

WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

May 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting was presented. The minutes approval was moved by Bill Rietz and seconded by Gerri Laehn and were approved.

The meeting was called to order on May 7th, 2016, at 9:06 am at the Waukesha State Bank in Oconomowoc.

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 - \$11,878.
- Dick brought up that he is going to reduce the PayPal account to \$833.54 in order to lower any risk.
- Richard Yehl made a motion to approve the report, Kathy Braun seconded. Approved.

Executive Committee – Ken Warning

- The Exec Board is requesting each club to provide us with the email address of each individual member. WACCO would like to be able to notify members directly of WACCO events and competitions by email. WACCO uses a service called MailChimp to distribute emails. Each member has the ability to opt out at any time. The delegates who attended the meeting will be requesting this information. Ken Warning will be contacting the rest of the clubs. We will eliminate any duplicates from members that belong to more than one club.
- The board also wanted to allow the Wisconsin PSA Chapter members to enter the WACCO competitions and events at the same rate as WACCO camera club members. It was noted that this had already been approved in the past.

Competition Committee – Mary Dumont

- Using the website uploader to enter the May competition has worked well for the majority of entry's. However, the problems with the entries that were done incorrectly did create extra work. Details are in the Competition report.
- There were 4 less photographers that entered the May competition than the November competition, but the number of images was similar. There was a suggestion to prepare a short program on the results of the competition to be shared with the camera clubs
- Jerry Clish mentioned that the Fox Valley club uses Image Competition Program software for their competitions. It works well for them.
- Ken asked the board for \$2500.00 to be allocated for purchasing new equipment for WACCO. The Items to be purchased include the following: projector, screen, light box, and calibration software. Gerry Emmerich motioned, Jerry Clish seconded. Passed.
- The results of the Wisconsin Print Circuit were announced. The winners will be shown on the WACCO website.

Program Committee – Jeff Klug (not present - Ken gave the report for Jeff.)

- Mike Moats seminar was a big success - almost sold out and just under \$1000.00 profit was made.
- The next seminar (March 2017) is being worked on. Ian Plant, who had a recent article in Outdoor Photographer, was recommended for the 2017 program. Gerry Emmerich had heard him speak and recommended him. His fee is \$2000.00 plus expenses. Jeff Klug has contacted Tamron to see if they will pick up some of the expenses.
- Birds of Prey workshop is September 24th, 2016. This will be held at the Audubon Nature Center. They have 15 raptors that will be on display. This is a great opportunity for close-up photography of magnificent birds. This is a popular program and early registration is recommended.

Website – Phyllis Bankier (not present)

- The report was read. The website had heavier use during the competition.
- Please send Phyllis any events that you would like to add to the website.
- Check to make sure that your club information is current.

Exhibition Committee – Mary Dumont

- The next exhibition hanging date will be October 14th, 2017 at the Reuss Center. Up to 3 prints may be entered. A reception will be held on Friday October 20th from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- This year a photo ID will be needed to pick up your pictures.

Membership Committee – Gerry Emmerich

- Gerry visited 3 clubs since the last meeting. One was the La Crosse CC and they are not interested in joining WACCO.
- Richard Yehl mentioned that Beaver Dam has an active club
- Gerry is willing to attend camera club meetings and has a number of presentations that he can give.

International Salon – Ken Warning

- Judges are needed to be included with the application to PSA for the competition. Let Ken know if you are interested in judging.
- There is a possibility that the competition could be delayed until 2018.

Awards Committee – Bill Rietz

- Gerry Emmerich suggested that the awards committee look into more types of awards, such as ongoing service, and long-time service.

Nominations committee – Bill Rietz – (Not Present, No report).

Old Business

- The WACCO secretary will maintain the Camera Club Officers Roster. A request will be made for updates when sending out the minutes of the meeting. The updated roster will be brought to the August meeting.

New Business

- Gerry asked to show the results of the Wisconsin PSA Club Showcase during the lunch break.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Gerry Emmerich and seconded by Jerry Clish. Approved at 10:18 am.

Next meeting will be on August 6th at Luther Manor at 9AM.