

**Red Wing Collectors Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday November 3, 2007 – 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Community Development Building
419 Bush Street, Red Wing, Minnesota**

All Board Members were present except Terry Speedy. Guests were Nick Marson, Bonnie Myers, Rick Natynski, and Mike Robinson. Call to Order at 8:03 AM.

Motion by Russa Robinson seconded by Jerry Erdmann to accept agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Paulette Floyd seconded by Jolene McKoon to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2007 Full Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Collins discussed the financials for September 2007.

Mark gave a brief synopsis of the audit performed for the RWCS. A clean audit was performed and there were no problems noted. If any members would like a copy of the audit, they need to contact the Executive Director.

Motion by Mark Collins seconded by John Tremble to accept the Audit of Abdo, Eick & Meyers LLP. Motion carried.

Historian's & Foundation Report – Steve Brown

Motion by Steve Brown seconded by Paulette Floyd to go into Executive Session at 8:47 AM for discussion of possible names for consideration for Hall of Fame. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Floyd seconded by John Tremble to go out of Executive Session at 8:55 AM Motion carried.

Executive Director Report – Stacy Wegner went over her report and gave an update.

Discussion on MidWinter Properties for 2009. Stacy will bring a comparison to MidWinter for a discussion and approval.

Stacy discussed the new ownership of the Pottery Place Mall and what changes they are doing to the property.

Motion by Russa Robinson seconded by Mark Collins to purchase the website names of RedwingCollectorsSociety.org, com & net and RWCS.org, com & net and RedWingCollectors.net for marketing purposes. Motion carried.

Discussion on the original Pottery Park Project motion that expired on September 1, 2007.

Motion by Russa Robinson seconded by Steve Brown 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. Motion carried. Nay vote from Jeff Floyd.

Auction Managers Report – Jeff Floyd advised that the Guidelines and Registration Form for 2008 RWCS Auction would be available online at the RWCS Website.

Commemorative Managers Report – John Tremble advised that there were 2143 regular sales of the commemorative for 2007 along with not having a lot of walk up sales. Mail Order sales were 1797. Lottery sales 438. There was 4415 produced. Last year there were 5191 produced.

Education Report – Sue Jones Tagliapietra reported for Terry Speedy that the MidWinter education seminars are set up, and that Terry is waiting for the final Keynote Speaker.

Representatives at Large – Jerry Erdmann & Russa Robinson

Motion by Jerry Erdmann seconded by John Tremble to allow the Indiana Chapter use the Union Oval & Birchleaf for their commemorative. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Chapter donated commemoratives to the Kids View Auction.

Motion by Russa Robinson seconded by Jerry Erdmann to allow the Southwest Redwingers to produce the commemorative for the 2008. Motion carried.

Discussion on moving the Ephraim Pottery table to the outside perimeter of the gym so there is less congestion in the aisles during the Show & Sale. Stacy will discuss with Pete & Cindy May.

Russa & Mike Robinson traveled to Wyoming to work with members Michael & Linda Bottom who would like to start a chapter in Wyoming and surrounding areas.

Russa is working with members in New Hampshire on setting up a chapter.

Many members and Chapters contacted Russa on how disappointed they were on not having anything on the commemorative regarding the 30th Anniversary.

Chapter Presidents Update –

Mark advised the Nebraska Chapter went to the University of Nebraska Art Department and learned how pottery was made.

General Orders/Unfinished Business – Jolene went over requested revision of the bylaws for 2008. The changes will be printed in the February Newsletter.

Jolene gave an update on the Nominating Committee. One person is interested in Commemorative; no one is interested in Auction or Education. All the Manager terms are up at the end of 2008 convention.

Sue discussed the progress of the 30th Anniversary Book. Stacy has worked many hours trying to get information for the book. Sue has had email correspondence with Randy Baumgardner at Turner Publishing.

New Business

Motion by Steve Brown seconded by Jolene McKoon to approve the RWCS Board Operations 2008 Annual Calendar. Motion carried.

Discussion on 2007 Year End Budget Review.

There was discussion on what the three Website line items are on the budget. There was much discussion by the board on why we were paying so much for the Website Database, Website Database Support, and Website. The “Website Database” is actually the Membership Database used on a daily basis by the Business Office. The line item name on the budget is going to be changed to Online Membership Services. The “Website Database Support” is for questions or problems with the website at the business office. The “Website” budget line is for the actual website changes.

Website changes have been made to allow online registration for MidWinter and Convention. The Board has concerns about the cost of changes that have been proposed for the Website Database.

Motion by Mark Collins seconded by Jeff Floyd to approve the proposed 2008 RWCS Operating Budget. Motion carried. Nay vote by Steve Brown and John Tremble.

Motion by Paulette Floyd seconded by Russa Robinson to go into Executive Session at 3:53 PM.

Motion by Steve Brown seconded by Jerry Erdmann to go out of Executive Session at 4:05 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 PM.

Respectively submitted.

Paulette Floyd, RWCS Secretary