



## 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, NY  
CANYON 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 November 1, 2009 Holiday Inn, Grand Island, New York**

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 1:34. In the absence of President Randy Zack, Karl Miller presided over the meeting.

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

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

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

AM CENTER	Moragh Stroud
BATAVIA	Tim Dusen
ERIE	unrepresented
CANYON	Joan Schumaker
NIAGARA FALLS	Chris Empey
ROCHESTER	unrepresented
ST. CATHARINES	Stan Sammy
SCIENCE MUSEUM	Mary Lou Frost
SOUTH TOWNS	Wade Aiken
TWIN CITIES	Doug Hansgate
TWIN TIER	Barb Kubiak
WELLAND	Tom Linton

## OTHER ATTENDEES:

Robert Allendoerfer ---Am Center

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF September 13, 2009 MINUTES :** Discussion and questions regarding “not for profit” status. More research needs to be done, and this will be up for further discussion at a later date. With a motion by Stan Sammy and a second by Chris Empey, there was unanimous approval of the September, 2009 Minutes.

**3. AMERICAN TREASURER’S REPORT by Chuck Vallone.** Distribution and discussion of the U.S. Treasurer’s Report dated both 4/17/09 – 8/31/09 and 9/1/09 -10/31/09. Balance of \$13,852.39, as of 10/31/09 .

**4. CANADIAN TREASURER’S REPORT by Leslie Khan.** Distribution and discussion of the Canadian Treasurer’s Report dated 11/1/09. Balance of \$18,044.23, including PayPal for Fall Seminar, as of 11/1/09.

- ◆ Upon a motion by Mary Lou Frost, with a second by Wade Aiken, the Treasurers’ reports were unanimously approved.

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Vote on motion from previous meeting: *“A new motion by Larry to change the Fiscal Year to be as follows; The fiscal year shall be from July 1<sup>st</sup> of one calendar year to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. Motion seconded by Ann McCooey”*

This amendment to Article 6 of the Constitution was voted upon and approved.

- A vote was taken on the motion dating from the May meeting regarding changes to standing Rule 2 of the constitution. Approved.
- The above approved changes to the constitution will be made and forwarded via email by the Secretary.
- There was discussion and a vote on the proposed renaming of the “Kodak Award for Photographic Excellence” to the “NFRCC Award for Photographic Excellence,” which involves a change to Standing Rule 3 of the Constitution. The consensus was that owing to the history of the award and the honor involved with the Kodak name, the trophy/award should remain as is. It was also suggested that it might be worthwhile to institute a new award, possibly an NFRCC “Photographer of the Year” award, or another sponsor award. Larry Stevenson offered to contact Canon and other firms which have been involved with our conventions and seminars, to see if that might be of interest to them.

Joan Schumaker called the question, a vote was taken, and the proposal to rename the Kodak Award was unanimously defeated

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE: none

## 7. FALL SEMINAR REPORT --- Karl Miller

The Fall Seminar is less than a week away. Larry Stevenson contacted 272 people through e-mail, in addition to Janet LoPresto's mailing. 172 attendees have signed up so far. A few clubs have registrations, aside from the direct website. Science Museum has about 18.

A few volunteers may be needed at the site, but everything seems to be on track.

- **PUBLICITY ---**

1. Larry proposed joining an organization named **Campaigner**, an e-mail marketing firm---\$150 for six months. Chris Empey indicated the advantages of using this kind of service, and indicated that the NFRCC website has similar capabilities, but would need to be set up for it. Campaigner offers an "unsubscribe" option and issues a report as to what might be undeliverable and why. Chris cautioned that if we do this, the spam act in Canada (PIPEDA), and CAN SPAM in the US...need to be adhered to. It was moved by Chuck Vallone and seconded by Tim Dusen that the service be retained for a six-month period and then evaluated. This time period would cover the convention and eliminate most of the cost of the postal mailings we have previously used. Mary Lou Frost called the question. It was voted upon and approved.
2. Larry has developed an NFRCC meet-up site. Events are created by the organizer (Larry), and then the members of the site actually meet up for the event. There is a fee of \$19 per month for the site. Although it has only existed for a week, there are presently 23 members, most of whom are not NFRCC members, but potential members. Go to [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com) and type in NFRCC in the search window to join. Doug Hansgate brought up the question of insurance liability, which was a major concern for actual physical meet-up events. This was discussed at length. Doug Hansgate moved that we finance the meet-up through Larry for three months, check into the insurance question and examine the results at the January meeting. Second by Wade Aiken. Voted on and approved

