



NIAGARA FRONTIER REGIONAL CAMERA CLUBS

AM-CENTER CAMERA CLUB, WILLIAMSVILLE, NY
CAMERA CLUB, PERRY, NY
ERIE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, ERIE, PA
ST. CATHARINES PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB, ST. CATHARINES, ONT.
SOUTHTOWNS CAMERA CLUB, HAMBURG, NY
TWIN TIER CAMERA CLUB, OLEAN, NY

BATAVIA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, BATAVIA, NYCANYON
CAMERA ROCHESTER, ROCHESTER, NY
NIAGARA FALLS CAMERA CLUB, NIAGARA FALLS, ONT
SCIENCE MUSEUM CAMERA CLUB, BUFFALO, NY
TWIN CITIES CAMERA CLUB, TONAWANDA, NY
WELLAND CAMERA CLUB, WELLAND, ONT.

Minutes of the Board of Directors September 13, 2009

Holiday Inn, Grand Island, New York

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 1:45 PM.

In attendance were Executive Board Members:

President	Randy Zack
Vice President	Karl Miller
Secretary	Dee Cunningham (Raymond Kaczmarek)
US Treasurer	Chuck Vallone (absent)
Canadian Treasurer	Leslie Khan
Past President	Larry Stevenson

Clubs were represented as follows:

AM CENTER	Robert Allendoerfer
BATAVIA	Tim Dusen
ERIE	Patty Raydo
CANYON	Joan Schumaker
NIAGARA FALLS	Terry Babij
ROCHESTER	ABSENT
ST. CATHARINES	Stan Sammy
SCIENCE MUSEUM	ABSENT
SOUTH TOWNS	Manny LoPresto VP
TWIN CITIES	Anne K.C. McCooley
TWIN TIER	ABSENT
WELLAND	Welland

OTHER ATTENDEES

Janet LoPresto Fall Seminar Registrar
Ed Weis South Towns Camera Club Member
Larry Brown, John Misterovich, Erie Photography Club.

I-Review and Approval of Minutes from the last meeting, April 19, 2009

After a quick review of the minutes by new and previous members it was approved as read.
Motion by Joan Schumaker to accept the minutes as read, and seconded by Tim Dusen.

II- Review and reading of the Canadian and US Treasurer Report

The Chair recognizes Les Khan. Les reported that the ending balance as of August 31, 2009 was \$16,167.26, plus an additional sum of \$17,762.29 in the GIC account.

In letter sent in by Chuck Vallone, the ending balance of \$17,480.09 was read by Les Khan. He noted from Chuck's report that a check for \$495.00 was paid for printing of the Program Books. Also, Chuck Vallone personally made a charge for the purchase of a projector for the Fall Seminar and Convention in the amount of \$2,375. He will submit a voucher to the Region for that amount. It was established that such a purchase must be submitted with a requisition and must be approved in advance. Randy Zack and Larry Stevenson said this request was verbally approved at a previous session and noted it.

- At the last meeting it was mentioned that a study would be undertaken by the both outgoing new Presidents to acquire and set forth a recommendation for such a purchase.

A combined amount of \$51,409,64 was calculated from the two accounts.

III- Business arising from previous minutes.

- It was noted the new affiliate, "Erie Camera Club" will be REFERED TO AS: **ERIE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB.**

• It was changed and corrected that the April meeting be on the 11th day of the month in place of the 4th because of a conflict with the Easter Holiday weekend.

- A motion by Larry Stevenson to change the fiscal year from "September 1st of the calendar year to August 31st of the following calendar year"

To, "June 1st of one calendar year to May 31st, of the following calendar year." It could be changed by adding a clause with words to the effect that the "Administration Year and the "Fiscal Year" coincide.

One Nay vote, by Ann McCooey was noted on her behalf.

- Joan Schumaker objected to the change based on Constitutionality issues.
- Les Khan said it could be adopted for the following year.
- Patty Raydo thought that July 1st to June 30th would solve the issues of a lame Board problem.
- Stan Sammy wanted more notice to be sent out to clubs. He wanted to table the issue for the next meeting.
- Randy Zak agreed with Patty Raydo on the dates for the Fiscal Year and Administrative Year coincide on July 1st to June 30th of the new year.
- Larry Stevenson withdrew his previous motion as mentioned above.
- A new motion by Larry to change the Fiscal Year to be as follows; **The fiscal year shall be from July 1st of one calendar year to June 30th of the following year.** Motion seconded by Ann McCooeyl

Ann McCooeyl

A vote will be taken at the next meeting.

A motion was made at the previous meeting by Terry Babij of Niagara Falls Camera Club to amend the Standing Rule # 2 of the Constitution, regarding the Interclub competitions.

The changes should read as follows;

“Each entry must be labeled in accordance with the following format.”

“##_XX_Maker Name Image Title. jpg”

“Where ## is the two digit image number from 01-06, followed by an underscore (_), followed by a two letter club code, followed by an underscore (_), followed by the maker’s name, followed by an underscore (_), followed by the image title.

“Club codes are the Following:”

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| AC Am Center Camera Club | SC St. Catherines Photographic Club |
| BA Batavia Photography Club | SM Science Museum Camera Club |
| CA Canyon Camera Club | ST South Towns Camera Club |
| CR Camera Rochester | TC Twin Cities Camera Club |
| ER Erie Photography Club | TT Twin Tier Camera Club |
| NF Niagara Falls Camera Club | WE Welland Camera Club |

4.”Images entered in the Golden Horseshoe must be labeled in the same way as the McKellar competition.”

