



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 January 16, 2011 Crowne Plaza Hotel Niagara Falls, New York

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 1:44 p.m.

In attendance were Executive Board Members:

President	Stan Sammy
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:

AM CENTER	Moragh Stroud
BATAVIA	Tim Dusen
CANYON	Joan Schumaker
ERIE	Patty Raydo
HAMILTON	Leonie Holmes
NIAGARA FALLS	Chris Empey (Slide Chair and Webmaster)
ST. CATHARINES	Robert Casement
SCIENCE MUSEUM	Mary Lou Frost
SOUTH TOWNS	Ray Kaczmarek
TWIN CITIES	Tim Phelan
TWIN TIER	Vic Ozogar
WELLAND	Tom Linton

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Carol Weber (Canyon)
Larry Brown (Erie)
Bob Briggs (Historian)
Rob Thorne (Hamilton)

- Stan Sammy asked for a moment of silence for Harry Mottershead, formerly of NFCC.
- Stan Sammy asked that the representatives from each club describe their clubs...the history, and what things they do in their clubs...how they attract new members, etc.
- We welcomed Hamilton to their first NFRCC Board meeting.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF October 24, 2010 MINUTES : There was unanimous approval of the Oct. 24, 2010 Minutes, with a motion by Tim Phelan and a second by Tim Dusen. Approved.

3. AMERICAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Chuck Vallone. Distribution and discussion of the U.S. Treasurer's Report dated 1/15/1011. The report indicated a balance of \$13, 672.21, as of 1/15/2011. An auditor's report was also included.

4. CANADIAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Leslie Khan. Distribution and discussion of the Canadian Treasurer's Report dated 1/16/2011. The report indicated a balance of \$ 20, 385.32, as of 1/16/11.

- Upon a motion by Joan Schumaker and a second by Moragh Stroud, 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). Chuck Vallone explained that since we now need to file with the IRS yearly, we engaged an attorney, have a tax number, and are in the process of the non-profit counsel. The process is moving along, in spite of bureaucratic red tape.
- Update regarding insurance status (Chuck Vallone, working with Doug Hansgate and Joan Schumaker) This issue was tabled at the Oct. 24 meeting, with plans to consult Kevin Stadelmaier, the legal counsel we retained for this purpose. Nothing further has been done, Although membership in NYCON would be of benefit, and we will do this as soon as the time is right. More detailed information was provided with the treasurer's report.
- Progress report from Constitution Reform Committee (Doug Hansgate, Patty Raydo, Chris Empey, and Tom Linton). Working on progress.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: Two grant requests were received; one from Niagara Falls for \$190 for a Spyder Elite, and one from Twin Cities. Since only one copy was received at the meeting, it could not be dealt with. If a digital copy is sent to the secretary, it can be emailed to the executive and approved.

7. FALL SEMINAR REPORT --- by Karl Miller

- Karl explained the details of how he was really out of the loop in terms of what the chairpersons were doing, how much money was spent, what the attendance was. Everything worked out well, but Karl was not kept informed. He feels that future chairs be aware of this, and attempt to keep involved and informed.
- Karl indicated that he would like to set up a speaker and a place in preparation for next year. The only complaint he heard about the speaker was that he did a lot of "this is what you can do" and not "this is how you do it."
- Suggestion by Chris Empey that we have enough money to get a really good speaker without sponsorship.

