

## WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

### February 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes

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

19 delegates and officers were present representing 17 clubs, including proxy votes from Oshkosh Photography Group, Marinette & Menominee, meeting the quorum requirements.

The minutes of the November 2022 meeting were presented. The motion for approval was moved by Gerry Hying, seconded by Gerry Emmerich and approved.

**President's Report – Mary Dumont** See Old Business

**Vice president's Report– Jim Kurovsky** See New Business

**Secretary's Report – Ken Warning** – No report

**Treasurer's Report – Ramona Lenger**

- The treasurer's report was for the period of November 1st, 2022, through January 31st, 2023.
- The ending balance of General Associated Bank is \$8,945.33, PayPal Associated Bank \$648.31, and PayPal Account \$1,521.95 for a total balance of \$11,115.95.
- The income was \$692.00 from competitions, and programs. The expenses of \$439.69 was from the competition, website, and programs.
- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Kathy Braun, and approved.

**Executive Committee – Mary Dumont** – No Report

**Competition Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb**

- The Spring Competition opens today and closes on April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The special categories for the Spring 2023 competition will be Nature Insects/Reptiles/Amphibians and Open Photojournalism/Sports. The special category for the Fall 2023 competition will be Nature Natural Landscapes, Open Urban Landscapes.
- 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.
- Jim Edlhuber, Retzer, received a proficiency award for having 75 projected images with HM or higher.
- The Wisconsin Print Circuit has started, and three clubs have completed the judging.

**Program Committee –Jeff Klug**

- Jennifer Renwick, and David Kingham will be the speakers for the Spring 2023 program. Jennifer will speak on Finding Smaller Stories in a Larger Landscape, and David will speak on Rethinking Black and White photography dealing with landscapes. (<https://www.jenniferrenwick.com> <https://www.davidkingham.com>) The charge for attending the program will be \$20 for early registration, and \$25 for late registration on or after February 12th. Forty one members have already registered for the program.
- We are planning several workshops. The first one that is in the planning stages is a walking tour of Downtown Milwaukee's Historical Sites. Mary Dumont, Ramona Lenger, and Jane Hirst will be working on this program.
- The next workshop will be a Sunflower farm photo shoot. The farm is Shimon Sunflower Farm located in Slinger. This would be done sometime in August when the sunflowers are at their peak. Jeff and Ken will be working on this program.
- The third workshop that we are working on will be the Birds of Prey Workshop, held at Schlitz Audubon. Those details will be put together this winter and will be announced at an upcoming meeting.
- The program committee is looking for volunteers to join the committee. Contact Jeff Klug, [kpw1255@me.com](mailto: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.
- Jeff talked about a possible updating of the website.

### **Membership Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb –**

- Photo Midwest may be interested in becoming a club member of WACCO. The executive committee will contact Photo Midwest and discuss this with them.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](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 Dan Anderson on Drone Photography, and Jamie Konarski on Infrared Photography.
- Future speakers include Jim Koepnick on Aviation Photography, Mike Mezeul II on Volcano Photography, Drema Swader on Photo Pills basics, Keith Lisk on making a Photo book and selling it on Amazon, and Jeff Engel on Africa Photography.

#### **PSA – Gerry Emmerich**

- The Chapter is planning to go to Marquette for the spring outing from May 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2023.
- Next years PSA Conference will be held in Williamsburg, VA from September 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>.
- You need to be a member of PSA, and the PSA Wisconsin Chapter in order to attend their meetings and outings.
- Kathy Braun encouraged WACCO members to support the PSA Youth Showcase Program by encouraging schools in their area to participate. Contact Kathy Braun for more information. Here is a link to the PSA Youth Showcase on the PSA website,
- <https://psa-photo.org/page/youth?&hhsearchterms=%22youth%22>
- The PSA Wisconsin Chapter will be hosting a PSA International Competition with three other Chapters. You do not need to be a member of PSA in order to enter images into the competition. Here is a link to more information on the PACC competition, <https://www.psa-met.com/pacc-circuit>

#### **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

### **Old Business**

- Mary Dumont discussed the results of the WACCO Survey. Zoom is still popular for many of the WACCO activities. Jeff had discussed how Zoom could work with an in-person group meeting while watching a Zoom presentation. We had an interest from one camera club that wanted to meet in-person at a church to watch our Spring program via Zoom. We will allow the club to do this, but they will have to verify that everyone who attends has a ticket to the program.

### **New Business**

- There was a discussion on how some of the clubs are having speakers via Zoom at some of their meetings. Some of the clubs are allowing other clubs to attend their program and some of the clubs are sharing the cost of the programs.
- The clubs are interested in having WACCO maintain a list of speakers that are willing to provide Zoom talks. There was a discussion of having a Delegates page on the WACCO website that would be password protected. The speakers list could be kept on the protected page. It would also be possible to post the meeting reports on the delegate's page.
- Jim Kurovsky discussed how we could work with some of the camera clubs to join in some of their Zoom programs. He will be talking to Art's Cameras of Milwaukee and The Camera Company of Madison. He will provide more information after he has talked to the stores.
  
- A motion to close the meeting was made by Kathy Braun, seconded by Mark Page, and approved at 11:00AM.

***Next meeting will be on May 6th, at 9AM via Zoom.***