



The Canadian Society for Creative Leathercraft

Annual General Meeting
Saturday May 5, 2007
Burlington Arts Center

Executive in Attendance: Peter Grove, Della Chynoweth, Lauchlan Harrison, Phyllis McHale, Madeleine Mitchell, Nancy Durham, Paul Kitchener, Dave McPherson, Dorothy McPherson, Sandra Roberts, Miles Roberts, Barbara Chynoweth, Betsy Rennie, Joyce Scruton.

1. **Call to Order:** Lauchlan Harrison called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Lauch welcomed everyone to the 57th Annual General Meeting and welcomed our guest Jamie from Zelikovitz Leather. Lauch called on the host branch representative Lindsay Courtney to welcome everyone to Burlington for Mississauga Annual. Linda outlined the events of the weekend and hoped everyone enjoyed themselves. Reminded everyone of the name tag and belt buckle competition. Not to forget to buy your tickets for the draws.
2. **Minutes:** Motion made by Della Chynoweth that the Minutes of the 56th Annual General Meeting be accepted as read. Seconded by Phyllis McHale. Carried.
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting.**
 - **Number of Articles required for a Weston Trophy entry:** Motion by Peter Grove that the Weston Trophy entry by a Branch continue as 4 (four) articles for the 2008 Annual. This motion to be reviewed annually. Seconded by Sandra Roberts. Carried.
 - **Constitution:** Peter Grove moved that the Constitution and bylaws be changed as circulated. Seconded by Barbara Chynoweth. Carried.
 - **Slate of Officers** – Peter Grove moved the Slate of Officers be accepted as presented. The only change being that Darlene Fry will be taking Jean Pickering's place as a director.
4. **Reports**
 - **Presidents Annual Report:** Lauchlan Harrison read his report.

President's message

Welcome all to the Canadian Society for Creative Leather Craft Annual General meeting, hosted by Mississauga. I would like to extend greetings to new members, visitors from out of town, corporate partners and our membership. I am excited to hear the workshops and the dinner will be well populated and attendance is higher than last year.

As I began reviewing the year and assembling my thoughts, I had the feeling our craft and the CSCCL are on the path to renewal and growth. The winds of change this way come. What gives me this hope and lends credence to this thesis? Let me start by choosing some signs close to my home, we have increased the working members in Hamilton, by one hundred percent in the last two years. There are returning & new members in Toronto, and Norland. Mississauga runs weekly meetings and Woodstock hosted a successful lasted box workshop bringing interested newcomers to our doorstep. Last but not least, the visitors from Ottawa may bring a new chapter to our society our society in both figurative and substantive way.

The Weston Trophy Competition had entries from every chapter it has been a long while since our Fellows have had to look at so many articles. We are tool users, we need to use our hands and we need creative outlets that computers cannot supply. When our craft unites imagination and skill to produce articles of beauty and function we are elevated in spirit. Those pieces are here today for us to enjoy.

This Annual will bring about the culmination of more than three years work on the Constitution and Bylaws, resulting in an effective and more democratic society.

Let's make our new members feel at home, by showing them our craft, our care and our respect for the medium.

Yours sincerely,

Lauchlan Harrison, Associate CSC

President

5. **Biennial Report – 2006** – Leather 2006 was held September 30 – November 4, 2006 at the Woodstock Museum. Ruth Haig, FCSCCL and Carol McLean, FCSCCL, juried the 27 pieces from 8 crafters (4 from Woodstock, 3 from Hamilton, and 1 from Nova Scotia).

“There have been some bold and daring techniques used, as well as some very traditional methods employed” said Carol in her judges comments at the opening on September 30 where awards were presented, followed by lunch and refreshments, Heritage pieces and previously exhibited pieces were added to complement the display. CSCL provides this exhibition to recognize excellence in the craft in the craft and to encourage our members who have not entered to learn and improve their skills and to promote Leathercraft. Maybe someone will say, “I’d like to try that”.

