



NIAGARA FRONTIER REGIONAL CAMERA CLUBS

AM-CENTER CAMERA CLUB, AMHERST, NY
CANYON 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
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 April 11, 2010 Holiday Inn, Grand Island, New York

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm

In attendance were Executive Board Members:

President	Randy Zack
Vice President	Karl Miller
Secretary	Deanne Cunningham (Mary Lou Frost substituting)
US Treasurer	absent
Canadian Treasurer	Leslie Khan
Past President	absent

Clubs were represented as follows:

AM CENTER	absent
BATAVIA	Tim Dusen
ERIE	Patty Raydo
CANYON	Joan Schumaker
NIAGARA FALLS	Terry Babij
ROCHESTER	absent
ST. CATHARINES	Stan Sammy
SCIENCE MUSEUM	Mary Lou Frost
SOUTH TOWNS	Ray Kaczmarek
TWIN CITIES	Anne. McCooey
TWIN TIER	Barb Kubiak
WELLAND	Tom Linton

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Doug Hansgate (Twin Cities)
Larry Brown (Erie)
Carol Weber (Canyon Camera Club)
Chris Empey (Slide Competition Chair and Web Master)

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF January 17, 2010 MINUTES : There was unanimous approval of the January, 2010 Minutes, with a motion by Joan Schumacher and a second by Chris Empey.

3. AMERICAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Leslie Khan (substituting for Chuck Vallone.) Distribution and discussion of the U.S. Treasurer's Report dated April 10, 2010. Balance of \$19,172.94, as of April 1, 2010.

4. CANADIAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Leslie Khan. Distribution and discussion of the Canadian Treasurer's Report dated April 11, 2010. Balance of \$12,465.41, as of April 11, 2010. (GIC Account: \$17,765.20)

- Upon motion by Tom Linton and second by Chris Empey, the Treasurers' reports were unanimously approved.
- St. Catharines and Welland stated they had not received the disbursement of monies granted at the previous meeting through our grant program. Leslie in turn gave each club their allotted money.

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

- Report from Doug Hansgate regarding the progress of the CAPA judging event setup. Doug recommended that we ask CAPA to sponsor a judging event to which we pay for 2 members of each club to attend. If we were to sponsor the event, we would have to cover \$2900 plus airfares of instructors. After much discussion, including the question of whether another organization such as PPA should be considered, it was moved by Joan Schumacher and seconded by Chris Empey, that Doug contact CAPA to set up a training session. NFRCC was to cover \$2400 for 24 people to attend. CAPA will be formally sponsored by Welland Camera Club and will be responsible for any additional costs. Camera Club may invite additional members to attend at their own or their club's expense. The motion was passed.
- Report from committee set up to determine sizing for NFRCC digital images for 2010-2011: Chris Empey, Deanne Cunningham, Tom Linton, and Mary Lou Frost. It was recommended and approved that the sizing of images for NFRCC competitions in the next year will be 1024 by 768. (This decision was reached over the objection of Chris Empey who felt that the landscape images shouldn't be given more viewing area than portrait images.) Motion was made and seconded to adopt the recommendation. The motion passed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: Bob Briggs has asked for a 2-door file to use in collecting and storing historian records. Tim Dusen offered to check at work to see if an extra file can be donated or purchased at a small price.

7. CONVENTION 2010 REPORT ---Anne McCooley

Anne reported that there are 137 paid registrations. Ten more were turned in at this meeting. This past week reservations have come in about ten per day in the mail. With speakers and others with complementary tickets we are at 175. Mary Lou Frost showed a promo video based on presenters' images. It was made available for clubs to show and she will send an email copy to Board members which they can email out to their lists. A copy will be linked to the website. Board members were encouraged to continue promoting attendance.

A list was circulated asking clubs to offer to hosts for speakers. (It was explained that a host introduces the speaker at sessions and serves as a banquet host). The exact name of the host should be sent to Anne so that they can receive hosting information. This list also asked clubs if they want to reserve a table at the networking luncheon. Contact names were requested.

Clubs are asked to make their digital projectors available to the NFRCC for the Convention. Dave Bauer said that there were many problems with the rented projectors last year. Chris Empey asked whether the loaned projectors will be insured under the convention insurance. Chuck Vallone who has insured the convention will be asked this question by Anne.

Dave Bauer has offered to check out the compatibility between Chris Empey's laptop and the NFRCC projector on Friday afternoon to make sure that the Digital Image Salon runs smoothly.