- Chuck Vallone went over the financial report from the seminar

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

- Patty voiced a concern about special dietary needs, and how they could be noted
- Chris Empey questioned whether George Butt had been invited to attend, since this is the 50th anniversary convention. He has been, but since he is now in North Carolina, did not feel that he would like to make the trip. It was decided that he should be offered air fare, in addition to a ticket and room.
- Pre-registration from clubs: 129
- Pay Pal --- unknown at this point
- Chuck has applied for the insurance for the event
- **Room rate of \$99 is good until Feb. 1. Encourage club members to make their reservations ASAP**
- Discussion of vendors...Doug Hansgate, who is vendor chair, indicated the feeling that presence of Hunt tends to discourage locals. His representative, Tim Phelan, expressed concern that the local vendors may not be represented. Hunt will be bringing reps from major equipment manufacturers

9. WEBSITE --- Chris Empey

- Convention info is up
- Salon info will be up soon

10. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE REPORT --- Chris Empey

- McKellar results have been distributed

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- ***Nominating Committee*** (Joan Schumaker, Leslie Khan, Doug Hansgate, Tom Linton) Joan presented a slate for the elections to take place at February meeting
 - Both treasurers will be willing to stay on,
 - Joan Schumaker will take over as secretary,
 - Karl will be stepping down,
 - Deanne Cunningham will be willing to take the presidency,
 - and we are looking for someone to assume the position of vice president
 Representatives should take the slate to their respective clubs for approval and/or additional willing nominees.
- ***Assess needs for convention*** (awards, ribbons, etc.) This seems to have been taken care of.
 - Stan Sammy has obtained ribbons for badges, and provided them to Mary Lou.
 - Karl has taken care of trophies
- ***Securing a Canon Keynote for 2012*** (Mary Lou Frost)
 - Mary Lou feels that it would be advisable to secure a keynote speaker for next year, since we already have a venue and as time set.
 - We are looking for suggestions. Mary Lou has formulated a list of possibles, and can secure someone from Canon's "Explorers of Light" She has also spoken with Tim Grey and he has indicated an interest in appearing as a speaker. He would be an excellent possibility for the Fall Seminar, or for Sunday's keynote speaker at a future convention.
 - Tim Grey - www.timgrey.com
 - Seth Resnick - <http://www.sethresnick.com/>

- Chris Empey indicated a number of suggestions.
 - Darwin Wiggett- <http://www.darwinwiggett.com/>
 - David Hobby - strobist.com
 - Chase Jarvis - chasejarvis.com
 - Joe McNalley - <http://portfolio.joemcnally.com/>
 - Joey L. - joeyl.com
- Please check the websites of the above individuals, and if there is anyone you would especially feel would be a good choice, contact Mary Lou. mfrost@roadrunner.com
- Any further suggestions should be forwarded to Mary Lou.
- May Lou will send an email concerning this
- Chris Empey put forward a motion from the Niagara Falls Camera Club to strip two past Kodak Award winners of their honors, due to their having dishonored the award.
 - 'The NFRCC recognizes the prestige of the Kodak Award for Photographic Excellence as the highest honour the Region can bestow upon a single person within our organization. The award is awarded for photographic excellence and the recipients of this award should be held with high regard as being recognized by their peers as excelling in the art we all share.
The act of plagiarism by one of the recipients taints the award and not just the offending recipient. I hereby move that recipients from 2005 and 2008 are hereby stripped of the award, the program guide to state "Withdrawn" for those years, and the names removed from the Kodak Award with a blank name plate and the Region asks those two members to return to the Region any trophies received for that award and that they be barred from stating they were a recipient in any personal or professional correspondence or advertising."
Seconded by Tom Linton. Approved.
 - Stan Sammy will formulate a letter to be sent to the two recipients of the Kodak Award whose awards are to be withdrawn

12. CLUB NEWS:

- STCC is doing a workshop on Lightroom, to be held at Doug Hansgate's studio Minimum attendance will need to be 50.. Details to be announced.
- Erie club is working on bringing a CAPA workshop to Erie this summer.
- Welland is bringing in Andre Gallant in mid-April for a seminar, to be held at Niagara College on Glendale Ave. Check the Welland website for details.
- St. Catharines is having Bret Culp "Developing a personal Photographic Style" on Sat. Jan. 22. A detailed email is being sent.

13. NEXT MEETING:

Remaining meeting dates for 2010-2011:

Feb. 13, 2011

March 20, 2011

14. ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanne D. Cunningham