

WISCONSIN AREA CAMERA CLUBS ORGANIZATION

November 5th, 2016, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am at the Waukesha State Bank in Oconomowoc.

19 delegates and officers were present, representing 13 clubs.

The minutes of the August meeting was presented. The minute's approval was moved by Elizabeth Whitcomb and seconded by Richard Knisbeck and were 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 \$11,923.18, \$7779.27 in the General Account, \$1078.31 in the Checking Account, and \$3065.60 in the PayPal Account.
- Gerry Emmerich made a motion to approve the report, Kathy Braun seconded. Approved.
- Gerry Emmerich asked if WACCO will be sponsoring the "Old World Wisconsin" photo contest in 2017. WACCO will sponsor this event.

Executive Committee – Ken Warning No Report

Competition Committee – Mary Dumont

- 552 entries were received for today's competition.
- Spring 2017 competition will be at the Fox Valley club in Appleton. The Appleton club will work on finding judges for this competition. Gerry Emmerich has made a reservation for the November 2017 competition meeting here at the Waukesha State Bank in Oconomowoc.
- Special categories are *insects, reptiles, and amphibians*. More information at the February meeting.
- There were issues with the uploader during out competition. Other software will be looked at.
- The number of large prints was down in the competition
 - There was a discussion on how to handle the large prints in future competitions. It was suggested that large prints have only one category for now, which will include both color and monochrome prints in an open category.
 - Motion was made to have the one category only was made by Mike Matusinec, seconded by Gerry. Approved.

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

- Birds of Prey had 53 people attend. The Schlitz Audubon Center was very pleased with the program and would like some of the images. Another workshop is being considered for 2018.
- Ian Plant will be the presenter for the March 4th, 2017 seminar. His fee will be \$2000.00. The location has been changed to 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 per person. The room holds 280 people, and we will need at least 150 attendees to cover the cost for Ian Plant. Delegates have been instructed to promote the program to their clubs.
- Art's and Mike Crivello's will be contacted by Jeff for possible sponsorship as well.

Website – Phyllis Bankier

- The recent website use has been mostly for uploading images for the competitions
- Encourage members to check out the website.

Exhibition Committee – Mary Dumont

- The next exhibition hanging date will be October 14th to December 2nd, 2017 at the Reuss Center. 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.
- This year a photo ID will be needed to pick up your pictures,
- Submission deadline is midnight September 30, 2017.

Membership Committee – Gerry Emmerich

- PSA club showcase.
 - Bonnie Zuidema will be at the meeting today and will distribute the CDs for the clubs to judge. Judging must be done between November 1st and the end of March.
 - There will be a showing at the May PSA Chapter meeting in Door County.
 - Gerry will help any club that needs it.
- There is currently no club in the Green Bay area. Some members from that area do attend the Fox Valley Club.

International Salon – Ken Warning - No report.

Nominating Committee – Bill Rietz

- We need all 4 officer positions filled for the next 2 years. If anyone knows of anyone interested in these positions, contact Bill Rietz. Elizabeth Whitcomb may have a lead on someone from one of her clubs for Treasurer, and one for Vice President.

Awards Committee – Bill Rietz

- A draft for awards for long-term participation in WACCO is being worked on. We want to recognize people who have given a lot of time and work to WACCO.
- The committee will meet to finalize the rules, for board approval at the next meeting.

Old Business –

- Clubs email lists was discussed.
We have not received email lists from all of the clubs.
Ken Warning will follow-up on obtaining email lists from the clubs. Any club member who receives an email from WACCO would have the option to unsubscribe.
- Delegates should discuss WACCO announcements at each of their club meetings.

New Business

- Gerry Emmerich reported that at the last PSA Councils Competition, 14 WACCO members had awards. WACCO also was in 3rd place in the Nature category.
- Rich Phalin with Blue Birds Feeding, Vinay Sinha with Balanced Rock Milky Way, and Ken Warning with “Swan Running on Water” received an HM in 2016 PSA Council’s challenge.
- It was noted that Photo Pictorialists of Milwaukee is a charter member of PSA.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Gerry Emmerich and seconded by Kathy Braun. Approved at 10:29 am.

Next meeting will be on February 4th at Luther Manor at 9AM.