Included on the last day was the Museum Craft Sale, which was well attended. Thank you to all who worked to set up and take down the exhibition, as well as those who creations were in the excellent display.

By David McPherson, FCSCCL
Woodstock Branch President
6. **1st Vice:** In 2008 the Biennial will be set up at the Art Gallery in Lindsay. We have the month of April. This will be just before the annual. Also I am currently in negotiation with the Loblaws in Lindsay to set up a display one Saturday in June. If anyone has anything they would like displayed please bring it to the May Executive meeting. Phyllis McHale
7. **2nd Vice:** Last was spent working on the constitution. I guess our hard work paid off as it has been passed. Barbara Chynoweth
8. **Treasurers Report:** Please read the Treasurers Report and if you have any questions I will be happy to answer them. Della Chynoweth moved the Treasurer’s report be accepted as circulated. Moved by Miles Roberts. Carried. Respectfully submitted by Della Chynoweth
9. **Auditors Report:** The financial books for the 2006/2007 years were audited and found to be in order. Phyllis McHale and Barbara Chynoweth
10. **Bulletin2005-2006 Editor's Report** - In the past year, our CSCL newsletter has been published and emailed four times.

The spring issue of the “Canadian Leahercrafter” contained details and highlights of the 56th Annual hosted by the Hamilton Branch. Feedback after the event, suggested CSCL members who can’t get our to the Annual’s appreciate this edition.

The summer issue featured our man in the Mississauga Tandy’s Leather Factory, Antony W. We also heard the history of the Chynoweth clan and their contribution to their contributions to the CSCL.

The CSCL Biennial Exhibition "Leather 2006" held in Woodstock predominated the autumn issue. We also were introduced to Zelikovitz Leathers in Ottawa, our sustaining member and partner for a new Award. The winter 2006-07 issue had details of the new CSCL/Zelikovitz Leathercraft Award.

Technical articles accompany almost all issues along with news items from the Executive meetings and contribution and contributions from CSCL members. Many thanks to the Branch Presidents for providing articles and ideas for their Branch edition

Your feedback about the newsletter and how to make it better, always appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Madeleine Mitchell, Editor

- 11. Membership:** New member from the past 2 years will be getting envelopes with information – this will be done after the constitution is printed. This year we have 2 members from Ottawa area in attendance. We have 5 new members this year, one from as far away as B.C. I did not succeed in getting Winnipeg to join our group. Ottawa is much closer (not 20 some hours by train). I am like a bull dog guys, when I set the teeth I do not let go. I do hope to get to Ottawa in the next few months.

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis McHale Membership Chairperson

- 12. Library:** The Library books were resorted and sent out to each branch. I have been informed that there is around 300.00 to be used to purchase new books to put in our library. New sign out cards have to be purchased for the books. But ran out of time to do it the past winter. Suggestions regarding books you would like to see in the library would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Roberts

- 13. Correspondence:** Sympathy cards were sent out to family's of members that passed on over the year. If you know of any one having a special occasion or in hospital let me know I would be glad to drop them a line.

sirroberts@sympatico.ca or 90 Lakeview St., P.O. Box 655, Halliburton ON

KOM ISO Sandra Roberts

- 14. Council of Fellows:** The council of Fellow met Sunday April 22, 2007 to conduct business and jury applications for Associate, Fellow standings and branch entries for the Weston Trophy. The results of that meeting will be made know today.

It is clear that a major effort needs to be put forth to attract more Associate members, so that they can later work toward Fellow standing. Pages showing the requirements are available along with application forms at the registration desk. Many of you have developed your leathercrafting skills. Competition and evaluation provide encouragement to improve those skills and produce excellent

pieces of Leathercraft. Not everyone becomes proficient in every aspect of the craft but it is worth the effort to try some.

Let's "Associate" in 2008 (pronounced twenty-oh-eight to make it rhyme.)

