

The Wilderness Center Nature Photo Club
The October 28, 2023 meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM
by President Gary Conner. There were 23 members in
attendance.



Minutes of the September 16, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's report was approved.

Checking Account	2,977.60
Petty Cash	30.00

Total	\$3,007.60

Photo Contests: Dan and Suzie Lux and Mark Archibald won a lot of ribbons at the Loudonville Street Fair with Mark winning a Best of Show. Cathy Fenstermaker won 3rd place in Insects at the Atwood Fall Festival. Jennifer Case won 1st place ribbons in Old and Walk a Mile in My Shoes categories also at Atwood. She also won (6) 1st place, (7) 2nd place, and (1) 3rd place ribbon at the Tuscarawas County Fair.

Upcoming Photo Contests: Focus Point's contest at the Tuscarawas Center for the Arts will be in January. The Huston Brumbaugh contest is in February.

Old Business:

The following officers were elected by a majority vote for 2024:

- President – Shirley Weyrauch
- Vice-President – Jennifer Case
- Secretary – Lora Davis
- Treasurer – Beth Patrick

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.

Shirley Weyrauch made a motion to approve the constitution changes including the revision of "all club accounts" to "all club social media accounts". The changes were approved by a majority vote.

Dues for 2024 were discussed. Beth Patrick presented a summary of income and expenses based on the last few years. Current dues provide about 25% of the income we need and Foto Fest provides the rest. Foto Fest income has been down the last two years because of expenses for the new display system and the change to two divisions. Rich Patrick made a motion to increase dues to \$10 for individuals and \$20 for families. The motion passed with a

majority vote. This increase should provide about 60% of our income for next year. It was recommended that we review the amount again next year. There was also a suggestion to have a group or committee look at fundraising ideas. No action was taken on this suggestion.

New Business: None

Next month's program will be "Monarch Butterflies" presented by Judy Semroc. The shooting topic will be "Leaves". Refreshments and bulletin board will be provided by Mark Archibald.

Photo topic: Paul Keske had the winning entry for "Edible Plants".

Program: Shirley Weyrauch presented "Night Shooting in Yellowstone". She shared photos she took and techniques she learned during the workshop.

Next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. The next meeting will be November 18.

Respectfully submitted,
Lora Davis, Secretary