“##_XX_Maker Name_ Image Title. jpg”

“Where ## is the two digit image number from 01-20, followed by an underscore (_), followed by the two-letter club code, followed by an underscore (_), followed by the maker’s name, followed by an underscore (_), followed by the image title.

Motion by Joan Schumaker and seconded by Tim Dusen

IV- Old Business

The floor recognizes Les Khan – Niagara Falls Camera Club.

•Les Khan wanted to vote on the proposal entered into the minutes from the previous meeting regarding the Grant Money for the regional camera clubs

•The presiding secretary read the proposal from the minutes of the last meeting. After much discussion by all represented clubs, it was finally agreed to modify the wording in the initial proposal to read as follows;

“The grant can be used by the clubs for but not limited to:

- Purchase of an approved digital projector
- Purchase of a laptop computer
- Purchase of associated software/hardware for use with the computer/projector

- Payment for program/workshop that would normally be too expensive
- Educational programs

This grant can be applied for anytime during the next three years.

To receive remunerations, the club must submit to the board on the Grant Application Form:

- Brand name, model, model number of the computers/projector and price
- List of software and price
- List of any other hardware and prices
- In case of programs/workshop, the name of the presenter, topic and cost

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- It was agreed to that the clubs have up to three years to acquire the grant in part or whole, only after submitting a written application to the “Business Committee” which will consist of the “Executive Board” in office at the time. It was noted that Past President, Larry Stevenson would act as Chair for the upcoming fiscal year.

After being called to vote, the elected Club Board Members passed the proposal by voting in favor by majority.

- Discussion about the existence of the NFRCC as a not for profit entity will be approved in that a reciprocity agreement between the two countries acting as one and the same organization fulfill the requirements by law to acquire a legal tax status providing the paper work is done by the acting Board members.

V- New Business

- Responding to the previous topic regarding the purchase of the New Digital Slide Projector explained in the letter from Chuck Vallone, it was suggested by Ann McCooey that if the equipment is housed by the acting President no matter which country, it would be the responsibility of that person to obtain the proper protection with casualty insurance to cover any liability encountered by the insured. The NFRCC would be responsible to reimburse the insured for any premiums needed to cover the cost of the insurance.

- Larry Stevenson interjected further on the subject by mentioning that the new resolution would be equal to 1400 x 1050. Golden Horseshoe participants are to be responsible to adjust the resolution of their images to get the best possible quality necessary to optimize their results.

- It is noted that the Slide Chairman must send out proper instructions to all clubs entering into competition of the new changes. This suggests that any image that was submitted in earlier competitions must be reformatted for the Slide Salon Competitions at the Convention.

Club Dues Membership Dues are due today. All checks are to be made payable to the NFRCC in the amount of \$20.00 for the fiscal Year. All dues must be paid no later than November 1st, 2009, the next scheduled meeting.

Program Guide The Program Guide Books are available to all clubs based on the clubs membership. As in the past few years, it was noted that the region would absorb the cost of the books. A discussion followed about eliminating the hard copy books and offering a PDF file to all club members or referring to the NFRCC website.

A show of hands indicated that that the Books are a public record and document necessary for all paid members so that a reference could be made possible for future use. Furthermore, anyone not having the resources to electronically access this information would be informed.

Fall Seminar A brief report given by Karl Miller revealed that a Speaker was slated for the event sponsored by Canon will be presenting at the Fall Seminar. There were still some details regarding the favors that will be purchased or any raffle prizes that might be offered.

There were no promotional flyers or Posters available for the clubs at this time. President Randy Zack apologized for the delay, saying clubs will be sent the forms as soon as they are printed. Other clubs asked for any Posters or PDF files that could be e-mailed to the club Presidents so the event could be promoted.

- The Fall Seminar registrar will be Janet LoPresto- South Towns Camera Club. Any and all registrations must be forwarded to her. No clubs will be responsible for any paperwork or money collected for this venue. This was done to alleviate any discrepancies in gathering information from various clubs. Michelle Turner- Rochester Camera will assist Janet and forward her any information to ease the transition of this process.

VI-Convention 2010

Ann McCooey, Convention Chair talked about the venues that will be available for the three -day events. Some topics were noted in the Program Book. However, the website must be updated with all current information

There will be presentations for all skill levels of photographers. Keynote speakers were not known or committed at this time. Registration for the convention will be on line as in the previous year. Linda Janus, (Convention Registrar) will also assist Janet at the Fall Seminar in this process.

- Larry Stevenson volunteered to Host the 2011 Convention, as did Randy Zack who volunteered to host for 2012.

- Convention Chair, Ann McCooey mentioned a need for a different location to host future Conventions to accommodate a larger venue.

- Discussion on the Web Site and updating issues were looked into. Concerns were offered as to adding another person or web manager to keep current updates in line with activity. Some forums need to be removed because of spam infusion cluttering up the site. Other cost estimates were looked into to host the site but they were too costly at this time. It was suggested that someone could assist Chris Empey to alleviate the pressure on him. No proposals were made at this time.

VII- Digital Slide Competitions

Terry Babij, Niagara Falls Camera Club, discussed the issue on the resolution modifications required for the new digital projector. It was affirmed that 1400 x 1050 ppi would be the native resolutions for future competitions at the Conventions.

