

WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

August 7, 2021, Meeting Minutes

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

16 delegates and officers were present representing 14 clubs, and two proxy votes from Geri Laehn and Urban Ecology Center Photo Club, meeting the quorum requirements.

The minutes of the May meeting were presented. The motion for approval was moved by Jeff Klug, seconded by Gerry Emmerich, 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 May 1st, 2021, through July 31, 2021.
- The ending balance of General Associated Bank is \$7557.02, PayPal Associated Bank \$723.53, and PayPal Account \$5619.86 for a total balance of \$13,900.41.
- There were receipts of \$1,749.00 from the competition, and programs, and Disbursements of \$94.10 from programs.
- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Kathy Braun, seconded by Charles Gustke, and approved.

Executive Committee – Mary Dumont – No Report

Competition Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb.

- The Fall 2021 Competition opened on August 6th, and will close on October 9, 2021, at midnight. The special category is Birds for Nature, and Portraits for Open. The competition will be scored remotely, and then the award judging will be completed on November 6th via a Zoom meeting. This competition will be only for projected images.
- The special categories will be Wisconsin Landscapes (Nature), and Tabletop/Still Life (Open) In Spring 2022. The special categories will be Animals (nature), and Weather (Open) in the Fall 2022.
- Ken Warning explained the competition committee's category definitions. There are two new categories for the Fall competition, Color Open Limited, and Monochrome Open Limited. All category definitions are located on the WACCO website, and in each specific category on the Competition website. Here is a link to the WACCO website definitions.
[Competition+annoucement.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](#) All Camera clubs should request their members to review each of the category definitions. The executive board had approved the definitions. A motion was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Kathy Braun, and approved by the delegates.
- Ken recognized the following members for receiving their level I (25 images) proficiency awards for projected images; Roger Crill, Kurt Huebner, Gary Jones, Paul Malen, and Patricia Toicen-Dycee. Patrick Lynch and Ken Warning received a level II (75 images) for projected images. Gerry Emmerich HonWACCO received a level V (500 images) proficiency award for projected. This is the highest WACCO award and Gerry is the first one to receive this award.
- The Wisconsin Print Circuit was cancelled due the number of WACCO clubs that are not meeting in person.

Program Committee –Jeff Klug

- There are presently 23 participants registered for the Schlitz Audubon Birds of Prey program. We will need about 10 addition participants to break even on the program. The maximum capacity for the program is 60. The program is now open to non-WACCO members for \$100. We are offering a \$15 coupon to WACCO members. The coupon code is WACCO-2021-BOP.
- The Program Committee is working on the speaker for the March 2022 program, which will be Virtual. Some of the speakers we are looking at include Steve Perry, Don Smith, Richard Bernabe, and Autumn Schrock. The delegates were interested in Steve Perry and Richard Bernabe. Jeff suggested that we use two speakers, one for the first talk, and one for the second talk. Jeff discussed having the presentation viewed prior to the program and then questions and answers at the program. After some discussion, Jeff thought that he may try this with a Digital Forum program. Jeff asked the delegates to send him information on any potential speakers for future meetings.
- There was a suggestion to have a speaker on photo processing. Some of the delegates had mentioned Blake Rudis as a possible speaker. Jeff thought that this topic could best be done in the Digital Forum.

- 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 – Open –

- Elizabeth received a request for information about WACCO club membership. She will contact the interested club.
- There was some discussion on allowing clubs outside of Wisconsin to join WACCO. Our current rules would need to be changed to allow clubs outside of Wisconsin to join. Individual members of a WACCO club can live outside of Wisconsin.

Exhibition Committee – Mary Dumont No Report

Awards Committee – Jeff Klug

- The Awards committee and the Executive Board approved a WACCO Special Individual Award to Sheldon Schall of the Drumlin Hills Photography Club, and to Rick Vollbrecht from the Retzer Camera Club.
- Jeff requested that clubs send him requests for recognition.
- Jeff would like to work with 1 or 2 other HonWACCO members to clarify and rewrite the guidelines.

Digital Forum – Jeff Klug

- The Digital Forum has been going well with an average attendance 30-40 during the summer. Jeff would like to have some funding for speaker fees for the Digital Forum. A motion was made to allow Digital Forum up to \$100.00 for speaker fees per program. A motion was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Signe Emmerich, and approved.

PSA – Gerry Hying

- The PSA Wisconsin Chapter Meetings will continue to be done via Zoom. Several potential speakers are being looked at.
- The following board members have been elected; Mary Krajnak Chapter Chair, Gerry Emmerich Vice Chair, Trish McCoy secretary, and Ramona Lenger treasurer.
- The photo outing in Duluth, MN was successful. Next years spring program will be in La Crosse, WI.
- PSA will be having their Photo Festival from October 6th through October 9th, 2021, in Rapid City, South Dakota. For additional information see the PSA website at <https://psa-programs.org/photo-festival-2021/>

Old Business

- Kathy Braun and Mary Krajnak audited the WACCO financial records on August 5th, 2021. No discrepancies were found.

New Business

- Kathy Braun is looking for WACCO members who would be interested in working on the PSA Youth Showcase committee. For information use this link. [Youth Showcase | Photographic Society of America \(psa-photo.org\)](https://psa-photo.org) A link to Kathy's email is on this page. Interested members should contact Kathy

A motion to close the meeting was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Kathy Braun, and approved at 10:30AM.

Next meeting will be on November 6th, 2021, at 9AM via Zoom.