

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 October 26, 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	absent
Secretary	Raymond Kaczmarek
US Treasurer	Chuck Vallone
Canadian Treasurer	absent
Past President	(Jim Dusen)/absent

Clubs were represented as follows:

AM CENTER	Moragh Stroud
BATAVIA	absent
CANYON	absent
ROCHESTER	Rick Mearns
NIAGARA FALLS	Chris Empey
ST. CATHARINES	absent
SCIENCE MUSEUM	Mary L. Frost /Absent
SOUTH TOWNS	absent
TWIN CITIES	Anne K. C. McCooley
TWIN TIER	Wade Aiken / absent
WELLAND	Brenda Dennis/ Absent

Others in attendance
Tim Dusen
Dagmou Lomglois

The meeting began with an introduction of all in attendance recognizing all represented clubs.

I Review and approval of the minutes from the Sept. 14, 2008 meeting.

Chuck Vallone asked for a rewording of his report from the last meeting. A written script was presented and read. The secretary would amend the wording as recorded.

The wording from Chuck went 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.

Chuck wanted to present one balance sheet to reflect both US and Canadian deposits. Mary Lou asked that both Treasurers submit a narrative to the Secretary so that an accurate representation can be entered into the minutes. She also suggested that in the future, a written report be turned in at the meeting and then a discussion could follow and any results could be entered into the minutes afterwards. Motion by Ann McCooey to make the changes and second by Mary Lou Frost.

II Report of Canadian & US Treasurers

Chuck gave a report for both US and Canada.

First the Canadian Checking account shows a balance of \$1,362.01 as of Oct.26, 2008. In the GIC account, a balance of \$23,475 as of Sept. 14, 2008.Chuck reviewed the current activity as noted in red print and said reconciled amounts have not been tallied up yet. In the US account there is a balance of \$8,538.44 as of Oct. 24, 2008.Motion made by Ann McCooey and second by Mary Lou. All in favor and accepted as read.

III Old Business

The club representatives discussed an issue involving reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by those attending NFRCC meetings. Because of travel time and distance, a question of expense became a concern to some. After some debate, it was determined that the burden would be cost prohibited for the NFRCC to bear at this time based on mileage and tolls incurred by all. Mary Lou Frost made a motion be referred to for all Presidents to go back to their executive boards and discuss this issues and see if some sort of

compensation could be made to offset these cost of board meetings and consider partial reimbursement from NFRCC and or clubs themselves. Chris Empey said he would put together a report based on travel distance for each club and send it on to Larry Stevenson. He would then compile this information and make a single report for the next board meeting.

Referred motion was second by Moragh Stroud.

IV Fall Seminar and Convention Report

Larry Stevenson reported in the absence of Randy Zack the following.

- The attendance record received to date is about 150 paid tickets. He expects the number to increase to two hundred before deadline.
- Issues with the format used by the clubs forwarding this information containing all the proper data required to process the information i.e. name address, phone number, and e-mail if available. Another concern regarding last minute checks that would allow for cancelations in the event of would no shows.
- Chuck Vallone noted that some fields were not used because this complicated his bookwork when he was the registrar and it was not being used. He noted that in the event of cancellation of the seminar for any reason, he could go directly to the clubs and contact ticket holders directly.
- Ann McCooley had problems with e-mailing information to the registrar but said she would verify the correct address as taken from the Program Book. On another issue she suggested using identical data sheets so that all clubs had a unified system plugging in the same fields of information eliminating empty cells of input.
- The possibility of using a third party payment system was discussed and it could be used on a trial basis for the upcoming Convention. Larry Stevenson asked for permission from the board to pursue this issue on an experimental basis that could be incorporated on the NFRCC web site in time for the 2009 Convention.
- Larry went over some of the venues concerning the Convention detailing speakers, raffle and door prizes and trade show. He also talked about other possible sponsors but it was premature at this point because of their schedules.

V New Business

VI Nomination Committee Report

Larry reported that we have four people. Randy Zack, Stan Sammy, Les Khan, and Barb Kubiak.

VII Kodak Award Committee

Larry reported the following names on the committee. Dee Cunningham, Scott Simon, Dave Bauer and Jim Dusen. He noted by the March 8th meeting the names should entered so a vote could be done at that time. He asked that we go back our clubs and identify any individual who meets the criteria as described in the Program Book and put forth a resume on that individual to be considered.

VIII Misc.

Before the meeting came to a close, Chuck Vallone reminded everyone to send in the Checks for the Fall Seminar as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 3.00PM The next meeting will be on January 25, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted, Ray Kaczmarek