

Lake County Camera Club (LCCC)

Minutes

May 12, 2025

6:00 p.m.

ZOOM @ 6:00 p.m.

Officer and Committee Reports

➤ **President– Tony Roma**

Call Meeting to Order at 6:06 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: June 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

➤ **Roll Call:**

Board Members: Jennifer Durot, Tony Roma, ~~Jim Ross~~, Carl Stineman, Bill Sullivan

Committee Members: Susan Baron, Mike Burgquist

Guests:

➤ **Approval of Minutes:**

1. March 24, 2025 – Carl Stineman made a motion, seconded by Bill Sullivan, to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

➤ **Unfinished Business**

1. Summer Weekend Excursion – Since it is already mid-May, the Board decided to plan a weekend excursion for next summer to southwestern Michigan (the Indiana Dunes, Saugatuck, South Haven, Holland, Grand Rapids...)
2. Vacancies: Excursion Chair, Program Co-Chair, CACCA Representative, President-Elect, Community Involvement and Publicity Chair, Long-Range Planning Coordinator – Still have vacancies. The Board will continue to plan excursions and programs until people volunteer. We will check with Mary Ellen Rescek to see if she wants to be the CACCA delegate which involves attending four board meetings and communicating the information from CACCA to LCCC. It may also involve tasks with the images being submitted to CACCA. That will be coordinated with the Competition Chair. We are not sure if Mary Ellen is still interested in being Program Co-Chair. We were unable to find someone to help her with this.

➤ **New Business**

1. CACCA Awards from May and End-of-Year: Lots of winners from LCCC!
2. Sponsor an Award for CACCA Banquet \$25 – Jennifer Durot made a motion, seconded by Carl Stineman, to sponsor an award for \$25. Jennifer Durot will send the info to Tony Roma who will contact Rich Fisher and mail a check for \$25.

3. Program Presenter's Gratuity – We discussed gift cards and thank you notes for judges. We have dropped the ball since Jim Ross has been dealing with family matters. We need to appoint someone to take care of this next season. We got off the topic of program presenters' gratuities. Need to revisit.
4. Members' Choice Awards – We discussed what Riverwoods does. We discussed what has been done in the past. There is interest in having this award next season. We need to look at the competition rules and the bylaws to iron out the details for this. Jennifer Durot will draft something and send the draft to the board for review.
5. Club Member of the Year – We discussed the Service Award description and feel that a Club Member of the Year Award would be more appropriate. The goal is to recognize someone who participates in all aspects of the club (coming to meetings, volunteering to take on a role within our club, submitting photos for competition, attending excursions, being helpful behind the scenes, etc. Members could nominate people for this award, and members would then vote for one person to win this award. We will propose creating this award at the September meeting.
6. Programs – See the list on pages 2–3.
7. Excursions – See the list on page 3.
8. Review Organizational Charts and Rules/Descriptions – Jennifer Durot and Sue Baron will amend the organizational chart and amend the bylaws to include a column/description for board member-at-large, which is what Carl Stineman is doing now. We will present it to the board for approval.

➤ **President-Elect – Vacancy**

- **Long Range Planning Coordinator – Vacancy**
- **Competition Chair – Mike Burquist**
- **Competition Assistant – Carl Stineman**
- **Judge Procurer – Harold Hauser**
- **CACCA Representative – Linda Kruzic** Vacancy for 2025-2026 (We will see if Mary Ellen Rescek is interested.)
- **PSA Representative – Jim Ross**
 - **PSA: Travel – Cristina McGill**
 - **PSA: Photojournalism – Marc Huntley**
 - **PSA: Nature – Sheri Sparks**
 - **PSA: Projected Image – Mike Trahan**
 - **Recent PSA Results**

- **Treasurer – Jim Ross** (Tony Roma is filling in for Jim during his absence.)

April 2025

Month's checking balance \$ 4973.47

Income since last report \$ 33.68

Expenses since last report \$ 0

Checking Balance \$ 5007.15

Savings balance \$ 1115.70

Cash Box - Other \$ 95.00

CD 18 \$ 2051.31

CD 20 \$ 3088.92

Total \$ 11,358.08

May 2025

Month's checking balance \$ 5007.15

Income since last report \$ 0

Expenses since last report \$ 0

Checking Balance \$ 5007.15

Savings balance \$ 1115.75

Cash Box - Other \$ 95.00

CD 18 \$ 2058.19

CD 20 \$ 3098.90

Total \$ 11,374.99

It was suggested that we pay the donation to the church each month as was past practice.

- **Membership – Sue Baron** Bill Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Durot, to approve two new members, Doug Howard and Rohan Wankhade. On voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Welcome Doug and Rohan! The prorated dues for the two new members will be reflected in the next monthly treasurer's report.

- **Secretary – Jennifer Durot**

- **Webmasters – Sue and John Baron**
- **Challenges – Mike Ludtke** No themes. Send in your favorite images taken each month.
- **Payment Center on Website – Sue Baron**
- **Event Communication – Jennifer Durot and Susan Baron**

- **VP of Internal Operations – Bill Sullivan**

- **Program Co-Chairs – Mary Ellen Rescek and Vacancy**
 - Plans for Programs/Calendar Updates
 - June – Mike Kukulski: Wet Plate Photography and More
 - July – Greg Karp, Antarctica (Confirmed)

August – Carl Deal: Iceland, Egypt, and Photoshop (Confirmed)

September – Dinner and Awards

Need Program Co-Chair for Next Season ASAP.

