

WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

February 1st, 2020, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9AM at Waukesha State Bank Brookfield.

11 delegates were present, and 5 proxy votes were received, representing 13 clubs, meeting the quorum requirements.

The minutes of the February meeting were presented. The motion for approval was moved by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Kathy Braun and approved.

President's Report – Elizabeth Whitcomb – No report.

Vice president's Report – Mary Dumont – No report

Secretary's Report – Ken Warning – No report

Treasurer's Report – Jeff Klug for Ramona Lenger

- The ending balance of General Associated Bank is \$7,897.64, PayPal Associated Bank \$1824.63, and PayPal Account \$3,821.70 for a total balance of \$13,543.97.
- There were receipts of \$3550.00 from the spring program and Disbursements of \$1,695.50 for competition, equipment (PC), programs, and website.
- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Gerry Hying, and approved.
- The WACCO financial records were audited in November by Jim Kurovsky, and there were no discrepancies.

Executive Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb – No Report

Competition Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb.

- The spring competition will be held on May 2, 2020, and will be hosted by the Fox Valley Camera Club in Appleton, Wisconsin.
- The uploader opened on February 1st. and the **deadline for submitting images is midnight April 12, 2020.**
- The special categories are Insects, Reptiles, and Amphibians for Nature, and Photojournalism/Sports for Open.
- Please note that there can be no hand of man visible in the nature category. There were images that were disqualified for this reason in the past competition. There are also special requirements for the PJ division. Please read the definitions before entering an image. Double check your entries that they were uploaded in the proper category. You may make changes and corrections until the deadline of April 12.
- Future competitions:
 - Fall 2020 – hosted by Urban Ecology – Gerry Emmerich has reserved the room at Waukesha State Bank in Oconomowoc.
 - Spring 2021 – Hosted by Riveredge
- 2020 Print Circuit – The judging of the print circuit by the WACCO camera clubs has started. The Drumlin Hills Photography Group will be added to the list of judging clubs for a total of 15 judging camera clubs.
- There will be a competition meeting today after the close of the WACCO meeting.

Program Committee –Jeff Klug

- John Gerlach is the presenter for the March 7th, 2020 program. The brochure is on the WACCO website and registration is open. The program will be held at the Alverno College Conference Room. They have a cafeteria which will be open on the day of our program. WACCO will not be providing food during the program. Parking is ample and conveniently located. There have been over 110 tickets sold at this time. The price for the tickets will be increased on February 5th.
- John Gerlach will be running a Macro workshop on Sunday March 8th. This is not a WACCO program. Information on this workshop is available on John Gerlach's website. <https://www.gerlachnaturephoto.com>
- Our next program will be a fall 2020 Birds of Prey photo outing.
- We are working on a list of speakers that are willing to offer talks to our Camera Clubs. Let us know if you know someone that would like to be on this list.

- The use of mailchimp was discussed. We have been using a free version of the software, and there could be some costs as our user base increases. Jeff Klug will provide information at the next meeting.

Website –Phyllis Bankier

- Clubs are encouraged to add club photos to their page on the WACCO website. Photos can be sent to Phyllis Bankier at Scenesapes@yahoo.com
- The information for the WACCO Spring Competition has been updated on the WACCO website.

Membership Committee – Open –

- There were two clubs that have shown some interest in joining WACCO.
- PhotoMidwest of Madison
- New club in Eagle River area
- Elizabeth will contact these clubs

Exhibition Committee – Mary Dumont

- No Report.

Awards Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb

- Bill Rietz has resigned his position as Chairperson of the Awards Committee after 25 years of service.
- No awards this past quarter.
- Kathy Braun reminded the Delegates that individual clubs can nominate their members for a WACCO award. Forms are available on the WACCO website. **Every club has at least one member that could be recognized with a WACCO award.**

PSA

- The next PSA Chapter meeting will be on March 15th at the Waukesha State Bank Oconomowoc at 9AM.
- Membership in PSA is required to be a member of the Wisconsin PSA Chapter.
- Prospective members are able to attend one meeting without being a member.
- The PSA Wisconsin Chapter will be having their spring outing from May 15th to May 17th in Duluth, Minnesota. This is for members only.
- The PSA Wisconsin Chapter is looking into joining 3 other PSA Chapters in running an International Circuit. The PSA Wisconsin Chapter would be responsible for publicity, judging, and preparing an electronic catalog.
- There was a motion to allow the PSA Wisconsin Chapter use of the WACCO judging equipment (computer, scoring equipment, and projector) for the International Circuit made by Kathy Braun, seconded by Gerry Hying, and approved.

Old Business

New Business

- We are requesting that each WACCO Club submit a list of their members and their emails address to WACCO. We will use this information to send notices of programs, and for our quarterly newsletter. We use a program called mailchimp to send emails. This software has an easy to use unsubscribe option for anyone that wishes to stop receiving our emails. The Club email list should be sent to Jeff Klug kpw1255@me.com
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A motion to close the meeting was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Kathy Braun , and approved at 10AM.

Next meeting will be on May 2nd at Fox Valley Technical College Room E 130 B – Entrance 10 in West Parking Lot Appleton Campus - 1825 N. Bluemound Drive Appleton, WI 54912 at 9AM