The Salon Chairs reported on arrangements. It was determined that the Print Salon will need to purchase additional ribbons. Randy will assist with this.

At the Banquet, there will be reserved tables for Clubs based on their registration numbers.

Attendees can pay to reserve the Banquet for another person. Anne will confirm by tomorrow that the dinner cost is \$30. Those reservations need to be made directly with the registrar.

Some rooms are still available at the Holiday Inn at the Convention rate until they are sold out. If rooms are still needed, they should be reserved promptly.

Vendors are being provided tables in the lobby as for last year. The Riverview room is where Networking will take place. This is also the room where a sandwich/salad lunch buffet will be served. The cost of this luncheon is included in the registration for Saturday. A scavenger hunt is planned for Saturday. Attendees will need to get their sheet stamped by each Vendor and club table in order to enter the "door prize" raffle. Anne reported that speakers have been asked to donate items for the raffle.

Doug Hansgate is setting up the Learning Lab stations. If logistics can be arranged, live animals will be included. Westcott is providing the lighting. Tamron lenses will be available for participants to try out. Volunteers are needed to assist in the Learning Lab. There are 2 sessions: 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30. (Volunteers may request a discounted ticket for the weekend.)

Anne will send out the Program Schedule for the weekend to Board Members so they can circulate them to their club members. This schedule will also be available on the website.

Some of the speakers have indicated that they don't provide speakers notes. They indicated that it would be like making an additional publication. Anne has asked for outlines, if possible from these people. Where nothing else is available, there will be a page for each speaker so that attendees can use it to take their own notes.

Larry will send email blasts on the Convention this week to the NFRCC lists. Larry has not contacted Chris regarding setting up that email newsletter as was requested at the January meeting.

8. WEBSITE --- Chris Empey will post the Saturday schedule and other information which Anne is going to send to him. Mary Lou will send the presenter jpegs which were used in the video and Chris will post them.

9. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE REPORT --- Chris Empey has notified each club of their scores in the 4th McKellar competition. Ribbons have also been distributed. The trophy winner will be announced at the Banquet. Chris reported that the four McKellar competitions were sent to British Columbia, Ontario, England and South Africa for judging.

10. AWARDS: (last-minute ribbon needs, etc.) Trophy Engraving is being done and ribbons are ready or being ordered.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

It was pointed out that we must vote on the membership of the Executive Committee for the next year. Tom Linton reported that there were no new nominations. Since the present members of the Executive Committee are willing to serve for one more year, a motion was made and approved to elect the present Executive Committee for another year.

Randy reported that South Towns has assisted the Mental Health Association by donating prints that were sold as a fundraiser. Additional donated prints have been requested. Info was passed out to club representatives who were encouraged to consider donating prints to this worthy cause. The Mental Health Association will send a runner to pick up prints that are donated.

Chris Empey pointed out that the NFRCC needs to have insurance on the NFRCC equipment so that it can be used by clubs when necessary. Currently, it is insured on Randy's Home Owners insurance and can't be taken anywhere except where Randy is present. Mary Lou moved and Patty Raydo seconded that the NFRCC get insurance on all of its equipment. The motion passed.

Chuck is insuring the convention. It was requested that information on insurance in general be shared with clubs so they can consider having their own club insurance.

12. CLUB NEWS:

SMCC reported that they are providing photographers for the "Run for Roswell." For the first time, the sponsoring committee wants to organize the "photo taking" so that there will be people placed at many

stations along the race. Bob Carey, a member of Science Museum Camera Club, is on the sponsoring committee and made this request.

Erie reported that they are redoing their competition process over the summer. A Software writer will provide an automatic way for individuals to submit images. The software will include the possibility for individuals to have their own web pages. Their digital image chair will be able to accept entries up until an hour before the meeting. They will share this information with other clubs. They are considering doing all judging based on 30 points.

Welland club will be celebrating their 50th year with special events. They asked for the NFRCC scheduled events so that they can work around them.

Karl Miller reported that the Fall Seminar in 2010 will be held on Saturday, November 6 at Michaels Banquet Facility and Tony Sweet will be the Seminar Presenter.

Next year's NFRCC Convention is scheduled for the weekend of April 29, 30 May 1, at the Holiday Inn Grand Island, NY.

13. NEXT MEETING: Sunday, May 16, 2010. 1:30 pm at the Holiday Inn, Grand Island, New York

14. Adjournment: By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.