

The Wilderness Center Nature Photo Club  
The September 16, 2023 meeting was called to order at 9:27 AM by President Gary Conner. There were 22 members and 1 visitor in attendance.



Minutes of the August 26, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's report was approved.

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| Checking Account | 3,077.60          |
| Petty Cash       | 30.00             |
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| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$3,107.60</b> |

**Photo Contests:** Shirley Weyrauch won 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Wayne County Fair and Marla Neiss won 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Mark Archibald won something for Life on Lake Erie. He'll let us know next month what it is.

**Upcoming Photo Contests:** The Nature Conservancy contest deadline is 9/30.

**Old Business:** The TWC photo class today has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

We still need help with set-up and teardown.

**New Business:** Lora Davis presented four proposed constitution changes.

1. Change keeping the member roster from the secretary to the treasurer.
2. Add a requirement for the secretary to provide the minutes for publishing on the website.
3. Add a technology committee that includes a webmaster, publicity person, and social media person.
4. Add a statement about creating ad hoc committees.

We will review the changes again next month and vote on them.

Lora also presented other ideas from the constitution committee that should be considered, but not in the constitution. The first idea was to have an information packet to hand out to new members. It was also suggested that we introduce new members at meetings. Both of these would be the secretary's responsibility. The second suggestion was to discontinue refreshments and only have coffee and water. Members would be encouraged to continue using that time to socialize with others. Members got a chance to practice that since the refreshment volunteer was unable to make the meeting.

Jordan Kercheff shared a short video about the Camera Heritage Museum in Staunton, Virginia that he recently visited. The museum shares the evolution of the camera and the history of photography.

There was a general discussion about increasing club dues which have not changed since the club's founding. One proposal was to increase them to \$20 for individuals and \$25 for families. Another suggestion was to phase the increase in over two years. There was also some discussion on how and when to remind members when their dues have not been paid.

Members were encouraged to think about the topic. A vote needs to be taken next month for the increase to take effect for 2024.

Next month's program will be "Night Shooting in Yellowstone" presented by Shirley Weyrauch. The shooting topic will be "Edible Plants". Refreshments will be provided by Janis McKnight. Bulletin board will be Mattie Mathis.

**Photo topic:** Suzie Lux had the winning entry for "Paths/Trails".

**Program:** Dianne Sanker and David Paul presented "Africa" and shared pictures from their recent safari trip to Kenya.

**Next meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m. The next meeting will be October 28.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lora Davis, Secretary