

WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

November 7th, 2020, Meeting Minutes

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

23 delegates and officers were present representing 19 clubs, meeting the quorum requirements. One of the clubs was present via a Proxy.

The minutes of the August meeting were presented. There was one spelling correction of the minutes. The motion for approval was moved by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Kathy Braun, 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 July 23, 2020 through October 28th, 2020.
- The ending balance of General Associated Bank is \$10,293.44, PayPal Associated Bank \$954.53, and PayPal Account \$921.27 for a total balance of \$12,169.24.
- There were receipts of \$580.00 from the competition and Disbursements of 430.03 from the competition and the print circuit.
- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Trey Foerster, seconded by Gerry Hying, and approved.

Executive Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb – No Report

Competition Committee – Elizabeth Whitcomb.

- There are 426 images entered by 38 photographers in the Fall Competition. All categories easily met the minimum number of entrants required to be able to hold the division.
- The scoring of the Fall Competition has been completed.
- The final judging of the fall competition will be held today at 11:30AM.
- The Spring Competition of 2021 will be held remotely.
- The special categories are Flowers for Nature, and Composites for Open. The special categories for Fall of 2021 are Birds for Nature, and Portraits for Open.
- Delegates are asked to please review the rules of the Nature categories. Entries in both mono and nature were much better this competition. 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.
- Elizabeth asked for volunteers to the Competition Committee. Elizabeth Whitcomb, Jeff Klug, Ken Warning, Mary Dumont, and Jane Hirst would like to continue to be on the committee. Jim Kurovsky, and Caryl Sedushak volunteered to be on the committee.
- There will be a Competition Committee meeting before the February 2021 meeting.

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. The registration for the program is now open.
- A copy of the brochure is attached, and 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 program committee is looking for volunteers to join the committee. Contact Jeff Klug, kpw1255@me.com, if you are interested.

Website Committee –Phyllis Bankier

- The Program page has been updated to include information on the Bryan Hansel program in Spring 2021. The list of previous programs has been consolidated.
- A map of the locations of the WACCO clubs will be added to the Club page.
- Clubs are encouraged to add club photos to their page on the WACCO website. Photos can be sent to Phyllis Bankier at Scenesapes@yahoo.com

Membership Committee – Open –

- Elizabeth Whitcomb has volunteered to be chairperson of the Membership Committee.

Exhibition Committee – Mary Dumont

- Mary suggested that we do a virtual exhibit on our website. The delegates liked the idea. Mary will investigate the details on how we could have a virtual exhibit.

Awards Committee – Jeff Klug

- Jeff Klug had proposed moving the Honors Awards procedures directly into the Awards Committee. It had been a sub-committee of the Awards Committee. Jerry Clish made the motion to approve the procedures, seconded by Gerry Emmerich and approved.
- Gerry Emmerich volunteered to be a member of the awards committee.
- The awards committee nominated two awards, one to Bonnie Zuidema for the Special Recognition Award, and one to Bill Rietz for the WACCO Service Award. Kathy Braun moved to approve the awards, seconded by Gerry Emmerich, and approved.
- Gerry Emmerich suggested that the WACCO board approve nominations in the future.
- 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 –

- Gerry Hying and Jeff Klug have candidates for the board positions. Ramona Lenger and Ken Warning would like to continue in their positions of Treasurer and Secretary. Mary Dumont is interested in the President's position, and Mary Krajnak is interested in the VP's position. The committee will present the nominations at the February meeting. The election and voting for the officers will take place at the May meeting.

Digital Forum – Jeff Klug

- The Digital Forum has held two 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. The last meeting's topic was the Adobe software updates to Lightroom and Photoshop. There was a good discussion on the sky replacement feature. The last meeting had over 50 attendees, and there are currently 91 people who have registered for the programs. There is a limit of 100 participants who can attend the event without a significant increase in cost. The future programs will be live streamed on YouTube. Jeff had asked for a \$15 monthly contribution from WACCO to help with the costs. Sheldon Schall moved to approve the \$15 monthly contribution from WACCO, seconded by Geri Laehn, and approved.

PSA – Gerry Hying

- Bonnie Zuidema sent the WACCO PSA clubs the photo's and the score sheets for the PSA Club Showcase. 13 clubs will be participating with 91 images.
- Gerry Hying discussed the PSA Wisconsin Chapter Meetings. Lisa Langell was the presenter at the November meeting. Keith French will be 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.

Old Business

- Kathy Braun encouraged delegates to virtually contact the high school Art/Photography educators in their areas to participate in the PSA Youth Showcase.

New Business

- Audit of WACCO Financial Records. Elizabeth Whitcomb and Mary Krajnak met with Ramona Lenger on July 31st to audit the WACCO Financial Records. There were no irregularities found.
- PSA Councils Challenge Ken Warning announced the HM and Medal Award winners of the PSA Councils Challenge. The images are selected from the WACCO competitions. Kris Wiltzien received a 3rd place award in the Nature division. Patricia Toicen Dycee, Gerald Emmerich, Joseph Eichers, and Roger Crill received a HM in the Nature division. Jerry Clish, Jeff McDonald, and Gerald Emmerich received a HM in the Color division. Ian Dickmann received a HM in the Mono Division. WACCO came in 2nd place in the Nature and Color divisions and 4th overall. A video of the Councils Challenge will be presented after the completion of the WACCO Competition.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Gerry Emmerich, seconded by Geri Laehn, and approved at 10:40AM

Next meeting will be on February 6th, 2020 at 9AM via Zoom meeting.