

WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

May 7th, 2022, Meeting Minutes

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

17 delegates and officers were present representing 18 clubs, including proxy votes from Drumlin Hills Photography Group, and Oshkosh Photography Group, meeting the quorum requirements.

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

The meeting was led by Jim Kurovsky in Mary Dumont's absence.

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 30st, 2022.
- The ending balance of General Associated Bank is \$7,811.90, PayPal Associated Bank \$868.31, and PayPal Account \$2,586.08 for a total balance of \$11,266.29.
- There were receipts of \$792.78 from competition entries, and \$485.00 from programs. There were disbursements of \$2,506.55 from digital forum, programs, insurance, and competition.
- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jerry Clish, seconded by Gerry Emmerich, and approved.

Executive Committee – Jim Kurovsky –

- There was a discussion of the succession of the WACCO Accounts. There is a common email address that is used in the accounts that could be shared by some of the board members. The Executive Committee will review the accounts and who should have access to them.

Competition Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb

- The final judging of the Spring Competition will take place today at 11:30AM. There were 545 entries by 35 members.
- The special categories for the Fall 2022 Competition will be Nature Animals, and Open Weather The categories for the Spring 2023 competition will be Nature Insects/Reptiles/Amphibians and Open PJ/Sports.
- There was a discussion on whether the fall competition should be held in person. The bank that we have used for our meetings is available. There was no consensus on how to hold the meeting and it was recommended that the competition committee discuss the options at their next meeting. Some of the concerns were with the continued exposure to Covid, no WIFI in the bank for having both an in person and Zoom meeting, and an interest to have print entries.
- Jeff Klug offered to sell his Print Light box to WACCO for \$300.00. Gerry Emmerich made a motion to purchase the equipment, seconded by Elizabeth Whitcomb and approved.

Program Committee –Jeff Klug

- The Jason Odell program was attended by 72 members and had a net profit of \$723.95.
- The Program Committee is working on a program for the fall of 2022. The committee is considering Old World Wisconsin or a Birds of Prey outing for the fall.
- The Spring program for 2023 will continue to be in the Zoom meeting format. Jennifer Renwick, and Michael Mezeul are some of the photographers being considered. We may have more than one speaker at the event. The break between speakers will be extended to 30 minutes and may include a video in this space. Some of the PSA Club, Counsel, and Chapter videos could be run during the break.
- 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.

Membership Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb – No Report

- Jeff Klug had heard from a new club organized by Greg Yahr in the Necedah area that may be interested in joining WACCO. Jeff is recommending that we prepare some talking points for explaining what WACCO has to offer Clubs. There was a discussion of educational programs and speakers that WACCO could provide to clubs. Photo critiques may be an educational option for clubs. The Print Circuit would be another option for clubs that are meeting in person.

Exhibition Committee – Mary Dumont No Report

Awards Committee – Jeff Klug

- There were no award proposals for this quarter.
- The awards committee report contained some changes to the Awards process for both the standard awards and for the Honors Awards.
- It was recommended that the Honors awards committee be run by the existing Awards Committee members. A motion was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Kathy Braun, and approved, to follow the procedures in the Awards Committee Report for the general awards, and to have the Honor Awards be run by the Awards Committee with the procedures listed in the Report. The rule changes will be updated in the WACCO Handbook.

Digital Forum – Jeff Klug

- The Digital Forum attendance has been 50-55 during the winter.
- Two of the guest speakers that the Digital Forum had were Jennifer Renwick in March, <https://www.jenniferrenwick.com>, and Michael Mezeul in April, <https://www.mikemezphotography.com>. The presentations were recorded and available at the link below.
- There was a discussion on using a program such as Buy Me A Cup of Coffee <https://www.buymeacoffee.com> to allow attendees to make a donation to the Digital Forum. There also was a discussion on using WACCO funds for paying for speakers for digital Forum. A motion was made by Jerry Clish, seconded by Mark Page and approved to allow Digital Forum to have \$500.00 from WACCO for speaker fees.
- The Digital Forum meetings are recorded and are available on the bottom of the page on the WACCO website, <http://www.wicameraclubs.org/digital-forum-1#/df-meeting>.
- 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.

PSA – Mary Krajnak

- The PSA Wisconsin Chapter Spring Outing is scheduled for May 13-15 in La Crosse, WI. There are about 20 PSA Wisconsin Chapter members planning on attending this program.
- 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.

Old Business No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

- Jim Kurovsky had discussed having a yearly WACCO photo outing. The outings could be organized by a private photo workshop company. The workshops could be local or national. There was not an interest in having a WACCO yearly outing. But there was an interest in having better communication of individual club outings that would allow other clubs to join their outings. The process for communicating the outings needs to be determined.
- A motion to close the meeting was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Kathy Braun, and approved at 10:45AM.

Next meeting will be on August 6th, 2022, at 9AM via Zoom.

