



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
NIAGARA FALLS CAMERA CLUB, NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.
HAMILTON CAMERA CLUB, HAMILTON, 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 18, 2011 Niagara Falls Conference Center Niagara Falls, New York

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm.

In attendance were Executive Board Members:

President	Deanne Cunningham
Vice President	Ravi Sampath
Secretary	Joan Schumaker
US Treasurer	Absent
Canadian Treasurer	Leslie Khan
Past President	Absent

Appointed Committee Members:

Webmaster/ Slide Chair	Chris Empey
Convention Chair	Patty Raydo

Clubs were represented as follows:

AM CENTER	Don Smith	SCIENCE MUSEUM	Robert Carey
BATAVIA	Tim Dusen	SOUTH TOWNS	Ray Kaczmarek
CANYON	Barbara Kubiak	TWIN CITIES	Robert Van Hise
ERIE	Patty Raydo	TWIN TIER	Joe Spowal
HAMILTON	Leonie Holmes	WELLAND	Tom Linton
NIAGARA FALLS	Chris Empey		
ST. CATHARINES	Victor Ens		

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Karl Miller (STCC) – Past VP
Larry Brown (Erie)
Mary Lou Frost (SMCC)

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF April 10, 2011 MINUTES : There was unanimous approval of the April 10, 2011 Minutes, with a motion by Mary Lou Frost and a second by Patty Raydo.

3. AMERICAN TREASURER’S REPORT – No report. In the absence of the Treasurer, Mary Lou Frost reported that there were two bids for printing the 2011-2012 Program Guide with North Delaware Printing producing 830 books for \$659.03 and 500 copies of the Fall Seminar flyer for \$36.00.

4. CANADIAN TREASURER’S REPORT by Leslie Khan. Distribution and discussion of the Canadian Treasurer’s Report dated September 18, 2011. The report indicated a balance of \$ 9,829.92, as of September 18, 2011.

- Upon a motion by Chris Empey, and a second by Tom Linton, the Canadian Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

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

- Final voting on the proposed constitutional changes, accepted at the April 10, 2011 meeting, was completed with Chris Empey reading each motion. Votes taken, after the reading of each motion, resulted in unanimous approval of each of the seven motions. The following motions are summarized in Attachment #1. They are also included in the attached September 2011 NFRCC Constitution & By Laws
 - **Motion #2**
 - **Motion #3**
 - **Motion #4**
 - **Motion #5**
 - **Motion #8 – Clarification - insects are not included as suitable subjects for this award.**
 - **Motion #9**
 - **Motion #10**
- Replacement of George Butt monochrome trophy -- Karl Miller: Karl noted that he has not been able to locate a trophy and asked if anyone else has discovered a trophy that is similar to the original that is lost. Dee will send out a photo of the original to assist board members in their search.

6. NFRCC calendar for 2010-11 (approved at April 10 meeting)-Meeting locations have been included.

- GENERAL MEETING---September 18, 2011 (NFCC)
- PRE-SEMINAR MEETING --- Nov.6, 2011 (NFCC)□
- *Seminar: Nov. 19, 2011 (Michael's Banquet)*□
- GENERAL MEETING --- Jan. 22, 2012 (Sheraton)
- PRE-CONVENTION MEETING --- March 4, 2012 (Sheraton)
- *Convention: March 16-18 2012 --- (NFCC)*□
- FINAL MEETING --- April 22, 2012 (NFCC)

7. CORRESPONDENCE: Erie Photography Club submitted their NFRCC Member Club Grant Application with an invoice attached for a new computer, an Acer Aspire costing \$545.94, purchased by the club. This grant application was approved during the summer.

8. DUES : 2011-2012 Club Membership dues of \$20 were due and, in the absence of the US Treasurer, dues were given to Bob Carey who will deliver them to Chuck Vallone.

9. PROGRAM GUIDES --- Mary Lou Frost:

- 2011-2012 Program Guides for each of the clubs were distributed.
- Some needed corrections were identified: Karl Miller's number is 716-532-9900. Twin Cities is missing from the listing of member clubs on pages 2 and 3. On pages 12-13, the awards for the Erie Photography Club are listed under the Hamilton Camera Club. The copy for EPC is correct. Mary Lou requested that any additional corrections be forwarded to her and that changes will be made for the NFRCC web site.
- Mary Lou indicated that some printing problems result from late submission of program copy from clubs and she suggested that clubs start their program planning early in the previous year.

- The need for having mass printing of the program guide was discussed. Some members felt that we should rely on the website to disseminate NFRCC information. It was decided that there remains a need for print copies, but that we should consider modifying how we disseminate info in the future.
- Mary Lou receives a nominal payment for her work on the Program Guide and Chuck Vallone will provide this for her.