By David McPherson, FCSCL, Chairman

15. Archives: No report.

16. Web Site: The CSCL website www.canadianleathercraft.org has been updated with new pictures and text in the past year. At the writing of this report, we had 826 visits to the site.

If you have suggestions or items for publishing, please contact

madean@execulink.com

Respectfully submitted

Madeleine Mitchell for the CSCL Website

17. Hamilton Chapter of the CSCL: The Hamilton Guild has been having our usual monthly programs at Tundra Leather. Working on various project. We have some new members.

Lauch Harrison - Chapter President

18. 2005 - 2006 Woodstock Branch Report: From May 2006 to March 2007 Woodstock held 9 meetings including our June Picnic at Jean and George Pickering's and Christmas potluck at Nancy Wilson's.

Leather programmes included fasteners, discussion and sharing on what leathers t use for various projects, poinsettia flowers and pins, miniature furniture, video night and two programmes from that DVD on *Making Leather Jewellery with Rene Berends* – making a leather stone and braided bracelets.

The branch participated in the Woodstock Recreation and Leisure Fair to provide exposure for the Guild. Nancy Durham repeated her lasted box workshop which attracted two newcomers to Leathercraft and two new members from London for CSCL. The branch arranged the 2006 Biennial (see report). We look forward to Jean Pickering's return to meetings after back surgery.

2007-08 Executive

President: David McPherson

Secretary: Madeleine Mitchell

Treasurer: Jean Pickering

Librarian:Loreen Manuel

by David McPherson, FCSCL President

19. Toronto Branch Report: Toronto Branch began their meetings in September at a new home, the Tandy Leather Factory in Scarborough. Talk about having supplies at your finger tips.

We are also please to welcome Bruce white back to the Toronto Branch and the CSCL.

Our first meeting in September was more of a getting organized meeting and planning the rest of the year. We decided that for our October and November meeting we would work on making boxes and Bruce brought in several styles and we picked which style we wanted to make.

For our December meeting Roselle Wallace instructed us on making Christmas tree pins.

At the January meeting we worked on completing items that we had on the go, in February we practised carving and in March we started working on constructing a book cover with Bruce White leading the group and we continued working on the book cover at our April meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Keven Magura, Secretary, Toronto Branch.

- 20. Norland Leather Craft Society Report for 2005-2006:** The Norland branch moved their meeting location to the Old Norland School Hall in Norland starting in September 2006, this gives us more room for our expanding group. We hold our meetings on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. as some of our members have to travel a distance to get to the meetings and by having longer meetings and by having longer meetings we can get more done. For our first two meetings we learned how to make a vest with Darlene Fry instructing us on what to do. During the November meeting we made Christmas Decorations and we are pleased to say that there where some little hands that where having fun making decorations also. We also had a Christmas party as we do not have a meeting in December. Each meeting we usually have some little hands in attendance that we are hoping someday will be the Leather Crafters of the future. Beginning the 2007 year off we spent the first two meetings learning how to make a box with Della Chynoweth and Phyllis McHale instructing. For our March and April meetings we worked on finishing up projects and preparing items for the convention. Norland will be hosting the Biennial in 2008 and Phyllis McHale has been working with the Library in Lindsay who will be hosting this event. We have also started working on planning the 2008 Annual. We are happy to report that we have acquired a new member in 2007 but we are also sorry to say that we have lost two members Jack and Marion Simm who have decided not to renew their membership due to declining health. Respectfully submitted by Barbara Chynoweth, Secretary

- 21. Mississauga Branch Report:** We meet at the Tandy Leather Factory with our Saturday Group. This past year we have worked on Book binders, mystery belts and the Annual. We were sorry to loose long time member Don McLeod. We finally managed to sort out our singing at the bank after the lose of Kevin Armstrong.

