RCWA Meeting Minutes

Date: May 12, 2025 Meeting Start: 7:00 Meeting Finish: 9:00

Attendees: Maggie Brown, Bob Buchanan, Kathy Buchanan, Grant Coffin, Roy Erickson, Lon Gose, Jerry Hood, Patsy Hood, Stu Kellogg, Ken Maron, Adam Rasmussen, Harley Schmadeke, Nick Spano, Tony Verchio, Rick Weisbeck.

Introductions/ New Members:

New guests: Phil has been a woodworker for years and has most recently entered into CNC work. Shamus' brother is a carpenter but Shamus is relatively new and would like a little help with routing and possibly CNC work.

Treasurer's Report:

\$120 expense reimbursement to Patsy Hood for embroidery expenses. The group made \$0.71 and \$0.02 interest in the workshop and savings accounts respectively. Balances for March follow.

 Checking
 \$4,024.95

 Workshop
 \$1,561.42

 Savings
 \$332.17

 Total
 \$5,918.54

Wood Show Preliminary Report

17 indicated they were coming to Knecht's anyway

2 saw a poster

7 indicated friends

2 saw it on facebook

Preliminary numbers for the wood show indicate that we made about \$50 more in donations, \$50 less in raffle. Overall, it looks like we will be down about \$200 from last year. We will make roughly \$1,433 overall.

Shop Tours

Nothing to report this month. Contact Al Oines if you would like to host a shop tour or if you have a contact for a shop tour.

General Meeting

Next general meeting will be June 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Nick will provide refreshments.

Toy Workshop

May 10 and May 24. May 10 we will have about 10 boxes of toys to work on, roughly 250 toys to work on. We have accurate numbers of Saturday activities for sanding and love bugs so we have a good estimate for Saturday workshops.

Special Interest Groups

Next Scroll Saw SIG is scheduled for May 15th at Rick Weisbeck's home (6704 Kimberly Drive, Blackhawk) from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Working on Tractors for August Threshing.

Turning SIG is on May 28th at Brown's, 2879 Spotted Fawn Lane 1:00-3:00. Will likely be at West Hills in May. Schedule for the year is on the web site.

CNC SIG, Saturday June 7th, 10:00-12:00, Stu Kellogg's House, 1116 West Blvd.

Other Topics

July 7-9, 9:00-12:00, we will help club for boys with the racers.

June 14 is the date for the annual tool sale. Tool sale will be at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Wood Ave. Details to be discussed at June 9 general meeting.

June 21, 10:00-2:00, Knecht's vendor (contractor and family) event. We will have a toy build for kids. Kids will color vans, we put wheels on and let them race on the track.

Aug. 10, Community Service Event, 910 Wood Ave. Lutheran church wants to host a little race event here. Give away Vans, kids color, we put wheels on.

Aug. 16, Sturgis Threshing Bee. Kids color vans or tractors and we put wheels on. Jerry designed a few new tractor variations for this year's event.

September 13, Black Hills Battles, at old Story Book, 9:00 - 12:00. We will have new giraffe's templates for this year.

Love Bug program – we make and give Love Bugs through-out the year. Just take a few with you whenever you head out the door.

We have 40 stocking caps with the RCWA logo. A motion made (Spano), seconded (Hood) and passed to sell caps at for \$20.

Parts Needed (CNC)

Rick working on helicopter rotors.

Fire truck ladders (100) ¼ inch

Cradles (25) under a new design.

Rocking Chairs, seats and backs.

Ball hoops (100) ¾ inch.

Plexiglass covers for banks.

Giraffes for Black Hills Battles – need a template.

Wood Recovery

Nothing new to report.

Show and Tell



Bob brought a number of puzzle items from an Orange County Woodworking Toy Workshop in March 2025, with the idea that maybe we can design and build a few for older kids.

He also brought a number of cubes that are configured in cubes from a number of pieces.

Die puzzle toy - get back into a die.

Rope puzzle: can you get the rope on and off.

Jerry has designed a tow truck with a love bug.



Rick brought some figurines dancers.



He also brought in several miniature lamps.



Minutes taken by Stu Kellogg

Minor revisions by Bob B