

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 January 25, 2009 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:

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

Clubs were represented as follows:

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| AM CENTER | Moragh Stroud |
| BATAVIA | Don Fryling |
| CANYON | Joan Shoemaker |
| ROCHESTER | Lois Trieb |
| NIAGARA FALLS | Chris Empey |
| ST. CATHARINES | absent |
| SCIENCE MUSEUM | Mary L. Frost |
| SOUTH TOWNS | Dee Cunningham |
| TWIN CITIES | Anne K. C. McCooey |
| TWIN TIER | Barb Kubiak |
| WELLAND | Brenda Dennis |

Other Attendees

Slide Salon Chair Tim Dusen, Shawn Murray.

I Review and approval of the October 26, 2008 Minutes

After a review by members, it was noted that a correction to the spelling of “Chuck” on **page 2-Section one**.

Also, “Jim Dusen” should be replaced with Tim Dusen, in **Section VII**, along with “March 8th” to be changed to November 30th.

It was also noted that Wade Aiken was in attendance at the meeting. The correction will be made.

Dee Cunningham introduced Shawn Murray from Twin Tier. who will be the New Slide Chair for the Convention.

Motion made to accept the minutes by Brenda Dennis and second by Ann McCooley.

II- Report of the Canadian and US Treasury.

The Canadian report prepared by Leslie Khan, showed a Balance of \$2,605.93 as of Jan. 25,2009. In addition, the region has \$23,475.13 in GIC accounts as of September 14, 2008.

Chuck Vallone gave the US checking account statement, and said we should have a balance of around \$14,000, although the statement shows an ending balance of \$13,723.51, he will reconcile the account for the next meeting.

The US Treasurers also posted performance from the Fall Seminar with a total of 208 paid tickets. The proceeds of both US and Canada were \$7,160.00 and \$1,160 respectively. After expenses, a net profit of \$4,182.00 was realized. He also noted the club attendance from each organization.

Larry Stevenson inquired about an audit report from the previous year and Chuck said he thought he rendered a full report with a rendering of the reconciliation included. Chuck noted that an independent auditor goes over the accounts annually and a final report is given.

Motion by Joan Shoemaker to approve the minutes, second by Chris Empey.

III- Old Business

- Chris Empey discussed the registration procedure with setting up a pay pal account. He set up a test that would include all information necessary to register on line. The information would be on the NFRCC Web site.

- Mary Lou inquired about the duplication of information so that the printed flyer and on service would match accordingly.

- Randy asked about the service charge through the credit card service.

- Chuck Vallone inquired about the money transfer, and detailed account of cost incurred so he can justify the US against the Canadian registration.

- Dee Cunningham made a motion to use the “Pay Pal” system and what ever banking procedure in practice so it can be put in place for the Spring Convention.

- Ann McCooley made an amended motion to use the “Pay Pal” system along with Visa and or Master Charge for any registration purposes in time for the Spring Convention. Second by Mary Lou Frost.

- Larry Stevens made a request that any and all clubs use a standard registration form so that when the totals are submitted, they are refreshed and are up to date, and are sent directly to him periodically.

- Dee said and Excel digital form has been used and can be modified to adjust the prices only. Larry said he would send this form to all club treasurers.
- Larry was concerned with club participation for the Convention. He thought that the club participation was slacking and that some sort of incentive would be necessary to spur enthusiasm.
- Randy and Dee made a joint decision to “table the discussion” about incentives until the April 19th meeting. At that time most of the financial information will be sorted through and a plan of action could be implemented.
- Dee Cunningham reiterated that Tim Dusen and Shawn Murray would be working together as Slide Chairs for the upcoming Convention, which has converted, to all digital.

IV- Kodak Award

Before the regular meeting the committee met to vote on the winner of the annual Kodak Award.

V -Stork, Bertuca and Sharpe Award Selection

The nominees for the Bertuca, Stork and Sharp award were entered for voting by the club Presidents and under a secret ballot they will be announced at the Convention. Runners up with significant merit will be mentioned at the Convention.

VI- Convention Report

- Randy Zack gave his report saying that everything was on track so far. The “Portfolio Review” held on Friday will be conducted by Ellen Anon and Jack Graham on fifteen-minute intervals that include some break time in between. However, an appointment must be made prior to the Convention with Mary Lou Frost. A five-dollar fee will be charged for this service. A “Model Shoot” both male and female will also take place along with Birds of prey for nature shooters. On Sunday, a workshop conducted by Jack Graham (weather permitting) will be offered with a number of limited participants at no charge. There will be an assortment of “door prizes” and raffles which include an inkjet printer from Epson and a point and shoot digital camera from Canon. All presenters will sign and autograph their personal 16 x 20 prints offered for prizes. It was noted that all tickets purchased for prizes and raffles will be tossed back into the drawing on Sunday.
- Mary Lou requested all the necessary information for the Speakers Notes including a list of favorite Links to Web Sites along with a brief description in one sentence why it’s a useful site, to be added as in the previous years.

VII New Business

- Dee Cunningham mentioned that she has the results for the McKellar Scores but must have them hidden prior to the Convention. She would send the individual clubs their scores if requested so that they could better choose the submissions for the Golden Horseshoe. As far as the Golden Horseshoe requirements are concerned, Dee also requested each club to send a list of competitors that qualify for submissions. The date for the submissions should be March 1st, 2009. (Note the instructions on pg. 28 of the Program Book). Any member who submitted a digital slide by January 1st, can enter one slide. She will also send to each club a reminder which will include the instructions on how to submit the images properly. Dee also announced her intention to resign from the Convention Slide Chair position at this time.
- A proposal was made by Dee Cunningham to return to the previous rules that governed the requirement for submissions based on the clubs membership or size. Debate between the

question of members as a whole and competing members would effect the outcome for some clubs and might favor some larger clubs was examined. Dee disagreed based on her many years of engaging in this process. The idea of going back to the clubs for more input was proposed. Second by Barb Kubiak.

A motion by Ann McCooey to “table the motion” until the next meeting.

VIII Chris Empey has the floor

In a statement read by Chris Empey, the following was submitted.

“The McKellar and Golden Horseshoe Interclub competitions are not only a forum for competition between clubs, but a source of excitement and pride for the individual club members when their work is selected and even further, when they receive the recognition of receiving an honour award at this higher level of competition”.

“Currently, we do not have a standard between clubs of how those entries are selected. Although the agreed upon ruling is that members are eligible if they are competing in a slide category within their club, not all of our clubs have competitions and so do not follow this criteria”.

“After discussions with the members of the executive of the Niagara Falls Camera Club in order to achieve fairness and equality to all clubs in the region and to ensure the NFRCC be a club of inclusiveness, not exclusiveness, we hereby make a motion that all paid members of a club are eligible for entry into the interclub competitions”.

“Additionally, I would like to add that we have already accepted that a media shift from traditional slides to digital slides through scanning was acceptable for inclusion in the interclub competitions and should continue that ruling to including scanning from traditional film to digital images.”

- Dee spoke on the subject and included the fact that it is an “open competition” and she has personally sent letters to the assigned judges laying out the rules what is allowable and what is not.
- Dee made a motion to ascribe to the above statement. Second by Mary Lou Frost.
- Dee requested to remind clubs that any digital slide entries for the convention must also include a five-dollar entry fee payable at the Convention center on the registration day.
- Larry Stevenson adjourned at 3:30 PM. Next meeting, March 08, 2009.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Kaczmarek-Secretary.