

Wisconsin Pottery Association Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 10 April 2012

Business Meeting Attendees: Michael Waidelich, Pres Jim Riorden
 Jeff Tagliapietra, Vice Pres Heidi Hahlen, Secretary
 David Knutzen, Treasurer

President Michael Waidelich called the meeting to order and distributed an agenda.

Treasurer's Report: After a call to order by President Michael Waidelich, David reported that the combined WPA accounts balance is \$10311.80.

Secretary's Report: As of 4/10/12, there are 48 paid members (2 have said their checks are in the mail), including one new member, 1 unpaid member and 2 lifetime members. One person has been removed from the list. She reported that the Wisconsin Department of Revenue does not have record of the WPA having a Certificate of Exempt Status as proof of being a tax-exempt organization. Michael will investigate our 501(3)(c) status. Finally, she reminded everyone that the next newsletter deadline is April 15. Articles, pictures and any interesting information should be emailed to Ori-Anne Pagel at newsletter@wisconsinpottery.org or mailed to her at 925 N. Gueldner Lane, Exeland, WI 54835.

Old Business:

WADA Exhibit: We had a short discussion about the ideas for the 2 or 3 locked cases but did not make any decisions. Michael will contact Dorothy Russ to see what progress she has made with plans. We reviewed the WADA show card for the hours: Friday 10/4/12, 11 am – 9 pm, Saturday 10/5/12, 10 am – 5 pm. We also will ask Dorothy to check with WADA to see if set up can be done on Friday morning before the show opens at 11 am rather than setting up on Thursday evening. We talked about dividing the days into 2 or 3 hourly blocks of time so no one has to carry the entire load of manning the WPA exhibit. Please take a moment to check out the WADA website. <http://www.wisconsinantiquedealers.com/>

Century House Committee: The committee met one week ago and is continuing making good progress on the book.

2012 WPA Annual Show & Exhibit, Saturday, August 25, 2012: Jeff has been in touch with Al Kohlman and plans for the exhibit are progressing. Al contacted Peter Maas, Hartland, about his collection of Wisconsin stoneware bottles. Peter is excited about participating in the exhibit and has a friend, Scott Reiser, who has a collection of Wisconsin stoneware pitchers. Sounds like 30 bottles and pitchers would be a nice addition to Jeff & Al's collection. Peter and Scott will need to be able to provide information about manufacturer and probable date of the bottles and pitchers. No report from insurance for the exhibit. No report about dealers. Jim R., Jeff and Heidi gave an update on the progress of advertising plans. A separate document will be emailed for everyone's review.

Again, we ran out of time and were unable to complete the agenda.

April Program: The first half of the evening's program was provided by Michelle Schumacker, a friend of several WPA members who used to work at Wisconsin Center. She shared her love of Czech pottery, 1918 – 1940's. Her family is Czech and much of her collection was her grandmother's. Laurie Farnum, another friend of the many WPA members who used to work at the Wisconsin Center, presented her collection of the Catalina Pottery dinnerware she inherited from her grandmother. She also entertained us with her voice and guitar and had us singing along.

May 8, 2012 Program: Barb Huhn reported that the May program will be held at the studio of Jim Rowe, of the Cambridge Stoneware Company, 215 West Main Street, Cambridge WI. The board decided that an abbreviated business meeting will be held at a local Cambridge restaurant at 5:30, with the tour to begin at 6:30 pm. Everyone will be invited to attend the business meeting... more to come in the meeting announcement, including a map.

Hope to see everyone there. Mark your calendar now so you don't forget.

Respectfully submitted by
Heidi Hahlen, WPA Secretary