10. FALL SEMINAR REPORT ---Karl Miller and Ravi Sampath:

- Karl reported that, according to Michael's, the seminar space will allow for a maximum of 350 people with tables. It was noted that we should look at the space to determine if that number is appropriate. We usually sell about 200 tickets, but have yet to start the ticket campaign for this fall's event. We are paying for Tim Grey's hotel and transportation from NYC.
- Ravi wrote to Tim about sponsors for the Seminar and Tim responded that he would try to obtain sponsors and felt at the least he might be able to get some door prizes.
- Tim is advertising the Fall seminar on his website and Mary Lou reported that he will be sending pictures from out of the camera and after processing. Mary Lou also distributed copies of the flyer to all the clubs to distribute in their geographic areas.
- Ravi requested that we collect the following information from Seminar attendees: are they a member; if not, how did they learn about the Seminar.

11. CONVENTION 2012 REPORT --- Patty Raydo: (for details see Attachment #2)

- The following presenters have been booked for the convention: Lindsey Adler, Ellen Anon, John Paul Caponigro, Juraj Dolanjski, Tony Hunter, Jay Kinghom, Marilyn Sholin, Craig Tanner, and Brenda Tharp. Kodak will also be sponsoring a speaker.
- The room rate was going to be \$102 but Patty negotiated a return to last year's rate of \$99. Adding in taxes and parking, the total cost will be \$111.87 per room. We are obligated for 160 room nights at the hotel throughout the full weekend. We receive one free night for each 50 nights booked. We will be booking 106 nights for attendees (speakers, workers). The cost for use of the Convention Center and food is \$15,425.00. Additional expenses include insurance @ 0.60 per person and a Security Guard for 2 nights (4 hours/night) for \$240. We will be charging \$25 for Friday due to the five afternoon programs and evening speaker.
- Projected Estimated Total Cost is \$29,004.88; Projected Estimated Income from 250 participants is \$32,500. Prices for the Convention will be as follows:
 - Friday Only \$ 25.00
 - Saturday Only 95.00 (includes Lunch and Banquet)
 - Sunday Only 50.00
 - Full Weekend 130.00
 - Banquet ticket and Keynote Brenda Tharp \$40.00
- There was much discussion concerning the need to provide free entry to the Golden Horseshoe Competition for members. Chris Empey moved that: **Members who want to attend the Golden Horseshoe will be provided with passes, at no charge, to attend the competition.** Bob Carey seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
- Dave Bauer will do the AV, but wants to be relieved of this responsibility next year. Janet LoPresto will be registrar.
- Judges for the Salons were discussed and it was decided that Patty should choose judges, hopefully from nearby to avoid room costs.

12. WEBSITE --- Chris Empey:

- Fall Seminar information is on the website and individual club program information will soon be added.
- Passwords and instructions will be sent to each club so they can modify their program information on the website.

13. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITIONS REPORT --- Chris Empey:

- McKellar and Golden Horseshoe Submission guidelines were distributed to each club representative.
- Submission deadlines are as follow
 - McKellar #1 September 26, 2011
 - McKellar #2 October 21, 2011
 - McKellar #3 November 28, 2011
 - McKellar #4 January 2, 2012
 - Golden Horseshoe March 1, 2012

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- Setting of dates and location for 2013 convention -- Dee noted dates of other major photographic conventions and offered March 15 – 17 or April 12 – 14 as possible dates for us that would not conflict. Bob Carey moved that: **The 2013 NFRCC Convention will be April 12 – 14**, Mary Lou Frost seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- NFRCC email list --- After discussion, it was agreed that it is appropriate for NFRCC mailings to be sent to an expanded e-mail list, including the Executive Committee, Club Representatives, and other members who sometimes serve as their club representative. Anyone wishing to do so, may limit their mailings to a subset of this group.
- **Kodak Award Nominations due in November**
 - Due in November (send electronic copies to Dee Cunningham and Joan Schumaker) DeeCunning@aol.com schumaker@frontiernet.net
 - Guidelines and information can be found on pages 16-17 of the Constitution and By-Laws
- *Nominations and voting for the Stork/Bertuca/Sharpe service awards will take place at November Meeting*
 - Each regional club is entitled to submit one name
 - Each regional club is entitled to one vote

15. CLUB NEWS:

- Twin Tier has a new website provided by Photo Club Services and they are holding internal competitions.
- Erie is implementing a 30 point system for judging.
- Batavia is celebrating 25 years and is planning a celebration. They have 5 new members.
- Canyon will hold “Letchworth Park – Capture the Splendor” on October 15, 2011. See NFRCC website for details

16. NEXT MEETING:

Remaining meeting dates for 2011 - 2012:

Nov. 6, 2011; Jan. 22, 2012; March 4, 2012; April 22, 2012

17. ADJOURNMENT: Tim Dusen moved that we adjourn and, by unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Schumaker