22. Barbara Chynoweth moved that all reports submitted be accepted. Seconded by Tracey Howard. Carried
23. **OVSA 2006** – Miles Roberts Bio was read by Brian Goring. Paul Kitchener was also a recipient.
24. **Weston Trophy Competition:** Nancy Durham read the History of the Weston Trophy. David McPherson then presented the Hamilton Branch with the Weston Trophy. David then read comments on the pieces for the Weston Trophy.
David McPherson read the critique on the pieces for the Weston Trophy.
Hamilton 84%
Mississauga 76%
Norland 63%
Toronto 61%
Woodstock 79%
25. **Fellow:** Peter Grove then presented Paul Kitchener with his Fellows. Paul's mark for his Fellow was 88.5%. Peter read Paul's bio.
26. **Toronto Branch:** The president from each branch was asked to come forward. The Toronto Branch then presented each with an envelope. The Toronto branch closed the New Horizon portion of its branch and wanted to share the funds with the rest of the branches. Hope you all make good use of it.
27. **2007Annual** – Sandra Roberts invited everyone to Lindsay to the Lindsay Inn for the 58th Annual.
28. Carol Broumley thanked the committee that work on the Constitution and Bylaws.
29. Ottawa would like to join the CSCL as a branch. In order to do that they need to get an executive together, have 5 members, establish a bank account. They can all join as Members at large. Then they can come back next year and Solicit for a branch status.

Adjournment: on motion by Peter Grove in memory of Jack Meharg 12:15 p.m.



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Operating Account

April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Income		
Membership Dues	\$ 2,157.50	\$1,377.50
Shows and Workshops	341.00	12.00
Annual Meeting	175.00	1,210.00
Term Deposit Interest (3 years)	-	219.55
Donations	-	100.00
Total Income	\$ 2,673.50	\$ 2,919.05
Expenses		
Membership, Postage and Stationary	\$ 108.42	\$ 49.25
Annual Meeting (Net)	369.98	351.92
Bulletin	389.90	365.83
Shows and Workshops	625.00	20.26
Supplies and Postage	257.33	451.29
Transfer to Endowment account	-	3,000.00
Dues and Membership	218.43	96.30
Bank Charges	52.74	21.04
OCC Award/Donation OCC	167.00	100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,928.80	\$ 4,455.89
Income Over Expenses	\$ (255.30)	\$ 1,536.84
Ledger Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 7,041.62	\$ 8,578.46
Income over Expenses for the Year	(255.30)	1,536.84
Ledger Balance End of Year	\$ 6,786.32	\$ 7,041.62
CIBC Term Deposit	\$ 4,606.56	\$ 4,522.89
Cash in Bank	2,179.76	2,518.73
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Bank Account Reconciliation		
Balance on Bank Statement March 31	\$ 2,525.53	\$ 5,471.70
Less Outstanding Cheques	(345.77)	(3,202.97)

Plus Outstanding Deposits	-	250.00
Ledger Balance March 31	<u>\$ 2,179.76</u>	<u>\$ 2,518.73</u>

Submitted by Della Chynoweth



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Special Endowment Account

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Ledger Balance beginning of year	\$ 5,295.33	\$ 2,302.87
Income		
Transfer from General Funds	-	3,000.00
Interest income net of charges	<u>10.04</u>	<u>7.54</u>
	\$5,305.37	\$ 5,295.33
Expenses		
Purchases	<u>0.00</u>	<u>,0.00</u>
Ledger Balance End of Year	\$ 5,305.37	\$ 5,295.33
Above Balance Made up as Follows		
Michigan Leather Artisans	\$ 861.57	\$ 859.94
Betty Heacock Award	2,003.80	2,000.00
Jean Hunter Memorial Fund	427.73	426.92
Draw Account	1,624.97	1,621.90
Library Account	<u>387.30</u>	<u>386.57</u>
	\$ 5,305.37	\$ 5,295.33
Above Balances made up as follows		
Bank Account Balance	\$ 3,305.37	\$ 3,295.33
Term Deposit	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	\$ 5,305.37	\$ 2,302.87

Submitted by Della Chynoweth