee
 - v. Consider shortening the amount of time to pick up commemoratives (Thursday)
 - vi. Lottery was needed to help sell the extras due to ordering prior to Convention – now we may be able to reduce the number created
 - vii. Purchasing sets has also reduced the need for Lottery
 - viii. Special Commemoratives needed to be remade by Rowe Pottery and will be shipped to winners: list of winners
3. Education Report– Aarika Floyd
 - i. Keynote Address – 172 attendees
 - ii. Educational Seminars:
 1. Red Wing Salt Glaze Decorations – 86 attendees
 2. Researching Chicago Advertising – 17 attendees
 3. History of Red Wing Lamps – 55-60 attendees
 4. Dating Salt Glaze Decorations – 80 attendees
 5. Facebook Auction Fever – 27 attendees
 6. Updates in Red Wing Dinnerware Ephemera – 35 attendees
 7. Red Wing Salt Glaze: Best of the Best – 60 attendees
 8. The North Star Stoneware Co. – Documenting the Demolition – canceled
 - iii. New this year:
 1. Sip & Share – 50 to 60 attendees
 2. Lunch & Learn – 80 attendees
 3. Hands-On Education – 8 attendees
 - iv. Please reach out to Aarika if you would like to be a presenter in the future
4. Kids View Report – Wendy Callicoat/Sue Jones
 - i. 24 participants
 - ii. Sponge bowls – Auction – Show and Sale

- iii. Chuck Hanson "Bowl King" attended Kids View, participated in the education and interacted with the kids
- iv. Thank you to all volunteers and to the 4 Kids View alumni
- 5. Social Media – Wendy Calicoat
 - i. Please follow RWCS Facebook page so that you will get more information in your FB feed
 - ii. Facebook followers – # Instagram followers #
 - iii. Take the time to like and share as well as make a quick comment on posts – this helps to get the RWCS active on FB

K. RWCS Foundation Report – 50/50 tickets are available until 6pm

L. New Business

- 1. Elections – Russa Robinson
 - i. 2024 Election – President, Secretary, Auction, Commemorative and Education
 - ii. Article 5 in Bylaws outline the election process
 - iii. Please contact Russa if you would like to be on the election committee
 - iv. Deadline for official count is June 30 – announced four months prior to election in the newsletter
 - v. We would like to shorten the amount of time needed for the election – less than 2 months as previous elections
 - vi. Looking at all options paper ballots, online ballots, etc.
- 2. Donation Recognition – include chapters/BBQ
 - i. Most Chapters donated in one form or another
- 3. Announcement of Display Winners –Monica Natynski
 - i. Badger Chapter managed the Display Room
 - ii. 11 entries including two Rare Item submissions and one memorial for Bonnie Tefft by Gary Tefft (noncompetitive)
 - iii. Winners:
 - 1. Art Pottery –
 - People's Choice – Red Wing Candle Holders by Judy Peacock
 - Best of Show – Rumrill, Rumrill, Rumrill by Barbara Kearn
 - 2. Dinnerware –
 - People's Choice – Colored Kitchenware by Paul Boudin
 - Best of Show – Cups and Bears by Tim Broetzmann
 - 3. Stoneware –
 - People's Choice – Chickens Galore by Lowell Reed
 - Best of Show – Red Wing Salt Glaze Churns by Laura Beall
 - 4. Memorabilia –
 - People's Choice – These are a few of my Favorite Red Wing Things by Nancy Lambert
 - 5. Rare Item –
 - Rare Sample Dinnerware Plate signed on the back by Charles Murphy by Wayne Zarn
 - iv. Volunteers are needed for next year
- 4. Crockfest Volunteer Thank you - over 150 volunteers prior to and during the event

M. Good of the Order –

- 1. Please consider running for office
- 2. Better microphone is needed for next year's meeting

N. Adjourn @ 4:17pm