

Wisconsin Area Camera Clubs Organization

November 4th, 2017

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9am at Waukesha State Bank

19 delegates and officers were present representing 12 clubs, meeting the quorum requirements.

The minutes of the November meeting were presented. The motion to approve the minutes was moved by Jeff Klug, and seconded by Kathy Braun. Approved.

Presidents Report – Elizabeth Whitcomb – No Report

Vice Presidents Report – Mary Dumont HonWACCO – No Report

Treasurers Report – Ramona Lenger –

- The ending balance of General Associated Bank is \$5242.38, Pay Pal Associated Bank \$4762.04, and Pay Pal Account \$2651.15 for a total balance of \$12,655.57
- There were receipts of \$2,264.00 from programs, and competition, and Disbursements of \$2490.93 for programs and competition.
- A motion to approve the treasurers report was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Mary Dumont and approved.
- The preparation of the Treasurers report was discussed. The Treasurers report can be cutoff on the 20th of the previous month for reporting purposes.

Executive Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb -

- Elizabeth would like to have an Executive Committee meeting, and will contact the officers for potential dates.

Competition Committee – Mary Dumont HonWACCO–

- The fall Competition is being hosted by Unlimited Visions.
- A new competition software is being used for today's competition. The uploading of images for this competition has worked well.
- There were 580 images from 41 photographers entered in the competition.
- The images for the Wisconsin Circuit was collected today.
- The first judging of the Wisconsin Circuit will take place in two weeks.
- There was a discussion regarding some of the concerns from some members regarding some of our competition rules. There were concerns regarding our definition of nature which allows captive animals/birds/plants to qualify as nature. There were also concerns regarding the use of workshop, photo setups, and photos from locations that many members could not afford to go to. We discussed continuing with our existing rules which have served our members needs well.

There was an interest in having a drone/video competition. It was felt that, at this time, there may not be enough photographers participating to meet our minimum requirements of 6 members in a division of a competition.

- **Program Committee Report – Jeff Klug HonWACCO -**
- The Chicago program was sold out within 5 days. There were favorable comments about this program and we would like to have a similar Chicago workshop in 2019.
- There are 38 members who have registered for the 2018 Spring Program with Roman Kurywczak.
- The Sunday workshop on macro photography by Roman is sold out.
- We would like to work with both Art's Camera, and Crivello's Camera with this program and allow them to have a table at the program.
- It was recommended that a single page flyer or a 4x6 inch card be prepared for marketing purposes. Jeff will prepare a smaller condensed brochure
- The program committee is considering having a workshop at the 2018 EAA convention.
- The program committee would like to have a Birds of Prey workshop at the Schlitz Audubon Society in the fall of 2018. It was recommended to have the program in early to mid-September.

Website Committee Report – Jeff Klug HonWACCO –

- The website had 1937 page views in the past 30 days.
- The committee is looking for members who can suggest good photo locations to be listed on the website.
- They are also looking for members who could write a short article with photographic advice, skills, or products to be listed on the website.
- Contact Phyllis at scenescapes@yahoo.com or Jeff at waccoprogram@gmail.com

Exhibits Committee Report – Mary Dumont HonWACCO –

- The exhibit had less images this year compared to the previous exhibits.
- One recommendation was to schedule the exhibit a month or two after our competition, when more prints would be available.
- It was decided to schedule the next exhibit in 2019.

Membership Committee Report – Gerald Emmerich HonWACCO –

- Gerry will be speaking at the Photo Kenosha Group, and Urban Ecology Center Photo Club. Any club that would like to have Gerry discuss PSA, or give a presentation on one of his photography topics should contact him.
- 14 PSA member clubs have participated in the Wisconsin PSA Clubs Showcase.

International Salon Committee Report –

- We are still looking for members that can help evaluate international competition software.

Awards Committee Report – Bill Rietz HonWACCO–

- Bill mentioned the 3 types of awards that are available from WACCO.
- Nomination forms are available on the WACCO website.

Old Business – No Discussion

New Business –

- Jeff handed out awards from the PSA Councils Challenge.
- Kathy Braun encouraged members to promote Youth Showcase at schools.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gerry Emmerich, and seconded by Kathy Braun, and approved.

We are looking for a new location to hold our meetings. The participation at our meetings has increased and we will need a larger room. We are very pleased with this increase in attendance.