

# WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

## November 5th, 2022, Meeting Minutes

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

20 delegates and officers were present representing 16 clubs, including proxy votes from Oshkosh Photography Group, Marinette & Menominee, Photo Kenosha, and Fox Valley, meeting the quorum requirements.

The minutes of the August 2022 meeting were presented. The motion for approval was moved by Geri Laehn, seconded by Ramona Lenger 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 August 1st, 2022, through October 31st, 2022.
- The ending balance of General Associated Bank is \$9,052.04, PayPal Associated Bank \$868.31, and PayPal Account \$942.93 for a total balance of \$10,863.28.
- The income was \$628.00 from competitions, and the expenses of \$471.15 was from the competition.
- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Kathy Braun, seconded by Gerry Emmerich, and approved.

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

**Competition Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb**

- The final judging of medal awards for the fall competition will be today at 11:30AM.
- The fall competition had 486 entries by 32 photographers.
- There were a number of incorrect entries in the Nature category. Some were related to the hand of man being present in the scene, i.e. cut grass, cut logs. The special theme for nature was animals. Fish, frogs, and bird images were incorrectly entered. It was requested that each delegate explain the definition of nature to their club members.
- 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.
- The **Wisconsin Print Circuit** will be held this year starting in November 2022. There are 12 WACCO Clubs that will be judging the entries.

**Program Committee –Jeff Klug**

- The Spring program for 2023 will continue to be in the Zoom meeting format. Jennifer Renwick, and David Kingham will be the speakers. 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 fee for both speakers will be \$700, and the charge for attending the program will be \$20 for early registration, and \$25 for late registration.
- We are planning several workshops. The first one that is in the planning stages is a walking tour of Downtown Milwaukee's Historical Sites. There are a number of costs involved with this walking tour, the base cost is \$15/person with a limit of about 20 people, they have some set tours or we can create our own. A committee was formed to pursue this program further. Mary Dumont, Ramona Lenger, and Jane Hirst volunteered to work 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. The fee is still being determined, but would be in the \$15/person range. This workshop would be limited to 15 to 20 members and may be offered more than once if there is interest. One would be held during the week and the other one would be held on the weekend.
- 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.
- There was a discussion on the WACCO Facebook page.
- Ramona Lenger and Elizabeth Whitcomb will be responsible for the information posted on Facebook.
- The information posted on Facebook will be to promote the WACCO programs and Competition information with links to the WACCO website.
- The photo on the Facebook page will be changed after each competition to the Best of Show image. Permission from the BOS photographer will be obtained in writing to post the image.

### Membership Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb – No Report

### Exhibition Committee – Mary Dumont No Report

### Awards Committee – Jeff Klug No Report

### Digital Forum – Jeff Klug

- The Digital Forum has been averaging 35 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>
- In July we had Joe Rakcozy talking about Infra-red Photography. In August Hazel Meredith talked about HDR the Natural Look..
- 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.
- Upcoming speakers will be Dan Anderson on Drone Photography, possible Jamie Konarski Davidson on her Infra-red Photography and Mike Mezeul II on Volcano Photography.  
Jeff is working on many more speakers for the coming winter months.

### PSA – Gerry Emmerich

- The next PSA Chapter meeting is November 13. Bill Sargent will present a program on how to judge photos.
- The Chapter is planning to go to Munising 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.

**Old Business** No Old Business was discussed.

### New Business

Mary Dumont Presidents Report Discussion.

- The WACCO Bylaws in the WACCO Handbook are becoming outdated and need to be updated.
- There was an interest in separating the Bylaws from the Operating procedures.
- Each Committee chairperson should review the Bylaws and work with their committees to create an updated operating procedure manual for their committee.
- There was a discussion on “**What the Future of WACCO**” should look like. Mary is looking for feedback from the members of each of the WACCO Clubs. **Mary would like each delegate to have a discussion at their next WACCO meeting of how their members would like to have the WACCO Programs, Competitions, and other functions run.** We have been using Zoom for many of our functions, and many of our members are interested in doing more in person functions. There are some things that Zoom has done well for our organization (Delegates meeting), and other areas that either in person or a combination of in person and zoom may be of benefit for our organization. We are interested in hearing from our members. Delegates should get back to Mary as soon as possible after their next

Delegates meeting so that the executive committee can review them and make recommendations at the February Delegates meeting.

- Another area of concern for our executive committee is the need to have more members that are willing to volunteer for our organization.
- A motion to close the meeting was made by Kathy Braun, seconded by Gerry Emmerich, and approved at 10:39AM.

***Next meeting will be on November 5th, 2022, at 9AM via Zoom.***