

# Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Clubs



AM-CENTER CAMERA CLUB, WILLIAMSVILLE, NY  
BATAVIA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, BATAVIA, NY  
CANYON CAMERA CLUB, PERRY, NY  
NIAGARA FALLS CAMERA CLUB, NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.  
ROCHESTER CAMERA CLUB, ROCHESTER, N.Y.  
ST. CATHARINES CAMERA CLUB, ST. CATHARINES, ONT.

SCIENCE CENTER, CAMERA CLUB, BUFFALO, NY  
SOUTH TOWNS CAMERA CLUB, HAMBURG, NY  
TWIN CITIES CAMERA CLUB, N. TONAWANDA, NY  
TWIN TIER CAMERA CLUB OLEAN, NY  
WELLAND CAMERA CLUB, WELLAND, ONT

## **Minutes of the Board of Directors September 14, 2008 Holiday Inn, Grand Island, New York**

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM.

### **In attendance were Executive Board Members:**

President	Larry Stevenson
Vice President	Randy Zack
Secretary	Raymond Kaczmarek
US Treasurer	Chuck Vallone
Canadian Treasurer	Leslie Khan
Past President	Jim Dusen/absent

### **Clubs were represented as follows:**

AM CENTER	Moragh Stroud
BATAVIA	Don Fryling & Tim Dusen
CANYON	Joan Schumaker / absent (Ravi Sampath)
ROCHESTER	Fred Kellerman
NIAGARA FALLS	Chris Empey
ST. CATHARINES	John Wiebe / absent
SCIENCE MUSEUM	Mary L. Frost / Absent
SOUTH TOWNS	Dee Cunningham
TWIN CITIES	Anne K. C. McCooey
TWIN TIER	Wade Aiken / absent
WELLAND	Brenda Dennis/ Absent

Before the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, the Executive Board members introduced Fred Kellerman, President of the Rochester Camera Club.

**I- Review and Approval of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Meeting.** After the secretary (Ray Kaczmarek) read a portion of the minutes, a motion was made to approve by Chris Empey and second by Randy Zack. It was also noted that the secretary sends a new copy to all Board members.

**II -Report from Canadian and US Treasurers.** Amrned wording as follows.

*Chuck Vallone presented two reports .The first report was a report on the 2008 Convention held in U.S. He reported as US Treasurer and Convention Registrar. The report reflected US income and Expenses only. Les Khan provided a quick summary of Canadian deposits from Canadian ticket sales that when added in, shows the Convention as more profitable. Huck and Les will present a combined report in the future.*

*Chuck presented the US Treasury Status report showing a balance of checking and cash on hand of \$8,805.68. The report is the last, and summary operating report for the year 2007-2008. The report shows deficit spending of \$2,284.62 for the season. Chuck noted that two items contribute to that. One, the convention 2008 expenses all are born out of the US accounts and the US ticket sales income do not yield much of a profit. Additionally, expenses of checks to Randy Zack, Holiday Inn, and Michaels Banquet facilities as down/pre payments for 2009 activities are included in the 2007-2008 season total expenses for the year. This is in the range of \$3,000.00 prepaid expenses in advance for the 2008-2009 operation year.*

Motion made by Dee Cunningham to accept the report as read, second by Randy Zack. Voted on and approved

**III -Old Business** There were no old business topics brought up by the representatives at this time.

**IV- Slide Chair**

•Dee Cunningham passed out information packages with the McKellar and Golden Horseshoe Competition information and urged each club representative to review the guidelines for sizing and naming of the digital files, keeping in mind that both of these may differ from the guidelines used in the individual clubs. She would like all clubs to send her updated information and e-mail addresses for all club representatives who are responsible for the digital files. She noted that the date for final submissions for the Golden Horseshoe was incorrect in the Regional Program Guide. It should be changed to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

Dee spoke about the revision to “Standing Rule #2” because of the inclusion of the Rochester Camera Club.

Dee made the motion to accept the change in the “Standing Rule # 2” to include the Rochester Camera Club. Second by Larry Stevenson. Voted on and approved

•Chris Empey discussed the improvements to the Web site. He would like new images sent from clubs so they can be added to the Web pages. Chris asked Randy for the pricing information which was corrected to be \$40.00 US and Ca. funds for the Fall Seminar. Chris needed permission to send out e-mails to people who register for any NFRCC event on line. Dee wanted Chris to sent her a file with the procedure for uploading gallery slides because she was having difficulty with the software. Chris asked that anyone who needed log-in information to send him an email ASAP.

Ravi Sampath asked if the slides that were ribbon winners could be highlighted in the gallery. Dee explained that the process is time-consuming because all entries are coded and Chris would need to go through too many slides and sort them out. . However, Dee said she could sent a separate file if necessary.

