

WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

August 3, 2019, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:45AM at Waukesha State Bank Brookfield

15 delegates were present, and 5 proxy votes were received, representing 18 clubs, meeting the quorum requirements.

The minutes of the May meeting were presented. The motion for approval was moved by Jerry Clish, seconded by Elizabeth Whitcomb and approved.

Kathy Braun, representing the nominating committee, announced that the existing officers, Elizabeth Whitcomb, Mary Dumont, Ken Warning, and Ramona Lenger were all interested in continuing in their present positions for another two-year term. Kathy Braun moved to approve the officers for another two-year term, seconded by Gerry Emmerich and approved.

President's Report – Elizabeth Whitcomb – No report.

Vice president's Report – Mary Dumont – No report

Secretary's Report – Ken Warning – No report

Treasurer's Report – Ramona Lenger

- The ending balance of General Associated Bank is \$10,766.04, PayPal Associated Bank \$1016.48, and PayPal Account \$814.99 for a total balance of \$12,597.51
- There were receipts of \$3,048.00 from competition and programs and Disbursements of \$1,039.66 for competition, and programs.
- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Signe Emmerich, and approved.

Executive Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb – No Report

Competition Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb.

- Retzer Nature Center CC is the Host Club for the November 2019 competition. They will need to provide 5-6 volunteers to work at the competition.
- Special categories are *Animals (Nature)* along with *Tabletop/Still Life (Open)*.
- Future competitions:
 - Spring 2020 – **Fox Valley CC, to be held in Appleton**, Nature category – Insects, Reptiles & Amphibians; Open – Photojournalism/Sports
 - Fall 2020 – Urban Ecology CC. Nature – Natural Landscapes; Open – Weather
- 2019-20 Print Circuit – Notify Mary Dumont if your club is interested in participating and is not currently on the schedule. Prints are due no later than November 2nd. (Prints can be dropped off at the November 2nd competition.
- There are 96 members registered in the competition software. Some of these members have not participated since 2017. Members who have not participated since 2017 will be notified that they will be changed from an active member to an inactive member for WACCO competitions. They must notify us if they would like to be re-activated. The committee approved increasing our subscriptions to 125 members if after inactivating members, and adding new members brings our total active members to more than 100.

Program Committee – Ken Warning for Jeff Klug

- The fall Chicago photo trip is full. A waiting list is now available. If members are registered for the program and they have someone who will be using their ticket they should notify Jeff Klug or Ken Warning. Ken will verify that the Park N Ride lot is open during I-94 construction.
- John Gerlach is the presenter for the March 7th, 2020 program. The brochure is on the WACCO website and registration is now open. The program will be held at the Alverno College Conference Room. They have a cafeteria which will be open on the day of our program. WACCO will not be providing food during the program. Parking is ample and conveniently located.
- Bryan Hansel will be the presenter for the program in March of 2021.

Website – Ken Warning for Phyllis Bankier

- The WACCO website came in second place in the PSA Club Website Competition.
- The Competition page has been updated with the fall 2019 competition announcement.

- The Competition is now open, Images can be uploaded until October 13th, 2019. Members who are not active in the competition software must register and create an account in order to upload images. They should allow 2-3 days for approval.
- The brochure for the spring 2020 Gerlach program is now on the website. Registration for the program is now open

Membership Committee – Open –

- Gerry Emmerich explained the duties of the chairperson for the membership committee. He suggested that we should consider individuals who can make presentations at camera clubs, and, or has good social media skills.

Exhibition Committee – Mary Dumont

- Alverno College has a gallery area. It was recommended for a possible WACCO exhibition.

Awards Committee – Bill Rietz

- No awards this past quarter.

Old Business

- **None**

New Business

- PSA is looking for individuals who can help work on preparing the PSA Youth Showcase images for the PSA Conference. Individuals should contact Kathy Braun Pkzbraun@aol.com or 262-375-1829
- Competition The use of composites (two or more photos blended into one photo) in WACCO competitions was discussed. The present rules allow this process in all the Open categories. It was suggested that WACCO may want to have a special category just for composites. The consensus was not to make any changes at the present time.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Geri Laehn, seconded by Gerry Emmerich. Approved at 9:45 am.

Next meeting will be on November 2nd at Waukesha State Bank Oconomowoc at 9am followed by the WACCO competition.