

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 NEW YORK
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 March 8, 2009 Holiday Inn, Grand Island, New York

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 1:40 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 / absent
CANYON	Joan Schumaker
NIAGARA FALLS	Chris Empey
ST. CATHARINES	/ absent
ROCHESTER	Rick Mearns
SCIENCE MUSEUM	Charles Vallone
SOUTH TOWNS	Dee Cunningham
TWIN CITIES	Anne K.C. McCooey
TWIN TIER	Barb Kubiak

WELLAND Brenda Dennis

Other Attendees

Timothy Dusen Slide Chair
Carol Weber
Michelle Turner Registrar

I- Review of the Minutes from Jan. 25, 2009.

After a brief review and noted by he secretary, that some changes and corrections have been made prior to the meeting, the minutes were approved as read.

Motion to approve made by Dee Cunninham, second by Ann McCooey.

II -Report of the Canadian & U.S. Treasurer

•A report given by Leslie Khan.showed a balance of \$6,321.85 as of January 25,2009 in one account. In the GIC account there was a balance of \$23,586.80, which will be reinvested.along with an interest amount of about \$400.00.He noted that on the one entry of \$125.43 Pay Pal was a double booking and was returned. Chris Empey mentioned a Pay Pal amount \$.07 and \$.13 which was ran as a test to verify the Pay Pal process.

•Chuck Vallone went over the U.S. report. A balance of \$13,155.86 as of March 7, 2009 was accrued. There were no receipts from the Convention. There was a bill from the Audio Visual people from the Fall Seminar. It will be paid.

There was a question about the legal status of the organization as club entity. Larry Stevenson talked about the Canadian and US affiliation, which was only mentioned in the Constitution. Chuck would like to have clear clarification a of our position on this side of the border, to the clubs nature that would include a non for profit status organization The question remains whether the clubs must be incorporated independently on both sides of the border.

Chuck went over the audit report given on April29, 2008 written by Art Theobald.

Motion made by Dee Cunningham to accept the report and second by Joan Shumaker.

III -Old Business

•Dee brought up a motion that was tabled from the last meeting. The discussion as to how to change the order of selecting entries in the Golden Horseshoe Slide competitions.

• Chris would like to amend the motion made at the last meeting. Dee stated that any member could submit any image regardless if it was a print submission. This would allow for any club member who participated in the McKellar competition could enter a slide in the Golden Horseshoe competition. The only limitation is that two different clubs cannot submit the image that is one that was already entered into competition. For clubs who do not have competitions as such, they can submit images that were for consideration in the McKellar Competitions.

•Dee called the question to vote. The motion made to return to the previous rules that govern the requirement for submission based on the clubs membership or size.

Members voted not to change the rules as used in previous years.

IV- Final Convention Report and Assessments.

•Larry Stevenson confirmed the selection of the speakers and presenters. The only one not able to make it was John Mitchel due to illness. Friday night venue will include the Golden Horseshoe Competition with Speakers Jack Graham and Mike Moates. On Saturday there will be

a model shoot with male and female subjects. Birds of prey will also be on display for photographing.

- Dee Cunningham went over the new competition rules submitted by Karl Miller pertaining to subject matter allowed in the competition. A total of four color and four monochrome prints will be allowed in categories suggested. There will also be more ribbons given out for best in show and peoples choice awards. Dee noted that some low scoring prints might not be displayed if room does not allow. Also, digital guidelines have been modified in that the slide salon entries format has been redefined. Early submission by the Internet is highly recommended.

Digital scoring machines must be addressed at this time.

- Chris Empey will be taking over the Golden Horseshoe competition. Four computers are needed for the slide salon competition along with a projectionist for the responsibility. Extra flash drives are required to sort out images. Extra projectors for a total of five are required as backup. We will also need extra judges for the competition.

- Michelle Turner (registrar for the convention) was brought up to speed by Larry Stevenson as to last minute preparations to consider. An informal head count of about one hundred and sixty as of this time have been paid for in advance.

- Randy Zack gave an update on the models that have been selected and backups required if necessary. Dee is making the posters for the presenters and room identifications. There will also be a diagram of the rooms that are to be used for the programs.

The raffle will have many new items such as an Epson printer and possibly a digital camera.

Prizes could include software, jackets and back -packs and lighting equipment.

Provisions must be made to display the items and Ann McCooey will take charge of this task.

The raffle tickets will be bundled in lots of specified quantities and both halves will be given out and the buyers can tear apart the stubs thrown into the bin.

- Dee Cunningham wanted a count of the ribbons to be printed along with labels required. About 80 are needed.

- Ray Kaczmarek will be the photographer on for the web site.

Dee mentioned Jack Graham and Ellon Anon for the portfolio review. Other judges will include Rick Sammon, Jack Graham or Joe LeFever.

- Larry Steveson wanted a narrative of the history of the awards and a description from Dee. She did have some information but not a full discloser of the entire spectrum of trophies.

There will also be a cash bar located outside the dinner hall for everyone's convenience.

A list of hosts is needed to announce the presenters and each club will have responsibility for someone.

V -NFRCC election of 2009-2010 Board.

- Randy Zack single handedly nominated all the candidates for the board for the upcoming year, including himself as President. No one volunteered out of his or her usual positions, namely the treasures at this time.

The secretary will cast one vote for the Board candidates, namely:

President-Randy Zack

Vice President- Karl Miller (not present)

Secretary- Dee Cunningham

Treasurer US- Chuck Vallone

Treasurer Canada- Leslie Khan

VI New Business

In passing, Madolyn Tait -in the past few days. A moment of recognition at the convention will be set a side at the banquet. (Amended spelling)

- Randy also recognized Jay Milhouse, who has secured a \$500.00 grant for the NFRCC from the Canadian Council that will be given to the Canadian Treasury. A plaque will be made in his honor. Mr. Milhouse will also donate and additional \$100.00 to the treasury.
- An award for the youngest member from South Towns will be given at the Convention. Another award for the Oldest attending member might also be considered.
- In addition to new announcements, a new startup club consisting of 3-D Stereo Photography was initiated by Ken Swiatek He will be attending the Convention and would like to make a pitch for the new endeavor. A possible link could be included in the NFRCC Website.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Next Meeting April 19,2009
Agenda to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted.

Ray Kaczmarek, Secretary.