

WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

February 4th, 2017, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am at the Luther Manor Home.

15 delegates and officers were present, representing 11 clubs, meeting the quorum requirements.

The minutes of the November meeting were presented. The motion for approval was moved by Mary Dumont, seconded by Bill Rietz. Approved.

President's Report – Ken Warning – No report.

Vice president's Report – Elizabeth Whitcomb – No report

Secretary's Report – Paul Moertl – No report

Treasurer's Report – Dick Knisbeck

- Total balance all accounts is \$14,892.15: \$6,977.64 in the General Account, \$862.31 in the Checking Account, and \$7052.20 in the PayPal Account.
- Activity report - Disbursements of \$1,464.03 and receipts of \$4,649.00
- Jeff Klug made a motion to approve the report, Richard Yehl seconded. Approved.
- Checks are now being given to judges – debit cards will no longer be used.
- Dick mentioned that PayPal is being used more.

Executive Committee – Ken Warning - No Report

Competition Committee – Mary Dumont

- Spring 2017 competition will be at the Fox Valley club in Appleton. The Fox Valley club will obtain judges for the competition.
- Special categories are *insects, reptiles, and amphibians* along with *photojournalism/sports*.
- There were issues with the uploader. Other software will be reviewed.
- There will be only one division for all large prints.
- Future competitions:
 - Fall 2017 – Unlimited Visions. Nature category - Natural Landscapes; Open – Weather.
 - Spring 2018 – Urban Ecology. Nature – Random; Open – Random.
 - Fall 2018 – Wehr Nature Center. Nature – Birds; Open – Portraits.
 - Spring 2019 – Menomonee Falls. Nature – Flowers; Open – Urbanscapes.
 - Fall 2019 – Retzer and Riveredge. Nature – Animals; Open – Tabletop/Still Life.
- 2016-17 Print Circuit is going well and wraps up in April. Winners announced at May meeting, with prints returned at the meeting.

Program Committee – Jeff Klug

- Ian Plant will be the presenter for the March 4th, 2017 seminar. His fee will be \$2000.00. The location is the Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee. Tamron will donate \$750 for the seminar. The program will be on landscape photography. The hotel's fee is \$500.00 plus meals. The meals will cost \$22.00/person. The room holds 280 people, and we have 131 so far, but we need at least 150 attendees to cover the cost. Delegates please continue to promote the program to their clubs. Fee is \$65.00 including lunch.
- We are looking at ideas for the next program. Possibilities are: 1) Jason Odell – nature photographer and had run podcast for Nikonians. 2) Rick Sammon. Elizabeth mentioned the Wehr Club may have him in the fall if Canon helps as a sponsor.

Website – Jeff Klug

- Jeff mentioned that there have been many new visitors.
- Jeff is looking for photo tips and other articles to post on the website. Delegates - encourage your members to write an article for the website. Have them contact Jeff Klug.
- The website may be revised to better handle galleries.

Membership Committee – Gerry Emmerich – No Report.

Exhibition Committee – Mary Dumont

- The next exhibition will be held at the Reuss Building (310 W. Wisconsin Ave) from October 14th to December 2nd, 2017. The hanging date is October 14th from 9AM to 10AM. Up to 3 prints may be entered per person. A reception will be held on Friday October 20th from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- The minimum size should be 16 x 20 inches including frame and matting. Larger sizes are encouraged and it is preferred to have black frames with white matting. A maximum of 90 pictures will be accepted.
- For file image titles, include your last name and then title (e.g. Dumont_title). Small .jpeg of the images must be included and no larger than 2.5" wide and 2.0" high, @100dpi. Also, selling price if desired. Can add artist contact information such as WACCO club, email, website, and/or phone
- Photographers will be responsible for picking up their pictures. A photo ID will be necessary. All images must be removed by noon on Saturday on December 2, 2017.
- Submission deadline is midnight September 30, 2017.

International Salon – Ken Warning - No report.

Nominating Committee – Bill Rietz

- Voting will be at the May meeting. The candidates are:
 - President - Elizabeth Whitcomb (Retzer Nature Center)
 - Vice-President - Mary Dumont (Wehr Nature Center)
 - Secretary - Ken Warning (Menomonee Falls)
 - Treasurer - Romona Lenger (Wehr Nature Center)

Awards Committee – Bill Rietz

- New Honor recognition has been approved. There will be 2 recognitions, the Fellow WACCO, and the Honor WACCO.
- The Fellow WACCO will require minimum of 5 years of service, and the Honor WACCO 10 years of service to WACCO.
- The following have been chosen to be awarded the position of Honor WACCO: Kathy Braun, Gerry Emmerich, Jeff Klug, Richard Knisbeck, Mary Dumont, and Bill Rietz.
- Motion to accept – Richard Yehl, seconded by Elizabeth Whitcomb; passed.
- Bill Reitz mentioned that Carole Bailey will be honored for many years of service at Menomonee Falls.

Old Business

- WACCO is organizing an email listing of all WACCO club members. Focal Point club will not participate. Duluth-Superior, Friends of the Arboretum, In Focus, and Janesville have not responded. Members will be able to unsubscribe. Clubs may send their lists, preferably in Excel format, to Jeff Klug.

New Business

- It was suggested that the minutes of the meeting be sent out shortly after the meeting. Delegates can pass the information along to the club members on a timely manner.
- Some clubs' delegates have difficulty making it to a board meeting. A motion to have the President, or other board members, as a proxy for them was made. Bob Leick made the motion to accept, Elizabeth W. seconded. Passed.
- Digital Forum - It was noted that any articles for the website from other sources must have permission from the authors. Original articles by members are encouraged. If a slide show is included with the article, include the web address.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Mary Dumont and seconded by Kathy Braun. Approved at 10:19 am.

Next meeting will be on May 6th at DJ Bordini Center at 5 N Systems Drive in Appleton, WI at 9AM. Competition to follow at 11:30AM.