

**WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION**  
**February 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order on February 7, 2015 at 9:00 am at Luther Manor by Ken Warning.

**President's Report – Ken Warning**

- Ken asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2014 meeting. Bill Rietz made a motion to approve the minutes and Michael Matusinec seconded it. Motion was approved.

**Vice-President's Report – Larry Janssen** (Larry was not present)

**Secretary's Report – Diane Jaeger**

- Diane passed around the roster so any corrections or additions to the roster and website could be made.

**Treasurer's Report – Richard Knisbeck**

- Cash on Hand was \$10,964.08. We have two Associated Bank accounts. One will be for general use and the other for our PayPal account. Kathy Braun made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Michael seconded it. Motion was approved.
- Jeff Klug made a motion to pay the PSA dues for three years and Gerry Emmerich seconded it. Motion was approved.
- **Treasurer's report attached**

**Executive Committee Report – Ken Warning** - Executive committee did not meet.

- The executive committee is all officers and chairpersons of WACCO.

**Competition Committee Report – Mary Dumont**

- The size of the digital images for the competition can now be 1280 x 800 or smaller. This is the only change for our spring competition May 2nd, 2015. Entry forms and all information are on the WACCO website <http://www.wicameraclubs.org/clubs.html>.
- Print categories were addressed because there has been a decline in prints and not enough images in the mono category. There must be at least six photographers entering prints to run this division. Let your club know that it would be a great category for beginners because the odds of winning are much greater.
- We made a profit of about \$200 on the fall competition.
- It was decided at the competition meeting that Jeff Klug would be compensated for the use of his projector, screen and light box at all future competitions. We have been using his equipment for years and appreciate his generosity but it is time to start compensating him for the use of his personal equipment.
- **Mary's reports are attached.**

**Wisconsin Print Circuit – Phillip Unterholzer**

- We discussed the size of paper for the WI Print Circuit and in the future 8x10, 8 1/2x11 and 8x12's will all be accepted. We will revise the rules and add a page to the WACCO website to reflect this change. Mary Dumont made a motion to accept these changes and Gerry seconded it. Motion was approved.
- The Print Circuit competition runs from November to March each year. All participating clubs vote on the images at their club meeting. If a club member enters a print their club is then a participating member. A 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mentions will be awarded
- This year there are 11 clubs participating with about 180 prints.
- We discussed moving the Wisconsin Print Circuit to the Competition Committee. It will be further discussed in May.

**Program Committee Report – Jeff Klug**

- Our Spring Program, March 21, 2015 will be Adam Jones a Canon Explorer of Light speaker. We are using the Canon Explorer of Light system to pick up his speaker fee and expenses. It will be held at the Mequon Nature Center. We are going to do a half-day seminar, starting at 9 am and ending at 1 pm. The cost of the seminar is \$8 per person. It is on the WACCO website and you can sign up online. See the WACCO website for more information <http://www.wicameraclubs.org/clubs.html>.
- **Parking for the seminar is limited so please carpool to this event.** No food or beverages will be available on site.
- Volunteers are needed to help with registration and parking. Please contact Jeff Klug at [kpw1255@gmail.com](mailto:kpw1255@gmail.com).
- Jeff is working on next year's speaker so any suggestions are welcome.
- **The Adam Jones brochure and Program committee report are attached.**

**Website Committee – Phyllis Bankier**

- Phyllis and Jeff were applauded for all their work on the new WACCO website. If you haven't visited it yet be sure to do so, it is very user friendly and has a wealth of information. It is best to view it through the Google Chrome browser rather than

Internet Explorer. Contact Phyllis Bankier at [ttousman2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ttousman2000@yahoo.com) with any changes or information regarding the website.

