

WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

May 1st, 2021, Meeting Minutes

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

20 delegates and officers were present representing 14 clubs, and one proxy vote from MidWisconsin Photo, meeting the quorum requirements.

The minutes of the February meeting were presented. The motion for approval was moved by Caryl Sedushak, seconded by Gerry Hying, 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 January 29th, 2021 through April 30th, 2021.
- The ending balance of General Associated Bank is \$7557.02, PayPal Associated Bank \$699.53, and PayPal Account \$3988.96 for a total balance of \$12,245.51.
- There were receipts of \$2645.00 from the competition, programs, and a gift, and Disbursements of \$2774.84 from the competition, programs, and administrative expenses.
- 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 2021 Competition judging of final awards will be held at 11:30AM today. There were 475 images entered in the competition from 32 photographers.
- The Competition Committee presented the updated Category definitions.
 - There was a motion to remove HDR, and Focus Stacking in the Limited Edition Category by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Jim Kurovsky, and approved.
 - There were some questions regarding border extensions, special effects filters, and definition of basic editing for the Limited Edition Category.
 - A motion was made to defer the vote of the Category definitions until the August Delegates Meeting by Mark Page, seconded by Kathy Braun, and approved.
 - The Competition Committee will meet before the next Delegates Meeting to refine the new Category definitions.
- The Nature Special Theme will be Birds for Fall 2021, Wisconsin Landscapes for Spring 2022, and Animals for the Fall 2022 competition.
- The Open Special Themes will be Portraits for Fall 2021, Tabletop/Still Life for Spring 2022, and Weather for Fall 2022.

Program Committee –Jeff Klug

- The Bryan Hansel Seminar was successful and there was a WACCO profit of \$510.00.
- The Program Committee is working on the speaker for the March 2021 program, which will be Virtual.
- The Program Committee will be having a Birds of Prey photo shoot on September 11th, 2021 at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. The program will be \$75 to WACCO members, and will only be open to WACCO members through July 31st. The program will be open to both WACCO and Non-WACCO members beginning on August 1st, with a fee of \$100.00 for Non-WACCO members.
- The Birds of Prey Program will not be using Eventbrite for event management, but will be testing an alternative program.
- 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 –

- 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.
- Mary will contact Phyllis Bankier regarding setting up the WACCO website for the Exhibition.

Awards Committee – Jeff Klug

- There was a motion to change the approval of Awards from the Delegates to the Executive Board of Directors. A motion was made by Signe Emmerich, seconded by Kathy Braun, and approved.
- The Awards committee and the Executive Board approved a WACCO Special Individual Award to Rick Mayo for co-founding the Unlimited Vision Photography Club, and for 25 years of presenting, preparing, and coordinating activities for Unlimited Vision.
- Jeff requested that clubs send him requests for recognition. He has received a recent award request, which will be reviewed by the committee and the Executive Board of Directors.

Nominating Committee –

- Gerry Hying presented the candidates for the WACCO board positions; Mary Dumont for president, Jim Kurovsky for Vice President, Ramona Lenger for Treasurer, and Ken Warning for Secretary. There were no additional nominations for the positions. Jeff Klug made a motion to approve the candidates for the WACCO positions, seconded by Gerry Emmerich, and approved.

Digital Forum – Jeff Klug

- The Digital Forum has been going well with an average attendance over 50 during the winter. The attendance may drop during the summer months. The April meeting had 38 attendee's.

PSA – Gerry Hying

- Gerry Hying discussed the PSA Wisconsin Chapter Meetings.
- Michael Kirkland was the presenter at the March 21st meeting.
- 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-rograms.org/> Registration is now open and PSA will offer a full refund if the event is cancelled.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Jeff Klug will be stepping down as the WACCO PSA representative, and he recommended Ken Warning. Ken said that he would be interested in being the WACCO PSA representative.
- Jeff Klug will be stepping down as the WACCO newsletter editor. Elizabeth Whitcomb said that she would take the position if no one else was interested.
- Elizabeth asked for volunteers for the Audit Committee. Mary Krajnak and Kathy Braun offered to audit the WACCO accounts.

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

Next meeting will be on August 7th, 2021 at 9AM via Zoom.

We recently learned that Sheldon Schall, the president of Drumlin Hills Photography Group, passed away from a heart attack. Our condolences to his family and friends.