



ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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April 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Mike Hughbanks called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Eight people attended the meeting.
- Introduction of New Members/Visitors: There were no new members or visitors in attendance.
- March 2023 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was \$6,363.69, and the ending balance was \$5,843.72. A total of \$140.00 from membership dues was deposited. The \$400.00 insurance bill was paid. Rosie reported that the deposit to use the Craig Center for 2024 has increased to \$200.00. Last year it was \$100.00. She paid the 2024 deposit early to reserve the Craig Center for the 2024 RRVC Show.
- Additions/Corrections to March Minutes: No corrections or additions were made to the minutes.
- Website Report (Mike Hughbanks): No report available at this time.
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): No cards were sent out this past month.

Old Business

- 2023 Show Update (Brad Crandall):
 - Jim Trumpy has lined up two judges. They are Ron O’Kray and Denny Neubauer. Following discussion, it was decided to provide the judges with free tables and free food.
 - Brad Crandall made arrangements with the Beloit Visitor Center to put quarter sheets on the counter inside the Wisconsin Welcome Center - Beloit between Illinois and Wisconsin on Interstate 39 Northbound/90 Westbound.
 - Steve Johnson contacted Jax Custom Printing regarding the cost of yard signs. A two-sided sign is \$15.00, plus \$1.25 for the wire stand (total price per sign is \$16.25, plus tax). The one-time set-up fee will be between \$20.00 - \$25.00. He reminded the group that Minuteman Press charges \$14.00 per sign (two sided) which includes the wire stand. The set-up fee is \$20.00. This would be \$2.25 less than Jax Custom Printing. Also, if we order more than 50 signs from Minuteman Press,

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**Wood Carving
Minus Patience =
Fancy Kindling**

**Normal meetings on the
first Tuesday of the month
at the First Lutheran Church,
Across from Fairgrounds
612 N Randall Ave.
Janesville, WI
Meeting or Carving
begins at 6 p.m.**

the cost per sign will drop by \$1.00 per sign to \$13.00. Sticky replacement date squares will cost \$2.00 per sign per year to change the date. Brad Crandall, Steve Johnson, and Rosie will work on designing the sign after the meeting.

- Mike Hughbanks stressed that he cannot run the raffle this year. We need a new raffle chairperson. His daughter is willing to help out with the raffle. He said we need to make the raffle easier to run. One suggestion he offered was to require the winners be present at the time of the drawing, or to have someone present to pick up the raffle item for them at the time of the drawing.
- Chili Peppers (Randy Callison): Steve Johnson cut out the bases for the chilies. Randy is in the process of sanding and staining them. All chilies must be 12 inches in height. All the chilies must be handed in by July 11th at the picnic. Randy will contact Chilimania to find out how many chilies they want this year.
- Whittler's Wood - Rudy Nichol: Brad Crandall will contact him to find out when he will be back in this area.
- Jim Hart will be selling wood at the Oshkosh Carving Show on May 7, 2023 according to Tom Kautz.

New Business

- Program Person (Mike Hughbanks): A volunteer is needed to schedule speakers/demonstrations for the club monthly meetings. Rosie Kautz has a list of subjects suggested by members from several years ago. She will bring it to the next meeting.
- Above & Beyond Award (Vern Morris): The award is now open to all members who have been a member in good standing for at least one year. Prior to this year officers have been ineligible. A person can only win this award once.
- July Club Picnic: It was decided that the annual picnic will be held on July 11, 2023 at the Sportsman Park in Janesville, WI. Rosie will make the reservation.
- Audit of RRVC books/finances (Rosie Kautz): Gerry Lesch and Mark Ludois have volunteered to audit the books.
- Table Runner for Sale (Vern Morris): Vern said he had a table runner with the club logo on it for sale. He is asking \$10.00. Brad Crandall said he would buy it from him.
- Janesville Art League Winery Art Walk (Tom Kautz): This will take place on July 16, 2023 at Fermenting Cellars Winery, 2004 W. Manogue Road, Janesville, WI., 12-4 pm. The club will have 3-4 tents. Tom Kautz will demonstrate how to carve a 5-minute owl.
- Show & Share: Brad Crandall and Tom Kautz showed off their carving creations. See the newsletter for pictures.
- Adjournment: President Mike Hughbanks adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 7:10 pm. The next meeting will be held on May 2, 2023.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

Area Carving Opportunities!

Janesville Senior Center: Mondays & Thursdays from 9-11 am. Meet and carve with fellow carvers. Please spray your area and wipe it down with the bleach water provided by the center before leaving.

Fulton Church: Tuesdays, 9-11 am in the church gymnasium, 9209 N Fulton St.

First Lutheran Church: The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 6-8 pm, 612 N. Randall Ave. (Across from the fairgrounds.)

Save The Date!
Our annual club picnic will be Tuesday, July 11
at Sportsmans' Park from 4 to 9 pm

Shows & Seminars Coming Up

April 22: 'Karve in 7' in Westby, Wis at Westby Elementary School, 122 Nelson St., Westby. 10-4 pm, free admission. John Sutton, 608-634-4396, lbarnfarms@gmail.com

April 23: Kettle Karvers Show at Emil Mazey Hall, 5425 Superior Ave, Sheboygan, Wis. Bob Lawrence, 920-458-4947, bob.kettlekarvers@att.net

May 7: Oshkosh, Wis Mid-Wisconsin Chippers show, sale, and competition at Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N Main St, 9-4 pm, rkrummick@att.net or www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com

June 10-17: Affiliated Wood Carvers Congress in Maquoketa, IA. Competition, seminars, and show. www.woodcarverscongress.org

Show Donations

Please give Randy Callison your donations for show Raffle and/or Goody Bay Items as soon as possible. The earlier the better!

*Club Members
Recent Carvings*



John Raisbecks'
Chili Pepper



Jim Trumpys' Cowboy & Saddle



John Eiden's Sylvester & Tweedy Bird

Mike Hughbanks'
Lincoln Carving



Tom Kautz'
Chip Carved Bison



Mike Boutelles'
St. Paddy's Day
Leprechauns



Brad Crandalls'
Leprechauns with
A Cane and
Pot of Gold



Bud Hilgendorfs'
Bluebird Female
With Young



Bud Cunninghams'
Optical Illusion
Painted Woodburning



On Left,
Dale Ehles'
Cane
Segment



Tom Kautz'
Santa Ornament



Denny Pryces' Woodburned Plaques



Randy Callisons'
Mallet.
On Right