#### **Exhibit Committee – Mary Dumont**

- The 4th Annual WACCO Exhibit was hung February 21st. It is at the Reuss Federal Building, 310 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI. There will be a wine and cheese artist reception Friday night April 17th from 6-8 pm. The frame size for this show is 11x14 and each member could exhibit up to 4 images. You may take your exhibit piece home after the reception on Friday evening. If you can't make the reception it would be appreciated if you could make arrangements with someone to take your piece home that evening so Mary would not have to go back on Saturday morning. Saturday morning pick-up is still available but needs to be arranged with Mary Dumont ahead of time. Contact Mary with any questions. [marydumont@gmail.com](mailto:marydumont@gmail.com)

#### **Membership Committee – Gerry Emmerich**

- Gerry met with the LaCrosse photo club and they are very involved with other venues so will not be joining WACCO at this time. There is a Beaver Dam club that Gerry will be following up on. There was some discussion on allowing photographers who are not affiliated with a club to join WACCO as an individual for a fee. Our bylaws state you must be a member of a club to join WACCO.

#### **International Salon Committee Report – Gerry Emmerich**

- Gerry has been doing some research but has nothing to report at this time.

#### **Awards Committee – Bill Rietz**

- A Certificate of Achievement was presented to Tom Leih from the Racine Camera Club for promoting photography. There were no new nominations.

#### **Nomination Committee - Bill Rietz**

- The new term for officers begins in August and will be voted for at the upcoming May meeting. An officer must be a delegate of WACCO. The term for president, vice president and secretary is 2 years and they can serve 2 consecutive terms. There is no limit of terms for the Treasurer. Nominations for all positions are open but the positions for Vice President and Secretary are needed. Please let Bill know if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else. Bill's email is [brietz@wi.rr.com](mailto:brietz@wi.rr.com).

#### **Old Business:**

- The May 2nd competition will be at the Waukesha State Bank in Oconomowoc. Workers should arrive at 11am.

#### **New Business:**

- Kathy Braun from Photo Pictorialists is looking for judges for their club competition which will be held Thursday, May 7th. Please contact Kathy if you are interested [pkzbraun@aol.com](mailto:pkzbraun@aol.com).
- Ken asked all officers and chairpersons to review their section of the current Bylaws and submit any corrections or additions needed to bring them up to date by the May meeting. They will be reviewed and then discussed at the August meeting and voted on at the November meeting.
- **The August meeting date will be changed to August 8<sup>th</sup> so it does not coincide with the SWMCCC weekend.**

**Close:** Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill seconded it. Motion was approved and the meeting closed.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Waukesha State Bank at 9:00 am with the spring competition following. As a reminder, all delegate meetings are normally scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of February, May, August and November at 9 am.

#### **Other important information:**

- Kathy Braun is the PSA youth photography contact. For more information go to [www.psa-photo.org/yphs](http://www.psa-photo.org/yphs) or contact Kathy at [pkzbraun@aol.com](mailto:pkzbraun@aol.com).
- If you or your club is having a photo display you can email Michael at [matusinec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:matusinec@sbcglobal.net) and he will put it on our Facebook page.
- WACCO members can receive a discount at the following locations:
  - Allied Digital (photo printing), N112W16296 Mequon Rd, Germantown, WI 53022, (262) 251-8805, [www.allieddigitalphoto.com](http://www.allieddigitalphoto.com)
  - Main Street Framing Gallery, 20177 Main St., Lannon, WI 53056 (262) 255-3155 [jennifer@mainstreetframing.com](mailto:jennifer@mainstreetframing.com)
  - In order to receive the discount the WACCO member should ask for the WACCO discount and be prepared to provide the code Green Apple per Michael Matusinec.

- Please spread the word to your clubs about the WACCO website <http://www.wicameraclubs.org/clubs.html> and WACCO's facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/Wicamclub?sk=wall> . There is a wealth of information listed on both, along with tutorials, forums and galleries. Please go to WACCO's facebook page and "Like Us" so word gets out. Michael and Jeff are keeping our Facebook page up and running. Please contact them (Michael) [matusinec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:matusinec@sbcglobal.net) or (Jeff) [kpw1255@gmail.com](mailto:kpw1255@gmail.com) with any information you want posted on our Facebook page.