**8. CONVENTION 2010 REPORT ---**In Ann McCooey's absence, Deanne Cunningham presented a worksheet which Anne developed, asking for suggestions as to speakers in the suggested time slots and/or for suggested topics to be covered. It was requested that Deanne forward Anne's materials to the member clubs for their perusal.

Wade Aiken suggested John Isaac as a possible speaker for a convention/seminar. Larry Stevenson is going to investigate that possibility

**9. WEBSITE ---** Chris Empey

Chris indicated that he has made it possible one individual to register more than one person for the seminar or convention on the website. Chris also indicated that the McKellar images are up on the website, along with honor award notations.

**10. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE REPORT ---** The October images had a few problems, which were remedied by the clubs when notified. The Judges supplied bios, which Chris has sent out along with the results. The November McKellar entries are due today.

## 11. AWARDS:

- Vote on Stork/Bertuca/Sharpe Awards --- This requires two scrutineers---one from the executive and one club rep. Larry Stevenson and Tim Dusen acted as scrutineers. Each club had one vote for the top three nominees.
- A nominating committee requiring four persons with equal representation from both countries to present a slate in Jan. was found to be unnecessary, as the NFRCC officers will not change.
- A committee was set up for Kodak Award Selection. This requires 2 US and 2 CDN members, plus the NFRCC President to act as chair. Les Khan, Chris Empey, Deanne Cunningham, and Mary Lou Frost, along with President Randy Zack, will comprise the committee, and will meet at 1:00 before the next meeting on January 17, 2010
- **KODAK AWARD NOMINATIONS:** The Constitution requires that the nominations be received by the NFRCC President in November. Please e-mail your club's nomination to Randy Zack by the end of this month via email. Consult the constitution and/or the Program booklet for details.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS:

- New Historian – Bob Briggs has volunteered to take over a position which has been vacant for over ten years. Miscellaneous bits of the history need to be gathered. Stan Sammy has some of it, Deanne Cunningham has some of it, and the remainder needs to be found. Please notify the board if you know where any of the records may be.
- CAPA (Canadian Association for Photographic Art) offers a judging course --- Larry has volunteered to take the course, along with Randy. They would, in turn, train other judges within the region. Doug Hansgate volunteered that he had researched having the organization present a training course for interested judges in the region. Chris Empey also investigated this, and the consensus was that, instead of “training the trainer,” the region should sponsor a session. A motion was made by Tim Dusen that the NFRCC investigate having a training session. It was seconded by Mary Lou Frost. The motion passed. Doug Hansgate will investigate the issue further, and report on it at the January meeting.
- The question of dimensions for digital slides in competition at the convention arose as a result of the region having purchased a new projector. Some decisions reached at the last meeting regarding the sizing of images to 1400 x 1050 were deemed to be a difficult option for the Golden Horseshoe. Both past and present slide chairs felt that it could not be put into effect for this year. There was much discussion of the logistics of resizing images specifically for the convention, and it was decided to put the problem on hold for discussion and development for next year.

- **NFRCC GRANTS:** Questions arose regarding the form to be used by member clubs to apply for the grants approved at the September meeting. A form will be forthcoming.

**13. CLUB NEWS:**

- Science Museum --- this year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SMCC's affiliation with the Buffalo Museum of Science. An exhibit of sound- associated images by club members is presently on display at the Museum.
- Joan Schumaker inquired as to the availability of a "forum" where club members could get information from others, such as options for travel. A member of Canyon Camera Club is going to Alaska and was looking for information. Deanne Cunningham has published an article, and has prepared multi-media presentations on Alaska, and has information ready to send.

**14. NEXT MEETING:** Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Grand Island, New York

- Remaining Meeting dates for 2009-2010:  
Sunday, January 17, 2010  
Sunday, April 11, 2010  
Sunday, May 16, 2010

**15 Adjournment:** By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.