

WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

August 1st, 2020, Meeting Minutes

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

22 delegates and officers were present representing 18 clubs, meeting the quorum requirements.

The minutes of the February meeting were presented. There was one correction of the minutes. The motion for approval was moved by Phyllis Bankier, 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 treasurer's report was for the entire fiscal year ending July 23, 2020
- The ending balance of General Associated Bank is \$10,324.64, PayPal Associated Bank \$993.63, and PayPal Account \$701.00 for a total balance of \$12,019.27.
- There were receipts of \$7,154.00 from the programs and \$1542.00 from the competition and Disbursements of \$6909.14 for programs, \$1,001.06 from competition, \$613.31 for equipment (PC), \$331.85 for website/administration, and \$475 for insurance.
- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Kathy Braun, seconded by Mary Krajnak, and approved.
- Ramona Lenger had asked what to do with treasurer's records that are over 10 years old. It was recommended to shred the records. A summary of the treasurer's reports is included in the WACCO minutes that are kept on the WACCO website.
- Mary Krajnak and Elizabeth Whitcomb will audit the accounting records this year.

Executive Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb – No Report

Competition Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb.

- The process to remotely judge the May 2020 competition were explained by Jeff Klug. Ken Warning will mail the awards from the May competition to the delegates.
- The fall competition will be held on November 7th, 2020 at 11AM. The competition will be remotely judged using projected images only. (**No Prints**), The final judging of the higher scoring images for medal awards will be done on November 7th and will be presented live at a Zoom meeting.
- The uploader for entering projected images opened on August 1st, and the **deadline for submitting images is midnight October 18, 2020.**
- The special categories are natural landscapes for Nature, and Sunrise/Sunset for Open.
- **Please note that there can be no hand of man visible in the nature categories.** There were images that were disqualified for this reason in the past competition. Please read the definitions before entering an image. Double check your entries that they were uploaded in the proper category. You may make changes and corrections until the deadline of October 18.
- The competition information has been posted on the WACCO website.
- A process for submitting small prints for the May 2021 competition was discussed. It was recommended that 3 copies of each print entry be submitted to allow each judge to have their own copy for judging.
- 2020 Print Circuit – The results of the 2020 print circuit were sent to each delegate. Eight of the 12 WACCO clubs were able to complete the judging. The 2021 Print Circuit will be delayed until the WACCO clubs will be meeting in person again. Most clubs are not meeting due to the Covid virus.
- A new award plaque was presented by Jeff Klug and Ken Warning. The motion to approve the plaque was moved by Jerry Clish, seconded by Kathy Braun, and approved.
- Gerry Emmerich will cancel the Oconomowoc bank meeting room for November.

Program Committee –Jeff Klug

- We have cancelled the WACCO Audubon Fall Raptor photo shoot this year. The Audubon Spring Raptor program was changed to August 28th. We recommend that our members sign up for their program. There are 15 spots open. Here is a link to the Audubon program. <https://www.schlitzaudubon.org/event/raptors-in-focus/>

We will plan on having a WACCO Raptor photo shoot with Audubon next year.

- Based on a survey that we had for our Spring 2021 program we have decided to do a ½ day Zoom Webinar in March of 2021.
- We had discussed this with the speaker that we were working with, Bryan Hansel, and he is willing to do a Zoom webinar.
- His charge for the webinar is \$16 per person.
- WACCO will have additional costs for the use of Zoom Webinar software. We will add \$9 per person to Bryan's fee for a total charge to WACCO Club members of \$25.00
- The cost of Zoom software is \$40 per month for less than 100 participants and \$140 per month for 100-499 participants. We will need to subscribe to the software at the time we open registration to make the password secure for each participant.
- A motion was moved by Jerry Clish to approve the \$40 to \$150 monthly fee based on Jeff Klug's discretion, seconded by Kathy Braun, and approved.
- The first topic for the webinar will be Composition for Landscape Photography. The delegates voted on the second topic and selected Working methods for landscape photography. An alternative if needed is Photographing Night Skies, or Seascape Photography.
- For more information about Bryan Hansel visit his website, <https://bryanhansel.com>
- By using Zoom for webinar's, we may be able to reach more of our club members. We may also be able to offer our programs more often.

Website –Phyllis Bankier

- PSA has awarded the WACCO website third place in their annual website competition.
- Clubs are encouraged to add club photos to their page on the WACCO website. Photos can be sent to Phyllis Bankier at Scenescapes@yahoo.com

Membership Committee – Open –

- There were some clubs that have shown some interest in joining WACCO.
- Jeff will forward contact information to Elizabeth Whitcomb for follow-up.

Exhibition Committee – Mary Dumont

- No Report.

Awards Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb

- Jeff Klug has volunteered to be chairperson of the Awards Committee.
- Kathy Braun reminded the Delegates that individual clubs can nominate their members for a WACCO award. Forms are available on the WACCO website. **Every club has at least one member that could be recognized with a WACCO award.**

Nominating Committee –

- Jerry Hying and Jeff Klug have offered to work on the nominating committee.

PSA

- Bonnie Zuidema will be emailing the WACCO PSA clubs next week to review possible ways to manage the PSA Club Showcase.

Old Business

New Business

- Jeff Klug has offered to create a Virtual Digital Forum meeting. The meeting format would allow some time for open discussion of photography, and some time for presentations.
- Some possible days and times for having the Digital Forum meeting were discussed.
- Each WACCO club discussed how their camera clubs are holding camera club meetings during the Covid epidemic. Most of the clubs are not able to attend meetings in person due to the restrictions of the buildings that they are using for meetings. Some of the clubs are having Zoom meetings, and many are considering having Zoom meetings. Some of the clubs having Zoom meetings have had increased participation from their members. Some of the clubs have been listening to webinars run by professional photographers. A few of the clubs are not meeting. One club is having in person meetings with social distancing.
- Hunts photo out of Melrose, MA. has offered to provide webinars to WACCO clubs, contact Noah Buchanan at 781-462-2356 for topics. There may be costs for some of the programs.
- Lisa Langell has offered to do a webinar to WACCO clubs that also belong to PSA.
<https://www.langellphotography.com/>
- Steve Gettle has also been offering webinars. Check with Steve to see if he is still offering programs.
<https://stevegettle.com/>

A motion to close the meeting was made by Kathy Braun, seconded by Sheldon Schall, and approved at 11:15AM.

Next meeting will be on November 7th, 2020 at 9AM via Zoom meeting.