



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 February 13, 2011 Niagara Falls Conference Center Niagara Falls, New York

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 1:43 pm

In attendance were Executive Board Members:

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

Clubs were represented as follows:

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| AM CENTER | Moragh Stroud |
| BATAVIA | Tim Dusen |
| CANYON | Joan Schumaker |
| ERIE | Patty Raydo |
| HAMILTON | Leonie Holmes and Rob Thorne |
| NIAGARA FALLS | Chris Empey (Slide Chair and Webmaster) |
| ST. CATHARINES | Stan Sammy |
| SCIENCE MUSEUM | Mary Lou Frost |
| SOUTH TOWNS | Manny LoPresto |
| TWIN CITIES | Anne McCooey |
| TWIN TIER | Vic Ozogar |
| WELLAND | Tom Linton |

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Carol Weber (Canyon)
Larry Brown (Erie)
Bob Briggs (Historian)

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF January 16, 2010 MINUTES : *Correct date of treasurer's report to 2011. Chris Empey suggested that we add the "off-the-record" remarks regarding the STCC plagiarism incident to the minutes.* There was unanimous approval of the Oct. 24, 2010 Minutes as amended, with a motion by Chris Empey and a second by Joan Schumaker .

3. AMERICAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Chuck Vallone. Distribution and discussion of the U.S. Treasurer's Report dated Feb. 13, 2011. The report indicated a balance of \$30, 018.15, as of Feb. 13, 2011.

4. CANADIAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Leslie Khan. Distribution and discussion of the Canadian Treasurer's Report dated Feb. 13, 2011. The report indicated a balance of \$9,115.65, as of Feb. 13, 2011.

- Upon a motion by Mary Lou Frost and a second by Tom Linton, the Treasurers' reports were unanimously approved.

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

- Update regarding legal status, non-profit status, and IRS filing (Chuck Vallone, working with Doug Hansgate and Joan Schumaker) We are still waiting for a report from Canada on our good behavior.
- Update regarding insurance status (Chuck Vallone, working with Doug Hansgate and Joan Schumaker) Insurance for convention encountered a kink due to requirements of the new venue. Information was supplied to insurance company and went out for bids, but there were no takers. That is in limbo. The conference center provides insurance for 60 cents a head. We took that option. We may end up with both.
- Progress report from Constitution Reform Committee (Doug Hansgate, Patty Raydo, Chris Empey, and Tom Linton) On hold until year-end.
- Resolution proposed by Dee Cunningham as to guidelines for plagiarism and penalties to be imposed. Proposal handed out as follows:

(amended as per Feb. 13, 2011 meeting)

Resolution 1- Guidelines for Submission of Images

Resolved: that the RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR NFRCC COMPETITIONS be modified to incorporate the following:

- Images submitted to the NFRCC for judging in interclub competitions and salons shall be the sole works of the submitter.
- The image-maker shall be required to provide proof of such upon request. Proof shall be considered to be one or more of the following:
 - Provision of the original slide or negative from which the image was taken (in the case of scanned images)
 - Provision of a copy of the original RAW or JPEG image complete with the attached Metafile or similar embedded documentation providing at least: the make and model of the camera used to take the image, and the date and time the image was taken.
 - In the case of composite images including Photomontages, HDR images and panoramas, provision of all photographic elements of the original source(s) as stated above.
- By submission of images for consideration in NFRCC competitions, the image-maker shall be deemed to have agreed to the above conditions.

Resolution 2- Procedure and Penalties Assessed

Resolved: that, if the image maker cannot establish the above proof of sole works by the submitter, the following penalties shall be assessed:

- If the image-maker is aware that proof cannot be established, and the image in question is withdrawn before any judging or evaluation is conducted, penalties to be assessed will be decided by the member club's executive. Withdrawal shall consist of immediate notification to the appropriate competition's chairperson by verbal communication immediately followed by notification of such in writing. For further clarification, e-mail communications shall be considered as notification by writing.
- If the image has been judged or evaluated and upon request, the above proof cannot be provided, the member shall be penalized as follows:
 - All honor awards resulting from the member's submissions of images in the current competition year shall be considered null and void.
 - The member cannot submit images in subsequent competitions or Salons.
 - The member cannot hold executive office in the NFRCC.
 - In the case of an interclub competition, the penalty to be assessed to the member club shall be determined by the NFRCC chairperson as seen fit.
- Mary Lou Frost moved to include this in our guidelines. Seconded by Karl Miller. Taken back to clubs, to be voted on at the March meeting. Secretary will email the digital file to clubs for distribution to their members.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Two letters were sent to the individuals whose Kodak awards were retracted as per the approved motion at the last meeting.
- A reply was received from one of the recipients of the previous letters. This individual claims that he was not at fault, but he accepts the penalties, reluctantly.

8. CONVENTION REPORT --- Mary Lou Frost and Patty Raydo

- Schedule, banquet agenda, etc. were handed out and discussed. Digital copies will be sent along with the minutes...
- Parking passes will be available at \$10 per day.
- Storage will be available for laptops
- SouthTowns, Niagara Falls, and Welland will loan their digital scoring system
- Total registration at this point is 245
- Erie is bringing a projector, as well as Science Museum
- Airport schedule is covered except for early Sunday morning run and one speaker whose schedule is not known
- Message from print chairman regarding George Butt
 - Suggestion by Karl Miller that the George Butt competition be expanded to be a true interclub competition. Tabled until March meeting.
 - Karl also reports that the Monochrome Butt trophy is missing within the care of Randy Zack. Stan Sammy has agreed to attempt to contact Randy in order to encourage him to locate and return it.

9. WEBSITE --- Chris Empey -- Chris would like a cutoff date for registration. Chuck will notify him.

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

- Individual results of all four McKellars have been sent out. Final Club standings will be revealed at the banquet
- Deadline for Golden Horseshoe has been extended until Feb. 20th.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- *Executive Board elections*
- Joan Schumaker presented the final slate:
 - Slate includes:
 - President --- Deanne Cunningham
 - Vice President: Ravi Sampath
 - Secretary: Joan Schumaker
 - Treasurers: Les Khan and Chuck Vallone
 - Motion by Tim Dusen that the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate. Second by Moragh Stroud
 - Approved
- *Assess final needs for convention* (awards, ribbons, etc.) Done
- *Securing Speakers for the Fall Seminar and Convention 2012* (Mary Lou Frost and Karl Miller)
 - Room at Michaels is booked until 6 pm on Nov. 19. We have a contract.
 - Tim Grey is 99% possible for speaker
 - Mary Lou distributed a list of possible speakers, and asked for further input.
 - The convention venue is booked (Niagara Falls Conference Center) for mid-March of 2012. Patty Raydo has agreed to be the experienced co-chair. An assistant is needed. Mary Lou Frost and Dee Cunningham will assist in preparing materials, etc.

12. CLUB NEWS: None

13. NEXT MEETING:

Remaining meeting dates for 2010-2011:
March 20, 2011

13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Tim Dusen By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanne D. Cunningham