Jennifer Durot will email the three presenters to get a brief description of their programs to copy and paste into the calendar.

- **Facilities Coordinator – Bill Sullivan**
- **Hospitality Desk Coordinator – Sue Matsunaga**
- **New Member folder – Sue Baron**

➤ **External Operations**

- **Excursion Chair – Vacancy**
 - 2025 Excursions/Calendar Updates:
 - June 2025 – Zoo Trip On Your Own
 - July 26, 2025– Architectural Boat Tour, Chicago (Details Coming) Jennifer Durot will work on the details for this.
 - August 2025– Chicago Air Show On Your Own (We need dates for this.)

Next Season:

September 2025

October 2025

November 2025

December 2025

January 2026

February 2026

March 2026

April 2026

May 2026

June 2026

July 2026

August 2026

- **Community Involvement and Publicity Coordinator – Vacancy**

➤ **Past President (and Current President) – Tony Roma**

- **Continuing Education Coordinator – Jim Ross**
- **Small-Groups Coordinator – Sue Baron**
 - Small Post-Processing Group at Lake Villa District Library on third Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

➤ **Upcoming Events – See Calendar for Details**

- Small Post-Processing Group, Lake Villa District Library, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. (3rd Saturday)
- March Excursion: Lake Villa St. Patrick's Day Parade (see calendar for details)
- **Next Meeting:** April 3, 2025—Competition
- **BIRTHDAYS:**
 - May 1 – Greg Karp

- May 10 – David McGill
- May 22 – Bill Sullivan
- June 20 – Joe Rosenberg

➤ **Other:** Happy May birthday to Bill Sullivan. Tony Roma reminded Jim Ross to update his address with the insurance company and any other entities that needs his current address for LCCC matters. Tony will follow up.

➤ **Adjourn:** We adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Excursion Ideas:

1. **Starved Rock State Park (Oglesby, IL)**
 - Scenic canyons, waterfalls, and hiking trails, especially stunning during fall.
2. **Anderson Japanese Gardens (Rockford, IL)**
 - A serene, 12-acre Japanese garden with koi ponds, waterfalls, and beautiful seasonal plants.
3. **Illinois Railway Museum (Union, IL)**
 - A vast collection of historic railway equipment, great for capturing vintage transportation.
4. **Morton Arboretum (Lisle, IL)**
5. **Devil's Lake State Park (Baraboo, WI)**
 - Dramatic quartzite bluffs and stunning lake views, ideal for landscape and nature photography.
6. **Door County**
 - Picturesque towns, lighthouses, and beautiful shoreline along Lake Michigan.
7. **Olbrich Botanical Gardens (Madison, WI)**
 - 16 acres of outdoor gardens, including a Thai pavilion and tropical conservatory.
8. **Madison Capitol Building at Night**
9. **Geneva Lake Shore Path (Lake Geneva, WI)**
 - A scenic walk with views of historic estates, the lake, and beautiful gardens.
10. **Milwaukee Art Museum (Milwaukee, WI)**
 - Iconic architecture, including the Quadracci Pavilion with its stunning wing-like brise soleil.
11. **Sailing Races/Regattas on Lake Michigan**
12. **Old World Wisconsin**
13. **Michigan City Lighthouses and Ice on Lakefront in Winter**
14. **Indiana Dunes National Park**
15. **Pabst Mansion – Wisconsin**
16. **Milwaukee Domes (no tripods)**
17. **Houses on Lakefront at South End of Kenosha**
18. **Kenosha Lighthouses and Waterfront**
19. **American Family Field with the train tracks in front**
20. **Reenactment in Hainesville**
21. **Schlitz Audubon Nature Center**
22. **Shalom Wildlife Zoo**
23. **Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve**
24. **Fall Colors in Cedarburg, Wisconsin**
25. **Snowy Owls in Upper Peninsula**
26. **Chicago Air Show (August 10-11)**
27. **Apple River and Galena (waterfall and riverfront along Rock River)**
28. **Chicago Botanic Garden**
29. **Marseilles, Illinois**
30. **Mideast Conflicts War Memorial, Grundy County**
31. **Chicago Riverwalk and Buildings at Night**
32. **Milwaukee Riverwalk and Buildings at Night**
33. **Harleyfest**
34. **EEA AirVenture Oshkosh 2024**

https://www.eaa.org/airventure/aaa-airventure-tickets?utm_source=google_paid&utm_medium=paid_search&utm_campaign=av_tickets_2024&utm_term=familie_sv1&utm_content=link&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwyo60BhBiEiwAHmVLJc0zLyrAVuooeFV2AOZx-EloXwmH-C1vaxx_eroYdAhk3VQ1-HTQVRoC6Z8QAvD_BwE

35. Midwest Tulip Festival at Maple Park. April-May (Dates based on Blooms)
Kuipers 7 acres Family Farm in Maple Park
Visit: kuiperersfamilyfarm.com 1N318 Watson Road Maple Park, IL 60151
(815) 827-5200 1h 24m drive Hwy 95 to Hwy 88