

Prairie Woodcarvers

July 2019

NEWSLETTER

Remember August 3 & 4th—Bark Carving.
August 16th we will be doing demonstrations at the Douglas County Fair.

Our new name “Prairie Woodcarvers” and Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Sec. of State. A new EIN number has been received by the State.

Application has been made to the IRS for Tax Exempt status and we are waiting for the approval.

A new Constitution and Bylaws has been put together for our club and will be reviewed at our next meeting. A copy of it is included with this Newsletter.

I need to wait for notification that we have tax exempt status before I open up a new checking account.

Once that is all completed and we are official, we will be able to solicit grants, donations, etc. under our tax exempt status.



Newsletter/Dues

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Dues are Adult or family = \$15
Junior members = \$5



Calendar

AUG 3 & 4th

BARK CARVING

(DON FISCHER)

AUG 16th

DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR

SEPT 7 & 8th

CARVING A SANTA

(DICK SKAUGE)

SEPT 27, 28 & 29th

CARVING PIRATE BUST

MARTY DOLPHEN

OCT 3, 4, 5 & 6th

ANTLER CARVING

(NANCY SAGER) FOREST LAKE

Prairie Woodcarvers
Constitution and Bylaws
June 2019

Constitution

Article One:

Section 1. The name of this club shall be: Prairie Woodcarvers.

Article Two:

Section 1. The purpose of this club shall be to promote and provide knowledge about woodcarving. This will include demonstrations and workshops.

Article Three:

Section 1. Membership is open to all that share an interest in woodcarving. Membership shall consist of: Active, Junior, Family and Associate. Active members: Those who have paid their dues for the current year.
Junior Members: Any member under the age of 18.
Family Membership: Shall consist of an active member and his/her immediate family.
Associate members: Those not current with dues but receive a newsletter.

Article Four:

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be the four elected officers of the club. The President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Club Activities Director.
Section 2. All members of the Executive Board shall serve without pay.
Section 3. The President and Vice President may not serve more than two consecutive terms.
Section 4. The Secretary/Treasurer, and Club Activities Director terms are not limited to two terms.

Article Five:

Section 1. Elections shall be held at the December meeting of the club.

Article Six:

Section 1. The Executive Board shall have general charge of the affairs of the club, including funds, property, and other matters not herein provided for,
Section 2. The Executive Board, by a majority vote, may select any member in good standing to fill any vacancy in their body. This appointee shall serve until the next election. Said appointment will not prevent the appointee from serving two full terms.

Article Seven:

Section 1.

Amendments to the constitution, in the form of Bylaws, may be made in the following manner:

- A. A written amendment proposed by the Executive Board, or any member in good standing, and read at the regular club meeting one month before voting.
- B. Written notice of any amendment to this constitution will be sent to all members. This will be done fifteen days prior to the meeting in which it is to be voted on.
- C. Any member in good standing, who is unable to attend a meeting in which such an amendment is to be voted on, may vote by proxy. This can be done in writing, or by phone, to any member of the Executive Board.
- D. The amendment being considered will require approval by the majority of those attending or voting by proxy,

BYLAWS

Article One

Section 1.

Membership

Active Member

- a. Active Members may hold office, vote, and/or serve on committees.
- b. Active Members will receive a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws.
- c. Active Members will be considered Trustees for the Club.

Section 2.

Junior member

- A. Shall have all the privileges of the club.
- B. Shall not hold an elective office.

Section 3.

Family Membership

- A. Adult members shall have all the privileges of an Active Member.
- B. Family members under the age of 18 shall have all the privileges of a Junior member.

Section 4.

Associate Member

- A. Is not current with dues or has never paid dues.
- B. Receives newsletter
- C. Shall not hold an elective office, vote or serve on committees.
- D. May attend meetings and workshops.

Article Two

Section 1.

Nominations

The Nomination Committee shall consist of not less than three and not more than five members, one of which is a current member of the Executive Board of this club.

Section 2.

The President shall appoint this committee, with assistance of the Executive Board, no later than October each year.

Section 3.

This committee shall present a slate of one or more names for each office of the club, at the regular meeting in December.

Section 4.

Nominations from the floor may be presented, with the consent of the nominee, at the election meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot on any contested office.

Article Three

Section 1.

Elections

The elections of officers shall be held at the meeting in December. A Simple majority of those voting shall be considered sufficient to elect.

Section 2.

Elections will be held for the Offices of Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Club Activities Director. The serving Vice President will assume the office of the President for the following two-year term. New officers will begin their term in January.