

**Red Wing Collectors Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday November 4, 2006 – 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday November 5, 2006 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Community Development Building
419 Bush Street, Red Wing, Minnesota**

All Board Members were present. Guests were Nick Marson, Bonnie Myers, Rick Natynski, and Mike Robinson.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM.

Changes to the agenda were to add Guest Speaker Paul Drotos. Remove item VIII B.1. & B.2.

Motion by Terry Speedy seconded by Steve Brown to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Welcome to newly elected Board Members Russa Robinson and Jolene McKoon.

Motion by Steve Brown seconded by Paulette Floyd to approval of the Minutes of the July 5, 2006 Full Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Mark Collins discussed the Financial Report for September 2006.

Motion by Mark Collins seconded by John Tremble to accept the financial report for September 2006. Motion carried.

Proposals for an internal audit were sent to 15 different firms with review date of December 1, 2006. Mark will discuss the results and have a recommendation by Feb 1, with an answer on the audit by April 1, 2007.

Business Manager Report - Discussion on the Proposals for 2008 MidWinter site.

Motion by Jeff Floyd seconded by Russa Robinson to sign the contract with the Republican Eagle for the Convention Supplement. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Directors & Officers Liability policy for the RWCS Board Members and committees.

Motion by Russa Robinson seconded by Steve Brown to approve the acceptance of the Directors & Officers policy with the Cincinnati Insurance Company effective January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Discussion on the five 2007 Marketing Plan Priorities.

Paul Drotos from the City of Red Wing is working on their 150th Anniversary Committee. His proposal is for the RWCS to help fund a flowerpot that would look like a 5-gallon crock with a red wing logo and the City of Red Wing 150th Anniversary sticker on the back. The Board thanked Mr. Drotos for coming to the meeting. More discussion will follow.

Continuation of the discussion on increasing the membership numbers. Stacy will put together a proposal on how we can increase membership and bring to the board at MidWinter in February.

On October 30, 2006 there was a Channel 5 Eyewitness news television special "On the Road with Jason Davis" about Lyle Berman an RWCS member. Stacy contacted Jason Davis to see if he would be willing to come to the 2007 Convention with his television crew. She is working back and forth to see if it is a possibility. Stacy is also working to see if we can get "Good Morning America" to come to convention also.

Discussion on the contract regarding the insurance for the Commemorative. John will talk with the maker of the Commemorative to find out when the RWCS officially takes possession of the product. He will get back to Stacy with an answer as soon as possible.

All Board meeting minutes will be posted to the Website in full. The Newsletter Editor will receive condensed minutes for the Newsletter.

Motion by Russa Robinson seconded by Steve Brown to allow non-registered guest(s) to purchase a ticket to attend the picnic and/or banquet. Motion carried.

Historian & Foundation Report - The Pottery Park Project will be discussed at the evening picnic with the Foundation. Dave Hallstrom from the Foundation has been working with the city and the planning committee on this project.

The Pottery Place is for sale for \$4.6 million. Negotiations are on going to get additional space for the museum across from the current museum site.

Discussion on the prototype for the flowerpot/crock. The prototype will be ordered on Monday November 6th. Stacy will get a photo and email the board and it will be on display at MidWinter for everyone to look at and decide if this is something that the Society wants get involved in.

Auction Manager Report - Discussion on the Kids View Plate. A member that would like to see the Kids view plate resold for additional donations has approached the Auction Manager. An announcement will be made at the beginning of the Auction that if anyone would like to make a matching donation to Kid's View, see the Auction Manager.

Commemorative Manager Report - John handed out a Report of Commemorative Sales for 2006.

Motion by John Tremble seconded by Steve Brown for the Commemorative Committee to use the RWCS Logo on a 10 gallon crock to be donated to the Society. Motion carried.

Representative at Large - Russa Robinson is going to send a letter to all the Chapters advising that she and Jerry Erdmann are their contacts for any items they would like to have discussed at the Board Meetings.

Jerry Erdmann has advised that 13 of the 16 chapters have made their square for the quilt that the Missouri/Kansas Chapter is making to raffle at the 30th Anniversary Convention.

General Orders/Unfinished Business - Bonnie Myers 30th Anniversary Committee Chair gave an update for the 30th Anniversary Committee "ReMEMBERing....Great Clay...Great People"

Motion Steve Brown seconded by Jerry Erdmann to recommend that the Wolverine Chapter to do the 30th Anniversary Button for 2007. Motion carried. Terry Speedy abstained.

Motion by Terry Speedy seconded by Jolene McKoon to extend a complementary membership to Ephraim Pottery. Motion carried.

New Business - Motion by Mark Collins seconded by Terry Speedy to adopt the RWCS Board Operations 2007 Annual Calendar. Motion carried.

The President appointed a special committee for possible review and revisions of the RWCS Bylaws. Jolene McKoon was appointed the Chairperson with Steve Brown, Jerry Erdmann, and Russa Robinson as the

committee. A follow-up with recommendations for possible changes will be reported to the Full Board at MidWinter.

Discussion on whether the Commemorative Managers, Auction Manager, and Education Manager are considered employees or Independent Contractors for stipend purposes.

Motion by Jeff Floyd seconded by Jerry Erdmann to go into Executive Session at 4:19 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Jolene McKoon seconded by Paulette Floyd to go out of Executive Session at 4:36 PM. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM, reconvened at 8:00 AM Sunday morning November 5, 2006.

Discussion on the RWCS 2007 Proposed Budget.

Motion by Mark Collins seconded by Terry Speedy to adopt the 2007 Proposed Budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Brown seconded by Terry Speedy to donate \$15,000 to the City of Red Wing for signage and the shelter for the Pottery Park Project on the condition that the city furnish invoices to the RWCS to insure that our donation was spent on the signage and/or construction of the shelter by September 1, 2007. Motion carried. Nay vote from Jeff Floyd.

Discussion on 2006 Year End Budget Review.

Motion by Terry Speedy seconded by John Tremble to pre-pay the high school a \$10,000 deposit for the 2007 Convention and the Commemorative Manufacturer a \$10,000 deposit for the 2007 RWCS Commemorative. Motion carried. Nay vote from Jeff Floyd.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted.

Paulette Floyd
RWCS Secretary