



## NIAGARA FRONTIER REGIONAL CAMERA CLUBS

AM-CENTER CAMERA CLUB, AMHERST, 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 January 17, 2010 Holiday Inn, Grand Island, New York**

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm

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

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

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

|                |                      |
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| AM CENTER      | Moragh Stroud        |
| BATAVIA        | Don Fryling          |
| CANYON         | Joan Schumaker       |
| ERIE           | Patty Raydo (absent) |
| NIAGARA FALLS  | Terry Babij          |
| ROCHESTER      | (unrepresented)      |
| ST. CATHARINES | Stan Sammy           |
| SCIENCE MUSEUM | Mary Lou Frost       |
| SOUTH TOWNS    | Ray Kaczmarek        |
| TWIN CITIES    | Anne. McCooey        |
| TWIN TIER      | Wade Aiken           |
| WELLAND        | Tom Linton           |

## **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Bob Briggs (historian)  
Chris Empey (slide chair and web master)  
Carol Weber  
Tim Dusen

### **1. The Secretary requests:**

- Make note of Larry's address change in program book  
Larry Stevenson  
8 Northwood Drive  
Welland, Ontario L4C 6R6  
Canada
- Updating of minutes on the website---Minutes on the website will be accessible to NFRCC password holders only. Minutes emailed to club reps may be shared with club members.

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF November 1, 2009 MINUTES :** There was unanimous approval of the November, 2009 Minutes, with a motion by Joan Schumaker and a second by Don Fryling .

**3. AMERICAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Chuck Vallone.** Distribution and discussion of the U.S. Treasurer's Report dated 1-17-10 Balance of \$ 21,836.70, as of 1-16-10.

Breakdown of Fall seminar finances included.

- Chuck indicated that there were still clubs which owed dues. *Please submit dues of \$20 To Chuck ASAP*

**4. CANADIAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Leslie Khan.** In Leslie's absence, Chuck Vallone presented his report. Distribution and discussion of the Canadian Treasurer's Report dated 1-17-10. Balance of \$9,281.10, as of 1-16-10

- Upon motion by Joan Schumaker and second by Tim Dusen, the Treasurers' reports were unanimously approved.

### **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Old Business):**

- **Randy's Announcements:**
  - As indicated in the minutes from Nov. 1, 2009, the revisions to the constitution were approved, and the revised copy was emailed to club representatives. If you do not have one, please notify the secretary and she will send one to you
  - Since the Nov. 1 meeting, Joan Schumaker has developed an application for the NFRCC grant, the board approved it, and copies have been emailed to all club reps. So far, three applications have been received by the board.  
**Please note following qualification from the application:**
  - *A written follow-up to NFRCC Board, by receiving clubs, detailing resultant use and benefit of the grant is required after the majority \$ value of the Grant \$ has been applied to the stated purchases or purpose. The grant monies are offered and given with*

*understanding that they will be applied to their stated purpose within a year of the grant receipt.*

- Although it is not specifically stated as a requirement for the grant, the board also hopes that each club will be applying their own funds, in addition to the grant, for the intended purchase. So far, that has been the case.
- Also, a reminder that each club is required to send to Chris Empey the NUMBER AND NAMES of the members who compete AS OF JANUARY 1 in PROJECTED IMAGES ONLY.

➤ **Implementation of NFRCC Grants:**

- In the absence of Larry Stevenson, Randy read Larry's recommendations for three of the clubs which have applied for grants.
- Four clubs have so far applied for grants, all of which have been approved.  
**Welland** wished to purchase an Epson EX71 projector, an LG R580 laptop, and a Spyder 3 Elite calibration system  
**St. Catharines** wished to purchase an audio system for use at their club presentations, as well as at NFRCC conventions and seminars, including various microphones and speakers.  
**Am-Center** wishes to purchase an Epson 1730w projector  
**Science Museum** has already purchased a Canon Realis SX800 projector.

