

WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

August 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9AM during the Zoom meeting.

Delegates and officers were present representing 16 clubs, including proxy votes from Marinette & Menominee area camera club, and Geri Laehn meeting the quorum requirements.

The minutes of the May 2023 meeting were presented. The motion for approval was made by Kathy Braun and seconded by Ramona Lenger and approved.

President's Report – Jim Kurvosky No Report

Vice president's Report – Bonnie Zuidema No Report

Secretary's Report – Mary Dumont No report

Treasurer's Report – Ramona Lenger

- The treasurer's report was for the fiscal year August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023.
- The ending balance of General Associated Bank is \$6,962.37, PayPal Associated Bank \$954.31, and PayPal Account \$2,885.92 for a total balance of \$10,802.60.
- The income was \$3,405.00 from competitions and programs. Expenses of \$3,308.83 occurred from Digital Forum (\$740.00), competitions (\$712.56), insurance (\$450.00), programs (\$1,033.27) and administrative expenses (\$373.00).
- Signature cards for checking accounts need to be updated – removing Ken Warning and adding Jim Kurvosky. The treasurer will follow-up on that item.
- The annual audit will be done by Gerry Hying and Mary Dumont.
- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Kathy Braun, seconded by Gerry Emmerich and approved.

Executive Committee – Jim Kurvosky– No Report

Competition Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb

- The Fall competition opens today (August 5, 2023) and will close at midnight October 5, 2023.
- The special categories for the Fall 2023 competition will be Nature Natural Landscapes, Open Urban Landscapes, Spring 2024 Nature Flowers, Open Sunrise/Sunset, Fall 2024 Nature Birds, Open Portraits.
- Delegates are asked to remind their members to review the rules of the division categories, and to make sure they are entering images in the correct division. They may make changes/corrections to images submitted up until the deadline.

Print Circuit – Mary Dumont

- The 2022-2023 Circuit will end in October 2023 with results announced at the November 2023 delegates meeting.
- The 2023-2024 Circuit will start in November 2023 and run through October 2024. The format will remain the same as the current circuit, allowing clubs meeting virtually to participate if they choose.

Program Committee – Jeff Klug

- In August there will be a Sunflower farm photo shoot. The farm is Shimon Sunflower Farm located in Slinger. The dates for this program are August 11th and 12th. We have special access from 8AM-10AM. The sunflowers should be at their peak. There is a limit of 30 members per day. At this time, neither day is fully booked.
- On October 21st there will be a Birds of Prey Workshop, held at Schlitz Audubon. Early registration will be \$85.00, with general registration of \$100.00.
- We are also working on a walking tour of Downtown Milwaukee's Historical Sites. Mary Dumont, Ramona Lenger, and Jane Hirst will be working on this program.
- The program committee is looking for volunteers to join the committee. Contact Jeff Klug, kpw1255@me.com, if you are interested.

Website Committee – Phyllis Bankier

- No Report, website is current.
- Notify Phyllis Bankier of any changes or new information for the website.
- There is a new Delegates password protected page. The page includes videos and minutes of the delegate meetings, and a list of speakers that are willing to talk at camera club meetings.

Membership Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb No Report

Exhibition Committee – Mary Dumont No Report

Anyone that knows of any locations for a WACCO exhibition in any areas that WACCO has clubs should contact Mary Dumont.

Awards Committee – Jeff Klug No Report

Digital Forum – Jeff Klug

- The Digital Forum has been averaging 40-50 members attending each program.
- The Digital Forum meets on the 4th Saturday of the month from 10AM until Noon. The programs are recorded on the WACCO website at <http://www.wicameraclubs.org/digitalforum-1#/df-meeting> and on YouTube at <https://youtube.com/channel/UCj3HOzNlkvAXldXoQDKZj9g>
- Anyone who is interested in attending the programs should register at this link, https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2GyvFCirQIGFzMA9JDLxkw
You only need to register once, then you will get a notice a day before and an hour before the next meeting.
- Jeff is considering changing the format with the guest speaker from 10am to 11am, and Q&A going from 11am to noon. It will make it easier to schedule the speakers and offer more Q&A subject matter.

PSA – Gerry Emmerich

- The Chapter is planning to go to Door Count for the spring outing from May 16 to 19, 2024. You need to be a member of PSA, and the PSA Wisconsin Chapter in order to attend their meetings and outings.
- The PSA Photo Festival will be held in Williamsburg, VA from September 25th to 30th of 2023. Frans Lanting and Ian Plant will be speaking along with several other speakers.

Nominating Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb No Report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Kathy Braun is stepping down as chair of the PSA Youth Showcase. Signe Emmerich is assuming that role, with plenty of support from Kathy.
- A motion to close the meeting was made by Ken Warning, seconded by Kathy Braun, and approved.

Next meeting will be on November 4, 2023 at 9AM via Zoom.