

WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

February 6th, 2021, Meeting Minutes

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

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

The minutes of the November meeting were presented. The minutes were revised to change the date of the WACCO audit to October 3rd, and to change the award approval to the Executive Committee. The motion for approval was moved by Geri Laehn, seconded by Jerry Clish, 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 period of October 29, 2020 through January 28th, 2021.
- The ending balance of General Associated Bank is \$9,750.72, PayPal Associated Bank \$754.53, and PayPal Account \$1870.10 for a total balance of \$12,375.35.
- There were receipts of \$1091.00 from the competition and programs, and Disbursements of \$884.89 from the competition, website, insurance, and programs.
- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Gerry Hying, seconded by Kathy Braun, and approved.

Executive Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb – No Report

Competition Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb.

- The Spring Competition of 2021 will be held remotely. The Special Theme for Nature will be Flowers, and the Special Theme for Open will be Altered Reality. The special categories for Fall of 2021 are Birds for Nature, and Portraits for Open. The Uploader for the Spring Competition is now open and will close on April 12, 2021.
- The Competition Committee met to review some of our Competition procedures and Category definitions.
 - The Committee would like to increase the judge's fees from \$25 to \$50 per judge. Bonnie Zuidema made a motion to increase the fee to \$50, seconded by Larry Janssen, approved
 - The Committee recommended that we add the remote judging to our competition judging for \$138/year. Jerry Clish made a motion to add the remote judging, seconded by Bonnie Zuidema, approved.
 - The Committee recommended to keep the Nature category with no changes.
 - The Committee recommended to change the definition of the Open category to add that all images and parts of the images must be the makers own images. Bonnie Zuidema made a motion to approve the motion, seconded by Mary Dumont and approved with 1 no vote.
 - The Committee recommended to add a new Open Limited category. This category would have limited editing restrictions similar to the Nature division, it would allow object removal and cloning, but would not allow anything to be added to the image. There was much discussion on this recommendation. The delegates voted in favor of adding the Open Limited category with 14 yes votes to 9 no votes.
 - The Committee recommended to add the Open Limited category to the Mono category. The delegates voted to add the Open Limited category to the Mono category, with 16 yes votes and 7 no votes.
 - The Committee recommended to increase the number of images from 3 to 4 in each category. The delegates voted to change the number of images from 3 to 4 was unanimously denied.
 - None of the delegates wanted to have the Wisconsin Print Circuit in 2021-2022.
- Delegates are asked to please review the rules of the Nature categories. Please remind your members to review the division rules prior to entering and to make sure they are entering images in the correct division. They may make changes/corrections to images submitted up until the deadline.

Program Committee –Jeff Klug

- Bryan Hansel will be the speaker for the Spring 2021 program on March 6th. This will be a Zoom Webinar. The topics are Composition for Landscape Photography, and the Hot Spots of the North Shore with details of how the photographs were taken.
- The fee for the program is \$25 for early registration. There are 73 people registered for the program. Jeff will check with Bryan Hansel to see if he will allow WACCO to save the webinar for members viewing and if there will be a fee for an extended use of the webinar.
- We encourage all delegates to promote the program to their members. Since this is a webinar it will be possible for the more distant WACCO Clubs to attend.
- The committee discussed having a Schlitz Audubon Nature Center Birds of Prey photo shot in the fall of 2021. Elizabeth Whitcomb suggested that we may want to also consider the Hoo's Woods Raptor Center as an alternative to Schlitz Audubon. She will see if the Hoo's Woods Raptor Center has enough space for our needs.
- The committee will look into having a program in the spring of 2022. It has not been determined if this will be a live presentation or a Zoom meeting. The committee will evaluate how well the March 2021 is received by the attendees.
- Bonnie Zuidema volunteered to join the Program Committee.
- 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.
- Jeff Klug will be entering the WACCO website in the PSA Website Competition.
- The website will be updated to show photos for the WACCO Exhibit.

Membership Committee – Open –

- No Report

Exhibition Committee – Mary Dumont

- There will be a WACCO virtual exhibit on the WACCO website. The exhibit will run from July 1st, 2021 until August 31st, 2021. The submission deadline is midnight, June 18th, 2021.
- There will be a limit of 4 images color or B&W.
- Theme Open in good taste. Any images on WACCO's website as competition winners will not be accepted. We are looking for new images not seen by people viewing our website.
- Digital images should be sized at 2100 on the long size.
- Title should contain last name, the image title i.e., Dumont_imagetitle.
- In your image submission include the following: selling price if desired, contact information, WACCO club, email, website or phone if desired.
- Send your images directly to Mary Dumont at maryldumont@gmail.com
- This virtual exhibit will be marketed through the WACCO website, individual club websites, Facebook, and individual participants.
- Please share any contacts with galleries, or other venues with Mary Dumont.

Awards Committee – Jeff Klug

- No Report
- Jeff requested that clubs send him requests for recognition.
- Bonnie asked how to check to see if someone has already received an award and if the same person can receive a reward more than once. Jeff mentioned that the past awards are listed on the website, and that a person could receive a second award based on if they qualify and if there has been sufficient time between awards.
- They will be reviewing awards for WACCO honors for the May meeting.

Nominating Committee –

- Gerry Hying announced the candidates for the WACCO board positions; Mary Dumont for president, Mary Krajnak for Vice President, Ramona Lenger for Treasurer, and Ken Warning for Secretary. Jeff Klug asked the candidates to send

him a brief Bio. The election and voting for the officers will take place at the May meeting. Prior to the election the nominating committee will ask for additional nominations from the floor.

Digital Forum – Jeff Klug

- The Digital Forum has held five meetings. The meetings are held on the 4th Saturdays of each month from 10AM to 12Noon. The first hour of the meeting is spent with a Questions and Answers session. This is followed by a presentation on a timely topic. We are averaging over 50 people per meeting. The meetings are recorded on the WACCO website at [Digital Forum — Wisconsin Area Camera Clubs Organization \(wicameraclubs.org\)](http://www.wicameraclubs.org). The meetings will also be live streamed on YouTube. Eventually we would like to have guest speakers, and possibly webinars. Here is a link to register for the Digital Forum meetings, https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2GyvFCirQIGFzMA9JDLxkw. Once registered you will automatically receive all of the meeting invites. The topic for the next meeting will be HDR.

PSA – Gerry Hying

- Gerry Hying discussed the PSA Wisconsin Chapter Meetings. Keith French was the presenter at the January 24th meeting, and Michael Kirkland will be the presenter at the March 21st meeting. The meetings are only open to PSA members that are active members of the PSA Wisconsin Chapter. The Chapters outing will be in the Superior/Duluth area from May 14-16th. The WACCO Duluth Club will be assisting us with some of the outings.
- Bonnie Zuidema has asked that the results of the PSA Club Showcase be sent to her.
- Kathy Braun mentioned that the PSA Youth Showcase will be limited this year, and that the teachers will be doing some of the entries.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Jeff Klug received a donation to WACCO from a family member of Bill Rietz who had recently passed away. Bill had recently received an award from WACCO for his services to WACCO and was able to receive the award before his death. Elizabeth will send a thank you note to his family for the donation.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Jerry Clish, and approved at 11:40AM

Next meeting will be on May 1st, 2020 at 9AM via Zoom meeting followed by the Spring Competition via Zoom.