

WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

May 6, 2023, Meeting Minutes

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

19 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 February 2023 meeting were presented. The motion for approval was moved by Gerry Hying, seconded by Gerry Emmerich, and approved.

President's Report – Mary Dumont No Report

Vice president's Report– Jim Kurovsky No Report

Secretary's Report – Ken Warning – No report

Treasurer's Report – Ramona Lenger

- The treasurer's report was for the period of February 1st, 2022, through April 30th, 2023.
- The ending balance of General Associated Bank is \$7,297.39, PayPal Associated Bank \$954.31, and PayPal Account \$2,623.03 for a total balance of \$10,874.73.
- The income was \$1,793.00 from competitions, and programs. The expenses of \$2033.86 was from Digital Forum, insurance, competition, website, and programs.
- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Kathy Braun, seconded by Mark Page, and approved.

Executive Committee – Mary Dumont – No Report

Competition Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb

- The Spring Competition had 442 images entered by 31 photographers. The number of images is down 40 images from November and 100 images from last year May.
- The judging for awards takes place at 11:30AM today.
- 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.
- The Wisconsin Print Circuit has started, and the judging will be completed in October.

Program Committee –Jeff Klug

- 74 members attended the Spring program with Jennifer Renwick and David Kingham.
- The net profit from the program was \$830.73.
- The program was well received and had excellent reviews.
- The attendees would like to continue with Zoom programs.
- We did receive some recommendations for speakers and topics. Contact Jeff Klug (waccoprogram@gmail.com) with any of your recommendations.
- We are planning several workshops.
- 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.
- On October 21st there will be a Birds of Prey Workshop, held at Schlitz Audubon.
- Schlitz Audubon charges WACCO \$2000 for the Birds of Prey program. A motion to approve the BOP program with the \$2000.00 fee was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Kathy Braun and approved. The charge per member will be \$85 for early registration and \$110 after early registration.

- 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.
- Jeff talked about a possible updating of the website.

Membership Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb –

- Elizabeth has heard from a camera club in Northern Wisconsin that may be interested in joining WACCO. Jeff Klug has been contacted by a new Zoom camera club that is open to individual members who are not located near a camera club that may be interested in joining WACCO. Gerry Emmerich recommended a camera club in Beaver Creek.

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/UCj3HOzNikvAXIdXoQDKZj9g>
- 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.

- Recent speakers were Jim Koepnick on Aviation Photography, Mike Mezeul II on Volcano Photography, Drema Swader on Photo Pills basics. All of these programs are recorded and are available on the WACCO website under Digital Forum. These videos would make a good program to have during camera club meetings.
- Future speakers include Jeff Engel on Africa Photography and Keith Lisk on making a Photo book and selling it on Amazon.
- A motion was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Kathy Braun and approved to provide \$500.00 for future speaker fees.

PSA – Gerry Emmerich

- The Chapter is planning to go to Marquette for the spring outing from May 11th to 15th 2023. 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.
- The PSA Wisconsin Chapter successfully hosted a PSA International Competition with three other Chapters. Photo entries were from 40 countries.

Nominating Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb

- The nominating Committee has the following slate of candidates for the next term.
 - President Jim Kurovsky
 - Vice President Bonnie Zuidema
 - Secretary Mary Dumont
 - Treasurer Ramona Lenger
- A motion was made by Jeff Klug, seconded by Kathy Braun and approved for the election of the above listed candidates for a two year term beginning at the August 2023 meeting.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Ramona Lenger announced that Wehr Nature Center are having an exhibit from 9 of their members at Inspiration Studios <https://www.inspirationstudiosgallery.com/> in West Allis. The dates are May 13 11AM-1PM, May 20 12PM-2PM, and May 26 6-8PM.
- Hazell Meredith is having a Zoom Creative Photo Summit on June 24-25th with 9 speakers and 13 hours of classes. <https://meredithimages.com/creative-photography-conference/> The early registration fee is \$39.
- A motion to close the meeting was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Kathy Braun, and approved at 10:30 AM..

Next meeting will be on August 5th, at 9AM via Zoom.