➤ **Report from Larry on:**

- a. Campaigner email marketing firm
  - Larry indicates that it is set up. Each club should forward information to be mass emailed, and publicity for the convention should be forwarded by Anne to Larry.
  - Chris Empey had offered to assist in creating this, and was asked to create HTML...but needed a password. Larry did not yet send the password.
  - NOTE that there needs to be a way to unsubscribe. Right now, this is not possible.
  - Larry needs to contact Chris in order to make sure that all the options are being used correctly.
- b. The NFRCC meet-up site
  - Motion by Larry to continue. No second, therefore the motion was defeated
  - The three-month trial period being over, it was felt that our efforts would be best put elsewhere, especially considering the insurance problem. Doug Hansgate indicated that his club (Twin Cities) had a special insurance to cover such events. Motion by Mary Lou Frost to disband the NFRCC meet-up site, and remove it from the internet. Second by Chris Empey. Motion passed.

➤ **Report by Doug Hansgate on judges training courses.**

- a. Doug attended a CAPA training course through the Toronto Camera Club. He felt that it was very helpful, well-organized, and well-run.
- b. The cost for bringing this program to the NFRCC would be approximately \$1200 (for the presenter and his travel expenses). It would have to be through one of our Canadian Clubs in order for him to provide this training.

- c. Discussion of the topic resulted in widespread belief that we need this, not only to train new judges, but to retrain older ones.
- d. Motion by Chris Empey that the NFRCC fund a CAPA judging event, and that each club send two representatives as part of the 45 maximum and two others at the expense of the club. Saint Catharines would need to be the sponsoring club, as they are members of CAPA. The NFRCC would allot a budget of \$2000 for the cost of the program and the room. Second by Mary Lou Frost. Motion Approved.
- e. Motion by Chris Empey that Doug Hansgate be in charge of arranging for the program and locating the venue. Second by Mary Lou Frost. Motion approved.

- **Next Year's Golden Horseshoe Competition image sizing:** Motion by Deanne Cunningham that we form a committee to determine the projected image sizes for NFRCC competitions. Second by Wade Aiken. Motion passed.
  - Committee set up: Deanne Cunningham, Tom Linton, Chris Empey, Mary Lou Frost.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE: None**

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

- Speaker quality negative, projector problems, lunch positive. Looking to a better seminar for next year with possible speaker Tony Sweet.

**8. CONVENTION 2010 REPORT ---Anne McCooey**

- A list of speakers and a proposed budget was handed out.
- Anne discussed the speakers and their backgrounds, in addition to an analysis of the proposed budget.
- Again, there will be Friday early-bird programs, and a networking box lunch on Saturday. Each club may have an optional table and/or a display, so that attendees who are not affiliated with a club may speak with a representative and get information.
- Motion by Joan Schumaker to approve the proposed convention budget. Second by Tom Linton, and approved

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

- Chris will be redesigning the website over the summer, so if you have any suggestions, email them to Chris.

**10. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE REPORT --- Chris Empey**

- Last McKellar due today.
- Ribbons were handed out

**11. AWARDS:** Assess needs in terms of ribbons, etc. before the next meeting.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Motion by Chris Empey to modify the Grant procedure to allow the clubs to apply for the grant in whatever currency they wish at the time of the request so that purchases can be made in that currency.  
Second by Mary Lou Frost. Approved.
- Anne McCooey brought up the need for nominations even though the positions are currently filled. Tom Linton volunteered to accept whatever nominations are offered at the next meeting, when the election of officers will take place.

**13. CLUB NEWS:**

- Twin Cities and Science Museum Camera Clubs have combined their members' talents to mount a print exhibit at the Amherst Center for Senior Services, 370 John James Audubon Pkwy. Amherst NY. The opening reception is on Wednesday, Jan. 20 from 6 to 8 pm. The exhibit will remain in place through January and February and can be viewed during Center hours: 8:30 - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

**14. NEXT MEETING:** Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Grand Island, New York

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

**15 Adjournment:** Motion by Tim Dusen. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.