- Chris said he set up e-mail accounts for executive Board members and suggested that we use them when ever possible because it promotes the Region every time an e-mail is sent out it and it is a source of advertising. He advised everyone to use proper e-mail grammar and spelling and proof read before sending. He also noted the number of hits on the site, which was in the hundreds, and most were centered on the gallery.
- Larry Stevenson asked to include a link to CAPA, which is the equivalent to the US PSA affiliation. On the web page. Chris noted it was shown in the first paragraph that we have some members connected. Larry noted that in the CAPA magazine there is a link to the NFRCC and we should include them also in our web pages. Chris mentioned that we have no real affiliation with any organization.

**V- Fall Seminar Report-** Randy Zack handed out flyers and posters to club representatives. Included on the flyers was a registration form, a brief description of the program and Bio of the Speaker was also shown. Randy wanted Chris Empey to emphasize the inclusion of a great buffet for the total price. He expanded on the menu for the Seminar. There were coffee mugs purchased for every attendee and will be given out at the event. Door prizes are also needed so we can sell tickets at the seminar. Dee spoke about Louis Kemper and how well he puts on the program. Randy noted that there was room for about three hundred people.

- Larry Stevenson encouraged all Presidents to raise the level of promotion within the club membership so the event will be a success.

**VI Publicity USA** Randy Zack entailed his review to include some changes for the upcoming event.

Stretching out the program to include more material was one needed.

He noted the Keynote speaker for Saturday and Sunday. We will try to have a model shoot if possible with male and female models. Also we will include tabletop set ups and birds of prey. Some sponsors will allow using their equipment for tryout. Epsom might offer a Professional Printer for a Door Prize. An Early Bird program offering a portfolio review from a professional photographer was looked into.. This might include a small fee for the early bird program but it was not announced at this time. It was emphasized that more people should bring their cameras to the event because of the extra activities involved.

**VII-Canadian Publicity.** Larry Steveson would like to see more participation from the clubs. It turns out to be only a third of the membership are represented at the event.

He noted the article in the CAPA magazine which include a photograph taken at the Convention of one of the trade show sponsors which offered a drawing of some prizes.

Larry inquired to the magazine about doing an article about the organization, but their reply was that they do articles about photographers only. He will peruse this in the future.

**VIII New Business.**

**VIII-b Nomination Committe** Nomination Committees. from the US and the Canadian Clubs must be made. A number of two must chosen from each side. Randy Zack volunteered along with Anne McCooley from the US. As far as the Canadian representatives concerned a search will be on going. Chris Empey was asked to go back to the clubs and search for the nominating committee volunteered.

AS far as Executive Board changes are considered, anyone can back out after his or her term but new nominations can be made. Treasurer must be each represented separately by each country. A nomination for VP from the Canadian side should be selected.

**IX Kodak Award committee.** From the USA, Dee Cunningham and Tim Dusen will be volunteering this year. Larry will ask Scott Simon to volunteer and a second will be searched for.

- Dee asked that a deadline be set for choosing the award recipient (January 25<sup>th</sup>, was suggested.) because of the meeting held at that time. Randy suggested January 1<sup>st</sup> but in the by laws it states November 1<sup>st</sup> as a deadline for candidates. If there are none then there might not an award given for that year.

After various discussions among members it was advised that Executive club members in their own clubs review and approach their own possible candidates in the clubs. They would submit a resume by November 30<sup>th</sup> and forward it to Larry for his review.

**X-By Law Changes up for Review.** Dee Cunningham noted that a total review was made last year and voted on by the Club representatives these passed and rewritten so the By Laws could be updated. Chris asked if the Constitution was separate from the By Laws .Dee explained that they were two separate entities and both are reviewed in that order.

**XI- New Business** Chris Empey made the following statement.

*“Over the years since its inception, the members of the NFRCC and its member clubs have spent considerable hours writing, discussing, rewriting and amending our constitution. The rules set forth in this charter have been created to provide structure and fairness to all clubs within our organization. Recently our constitution has been ignored and in doing so, the checks and balances that have been put in place to ensure fair dealings for everyone in this organization have not been offered to every one involved. I hereby move that we honour our constitution and abide by the Articles, Clauses and Standing Rules that govern our organization, both to the letter and the spirit with which they have been written”*

Second by Les Khan that motion.be passed.

Dee Cunningham called the question, and the vote was taken and the motion passed.

The question arose as to the requirement for a formal vote by the executive board on the matter of allowing Rochester Camera Club into the Region.

Larry Stevenson reminded everyone about the e-mail sent out to Executive committee to vote on the proposal. It was voted in favor by eleven to four at that time. Chris reminded everyone about having a formal meeting to discuss the proposition. It was conceded that a spelling error made by Larry was responsible for a mistake. In the end, a motion was approved that the Rochester Camera Club be formally included in the NFRCC Region and allowed to participate in all activities and competitions with all other remaining clubs noted in the Constitution.

- Afterwards, the Program Guide Books were distributed to all club Presidents for their respective club members.

Larry made a motion for adjournment at 3:30 PM. Motion second by Ray Kaczmarek.

The next meeting will be held October 26, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Kaczmarek, Secretary.

